

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

7:30 PM THURSDAY 16 APRIL

ACTON SENIOR CENTER, 50 AUDUBON DRIVE

- 1. 7:30 Comments from the public**
- 2. 7:40 Construction – general update, schedule, and issues**
- 3. 7:55 MBTA Advisory Board – update**
- 4. 8:10 Historical Panels – update**
- 5. 8:25 Parking – main parking re-layout, Richard’s property feasibility plan**
- 6. 8:50 Review & accept prior meeting minutes**
- 7. 8:55 Future meetings, and calendar events over next several months**
- 8. 9:00 Adjourn**

MINUTES

Attendees:

Committee: Bob Condon, David Martin, Sean Hanley, Michaela Moran, Tom Campbell, Herman Kabakoff

Guests: Corey York, Gordon Richard, Mary Bowe-Shulman

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Comments – There were no comments from the public

Construction – The chairman reported that in-bound and out-bound platforms will be completed in October. Currently waiting for materials for the building (i.e. the prefab stairs). Bob observed that the bike lockers were removed. David reported that there will be a three

week spacing between the openings of the inbound and the outbound sides. Sean noted that most underground work is done. David stated that the project is supposed to be completed by the end of the year. An updated schedule was distributed and is attached to these minutes

MBTA Advisory Board – David is the Acton representative. Federal grants have been obligated. David handed out a report which described in detail the problems the MBTA had in the month of February due to the weather, and how they were dealt with. There were lots of missed trips and failed equipment. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes. Sean noted that the Governor recommended replacing the DOT board. David reported that the MBTA is on budget but there is lots of postponed capital.

Historical Panels Update – David reported that the Historical Society wants to be compensated for the pictures. The T said that they do not pay for panels but that they would pay for the pictures as they have done in the past.

Parking – Corey indicated that if the town bought the Richard property, that 60 to 70 spaces could be created. A conceptual parking plan was handed out to illustrate one possible design. This plan is attached to these minutes. David suggested that there could be a sloped walkway to the train station from the property. An appraisal is done but we do not know the result. Corey also indicated that the Engineering Department did an analysis of the main lot and approximately 20 additional spaces could be added. Corey also reported that the plan is to go to a card system for some spaces. The intent is to keep the same ratio of sticker spaces to single spaces as we have now. He also said that pay by phone should be in use by the end of the year. Corey pointed out that the Montorri property will add an additional 30 spaces. The space off of Central Street is not being considered for additional parking. Mary suggested that there should be an area for compact cars only. David reported that the parking lot lights will be changed to limit light trespass. The cost of the parking lot fixtures will be funded from the Parking Lot fund. A draft “existing conditions with MBTA improvements” was handed out to show one possible configuration of the South Acton Commuter Rail Parking Lot. This draft is attached to these minutes. Gordon asked why the set backs are so large. Cory explained that large set backs are established to be conservative.

Minutes approved – The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

Future Meetings – May 7 and June 4 were established as the next SATSAC meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herman Kabakoff

