



## Budget Campaign, Bike Month, Mass Ave South Updates and more!

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### Budget Campaign

Boston City Councilors are making their budget requests for next year's budget so now is the critical time to be contacting your City Councilor and Mayor Walsh to ask for increased funding in FY20.

**Contact the City to Pass the FY20 Boston Bike Budget**

We have three meetings confirmed with City Councilors:

- April 5, 8am at Trident Cafe with Councilor Zakim
- April 9, 9am at City Hall with Councilor Ciommo
- April 18, 5pm Bike Ride @ Hyde Square Hubway Station with Councilor O'Malley

If you can attend the meeting with Zakim or Ciommo or are interested to join a meeting with your City Councilor and didn't already sign up in the google form, please email [Eliza](#). No need to RSVP to the bike ride with O'Malley.

As part of our campaign to increase the budget, **SAVE THE DATE** for a Glacial Pace Protest Bike Ride starting in Dudley Square: **Sunday, May 5 at 2pm**. More details to come soon.

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### Gearing up for Bike Month!

Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try. This year for bike month we will be out in the community doing free bike repair, tabling, offering up free breakfast on your morning commute, leading and marshaling rides, and more.

If you like engaging with new people about biking, have mechanic skills, or are excited to support rides, [sign up to volunteer during bike month](#).

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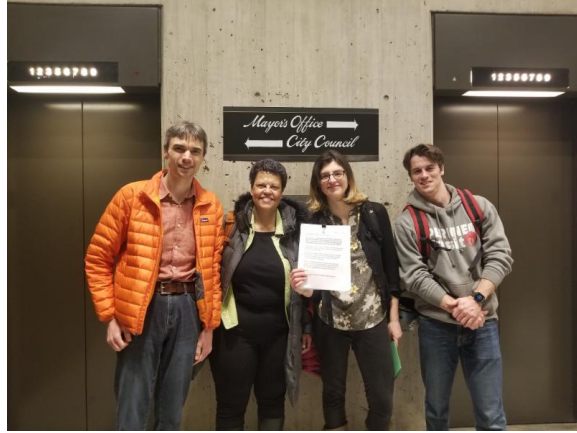
### Mass Ave South Updates

BCU staff and members turned in a [sign on letter](#) and petition signed by **almost 400 people in March** to Mayor Marty Walsh and Chief of Streets, Chris Osgood, asking to implement physically separated bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue between Melnea Cass and

Columbia Road in Dorchester.

The sign on letter showed the support from 18 organizations, businesses and other stakeholders, primarily on or near this section of road. We heard in response that planning is due to begin in the fall with implementation in 2020 and that Councilor Frank Baker has made Mass Ave South a top priority in his budget request this year. Thank you to everyone who has been working to bring a safe route to Dorchester residents and cyclists across the region.

This is an encouraging response, and we will keep working to speed up the timeline.



## Become a Bike Union Board member!

We're looking for new board members to help steer the Bike Union's strategic development and growth! Our Board oversees everything from programming to fundraising, and reviews our progress to see what we're doing well and where we can improve. The application process is open to anyone, though we're particularly interested in people with experience in development, marketing, community organizing and finance, and committed to having a diverse board that represents the entire bike community. If you want to play a more active role in this kind of high-level, organizational leadership with the Bike Union, email Phil Stango ([phil@bostoncyclistsunion.org](mailto:phil@bostoncyclistsunion.org)) with a resume (if you have one) and a letter stating why you'd like to join the board.

You can find more info about the board's responsibilities [here](#), and read about current members [here](#).



## New discount partner!

Bike Union members enjoy sweet deals on food, fun and, of course, bike gear through our retail partners. This month, we're excited to announce a new supporter: **Back Bay Bicycles**, which will offer our members **10% off everything in store (except bikes.)** You can find all our member discounts [here](#).

Need to renew membership, or become a member? [Join or donate today!](#)

30 Days of biking! Promote,

## encourage signing up (April)

Need more motivation to emerge from winter hibernation and get back on your bike this Spring? Then take the [30 Days of Biking](#) pledge! It's easy: All you have to do is ride your bike every day in April, and share your journey using the hashtag #30daysofbiking. 30 Days of Biking is meant to be an informal, enjoyable way to get riders biking more and to spread their joy so more people ride, too.



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### Upcoming Event Highlight:

We are pulling together a team to walk in the [Mother's Day Walk for Peace](#), a 6.8 mile walk from Fields Corner to downtown that started in 1996 to support mothers whose children have been killed. The walk raises money to support The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, a center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss. [Join the team and/or donate](#) to be in solidarity with families who have lost someone due to violence on our streets. Contact [Eliza](#) with questions or for more info.

Click [here](#) for more upcoming events.

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Submission deadline is 4/30/2019.

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In case you missed it, [watch BCU Executive Director, Becca Wolfson discuss the state of biking in Boston on WGBH!](#)

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