

COMMITTEE FOR SAFE BICYCLING, INC.

On June 26 about 150 cyclists rode the new Boston Green Belt Bikeway. It was a clear, cool day, and, although the Bikeway leaves quite a bit to be desired, everyone enjoyed himself immensely. The Bikeway consists of little more than a series of signs which attempt to incorporate old bridal paths, walkways, and roadways, into a rather disjointed bikeway. It is not even possible to follow the signs at every juncture. However, the major improvement offered by the Greenbelt is a series of ramps down Commonwealth Avenue, which makes it possible to ride down the mall without getting off your bicycle.

After brief speeches by Dr. White, Commissioner Curtis (Boston Parks and Recreation Department) and Gerld Wright (D.A.R.E.) , the ride got underway led by Bert Kessel and Commissioner Curtis. It was a good three hour ride. To assure that riders conformed to the proper rules of the road, pamphlets obtained from the Bicycle Institute of America were distributed. A police escort accompanied the cyclists.

But the chief success of the day was the obtaining of 350 signatures on our petition to the M.D.C. asking for an improved, continuous pathway along the Charles River. The signatures will be delivered to Commissioner Sears.

The annual Fall meeting of the Committee for Safe Bicycling will be held on October 20 at the Sherman Union at Boston University at 6:30 p.m.