

MINUTES

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CONNECTICUT BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday 3/22/2012, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Meeting at Connecticut DOT, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

1. Preliminaries
 - 1.1. Called to order at 1:15
 - 1.2. Neil, Ray, Rod, Tom G., Tom V. Francis, Alan (arrival 1:40 PM), Colleen, David, Kate in attendance
 - 1.3. Motion made to amend agenda to add discussion of sidewalks — made by Tom G., seconded by Rod; Ray abstained; Neil, Tom V. opposed; others Board members present supported
 - 1.4. Approval of February Minutes — motion made, carried unanimously
2. Reports
 - 2.1. DOT projects and news — Kate Rattan
 - 2.1.1. Keeney St. Crosswalk forwarded for review.
 - 2.1.2. East Coast Greenway GW continuing.
 - 2.1.3. Andover bridge installation imminent.
 - 2.1.4. Future of Recreational Trails Program uncertain (per Laurie Giannotti).
 - 2.1.5. Notification of training opportunity for CTPAB chair/vice chair to attend NHI bike facility design course in April.
 - 2.1.6. Transportation enhancement projects submitted by regions; currently being assigned to DOT staff for review.
 - 2.1.7. Public meeting on Bolton Notch gap closure scheduled for summer.
 - 2.1.8. DOT pedestrian/cyclist form being reviewed. Timetable uncertain.
 - 2.1.9. Internal communication in DOT about complete streets and VIP paving.
 - 2.2. DOT projects and news — David Head
 - 2.2.1. Merritt Parkway trail meetings start tonight. At least four scheduled.
 - 2.2.2. Board will see public plan for Bolton Gap notch closure when available.
 - 2.3. No other reports
3. Business
 - 3.1. Legislative initiatives
 - 3.1.1. Federal Transportation Bills — being monitored (Neil)
 - 3.1.2. Others — red light cameras (Tom G)
 - 3.1.2.1. Proposed legislation to identify red light tickets not as moving violations for insurance purposes; asked Board to supplement initial testimony submitted
 - 3.1.2.2. Response: Board's focus on pedestrians and cyclists; this issue not germane; also unclear if testimony can be submitted at this point (Neil)
 - 3.2. Public education/outreach initiatives — good reviews, ongoing development of main street program (Neil)

- 3.3. Annual report — distributed to agencies and journalists; implementation of DRI (Neil)
 - 3.4. Tri-State Transportation Campaign — Tom V. will attend, present Board's perspective (Tom V.)
 - 3.5. Stakeholder discussion — whom should the Board coordinate with? (various)
 - 3.6. Connecticut Public Transportation Commission — discussed abolition of CPTC (Alan)
 - 3.7. Road painting — safety concern about faded strips (Tom G.); discussion about fixes, limited by manpower shortages (DOT staff)
 - 3.8. Implementation of Complete Streets Law — through division of traffic review; extension of invitation to John Pagini to speak before Board (Neil)
 - 3.9. Drivers' manual — letter being sent to DMV about inclusion of pedestrian/cyclist questions (Neil)
 - 3.10. Connecting town centers with new transit service — discussion about busway, rail connections (Neil); need to modernize transit system to reflect actual travel needs (Francis); partners for collaboration?
 - 3.11. Benchmarking of goals from State pedestrian/cyclist plan — where do we stand on that (Neil); document more a white paper, set in motion changes (DOT staff)
 - 3.12. Sidewalk quality — need more visibility for sidewalk maintenance (Tom G); needs to be addressed at local level (Neil)
4. Adjournment at 3:00 PM