



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Volunteer board members advising agencies of the state on policies, programs, and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.

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MEETING NOTES

Tuesday February 25th, 2014

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Meeting at DOT Headquarters

2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

Room 2141

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order/ Roll Call at 840am

Present Board Members: Chair Neil Pade, Vice Chair Sandy Fry, Secretary Joe Balskus, Charlie Beristain, Mike Norris, Ray Rauth, Deb Dauphinais, Rod Parlee

Absent Board Members: Tom Gutman, Alan Sylvestre

Guests

Kate Rattan (ConnDOT), Kelly Kennedy (Bikewalk CT)

1.2 Minutes

Secretary to send out minutes

2.0 Old Business

2.1 2013-2014 Annual Report

Has been distributed to statutory recipients and is on website.

Need to enhance synergy and awareness about the report.

Send out to RPA's transportation committees.

Report will be added to Facebook.

Mike has a bike light that he would like to offer as a prize – we will draw one name at random from those who download the report. Need to figure out how to do this.

Neil to send notice of report to Tom Condon.

List of chief elected officials – send out to LTA's as well.

Joe to print out copies. Send out to ITE members.

Mike and Neil generating a press release this week.

Sandy to generate a list of municipalities that we should send to, bike ped official committees.

Send copy of report to DECD (Tim Sullican).

Send letter to DMV directly with a copy.

Connecticut conference of municipalities – Joe to reach out to them and send report.

Kate and Kelly indicated that their organizations (CTDOT and Bike Walk CT) could send the press release out to their press contact list.

3.0 New Business (9:30)

3.1 Letters of Recognition

Ray put together list of people to be recognized. Need to review letters for next meeting.

3.2 2014 Initiatives

Legislative session bills pending - vulnerable users is expected to be considered.

Any other legislation actions should be considered?

April study- bike and ped fatalities report due then.

Find opportunities to talk to legislators about needs in coming session.

ConnDOT annual highway safety plan - Board should participate in the process.

No fine for 3' law violation – should be considered.

Board to consider other legislative actions in the next few months.

Top recommendations from report – complete streets policy recommendations to be implemented ConnDOT.

Transform CT focus ongoing at DOT now and includes complete streets.

Neil to request meeting with Commissioner to discuss complete street initiatives.

4.0 Reports (time permitting)

4.1 DOT Projects and News
Bolton notch meeting at 27th at town hall.

Merritt parkway study Fairfield and Westport meetings on DOT website.

Ashcreek bike ped feasibility study in Bridgeport on March 6 on DOT website.

Putnam Bridge – finalizing the document and final meeting in March.

Farmington trail – Plainville trail going forward in sections.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36am.

Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment ***Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, March 25, 2014, Room 2141***

Goals

- 1) To advance the inclusion of non-motorized transportation design elements in state and municipal road building projects as well as in both public and private development and redevelopment projects
- 2) Support and encourage pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods, commercial areas, employment centers, schools, state and municipal parks, and other designations serving the community
- 3) Integrate and connect the pedestrian and bicycle system with other transportation systems (roads, rail, bus, etc.)
- 4) Support government policies and funding initiatives that favor transit and non-motorized transportation
- 5) To facilitate the implementation of the Complete Streets Law

Teleconference: recurring every 4th Tuesday 8:15-10:45AM
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