



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 March 25, 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 840am

Board members in attendance:

Chairman Neil Pade, Vice Chair Sandy Fry, Secretary Joe Balskus, Charlie Beristain, Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Deb Dauphinais, Francis Pickering, Alan Silvestre

Guests in attendance:

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

Sam Gold, CNVCOG

Kate Rattan, CTDOT

1.2 Minutes

Meeting notes for January 14 and February accepted.

January 28 meeting notes accepted with changes that include names of TransformCT presenters, Stephanie Molden, Peter Calcaterra.

December 2013 notice will be posted on the website that a meeting was not held (there was no quorum).

Board suggested to have a recurring agenda every month to be amended.

1.3 Input from visitors

Sam provided a presentation on behalf on City of Waterbury for Waterbury Naugatuck River Greenway for TIGER application. Only one in CT for sole bike/ped projects. Entire project is in Waterbury.

\$33 million funding needed, \$10 million City funding is expected, exceeding 20% minimum match required by TIGER. City is planning to adopt complete streets policy.

City POCD supports project. CTDOT considering a TIGER application for TOD projects.

This round of TIGER applications does not require shovel ready project. Two years to complete design and 6 years to complete construction. 40% design milestone by April 28 application deadline.

COGCNV soliciting approval from CTBPAB for application.

Motion: The board write a letter to USDOT supporting the TIGER grant application submitted by City of Waterbury and indicating in the letter how the project is supporting of the goals of the Board. The board considered this project relative to the opportunities to bring discretionary federal monies into the state to support bicycle-pedestrian related transportation improvements.

Sandy to write a draft. Sam to include references to Board goals/recommendations.

Add to next month's agenda - policy on project funding.

Bob Dickinson - East Hartford PZC tabled bike project Forbes Street to CT River East Hartford, East Coast Greenway.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Dissemination of Annual Report

a. Press Release and press distribution

Completed and sent out to agreed upon entities.

Neil to set up meeting with Commissioner to review annual report.

b. Distribution list and distribution to date

Town committees list from 169 Towns to be reviewed by Board. Put on listserv for planners for CT and LTA's list. Get contact information to Sandy.

3.0 New Business

3.1 2014 Initiatives

a. Complete streets Training

T2 Center at UCONN considering teaching Complete Streets sessions. Meeting on April 2nd, to discuss curriculum. As continuing education for municipal engineers and LTA's.

Sandy to attend as Board representative. Francis will also attend for the Board.

Other training sessions.

March 30 Traffic Skills 101 in Hartford training prerequisite for LCI training. League Cycling Instructor certification.

Initiatives the board is working on:

Foster policy adoption, continuing education.

Work with Amtrak for bike access on trains - Ray will remind the Amtrak contact that he was going to provide a contact with the east coast coalition on this topic. We can then make sure CT is represented on this group.

Consider setting up listserv for peer exchange on complete streets.

Work with Universities

**UCONN T2 coordination. and other projects (technology park) connector to Route 44. CSU - Board of Regents to consider - Francis will draft a letter to the board of regents, including information on what has been accomplished at CCSU
SCSU utilizes a bike share program like others (UCONN, Yale)**

3.2 Letters of Recognition

Ray prepared example previous draft. Others submitted names. Joe to send out list of names that have compiled to date and draft letter.

4.0 Reports (time permitting)

4.1 DOT Projects and News

Amtrak – new service between Springfield and New Haven will have bike cars. Regular service will not.

DOT purchasing 100 bike racks for MNCRR in Fall 14 on 50 train pairs. Will include up to 1/3 of rolling stock of New Haven Line. DOT is looking for match from NY MTA. Same rack used on M7 trains. Handicap vestibule reconfigured on trains. Diesel line trains are unable to accommodate.

Policy movement at CTDOT – DOT is moving forward within DOT and being modified with DOT policy format and strengthen some areas where best practices and policies.

Next step is to form a small committee to move the policy forward. Also movement to use an on-call consultant to kick start a guidance manual with public input.

HTSA funding available for distracted driving programs for bike and ped safety education and campaigns. DOT going to RPAs for program implementation. Applicability to Towns/Region and possibly non-profits. Promotional items for bike helmets, etc. \$30k available. Through highway safety division at DOT. 25% match required. Highway safety contact Erin Swanson 860-594-2376.

4.2 Member Reports

Bikes on buses are down for Jan and Feb of 2014 as compared to Jan and Feb of 2013 in Stamford and New Havwen but the Hartford division fsaw a slight increase in each month as compared to the same month in the previous year based on reports from Rod.

Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment

Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, April 22, 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

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