



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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Regular

MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday May 27,
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

Meeting officially began at 853am with arrival of members for a quorum

In attendance:

Vice President Sandy Fry, Secretary Joe Balskus, Board members Rod Parlee, Deb Daphineau, Ray Ruath, Mike Norris

Guests

Kate Rattan DOT

Kelly Kennedy and Clayton Becket, Bike Walk CT

- 1.2 Minutes
April minutes approved by Board.
- 1.3 Input from visitors: **No input.**
- 2.0 Old Business
- 2.1 Dissemination of Annual Report

Noted last meeting hard copies were handed out (printed courtesy of Francis). DOT and other members were given copies. Kate shared additional copies with board members. Sandy noted spreadsheet handed out at March meeting including bike ped groups. The spreadsheet has one page for town based bike and/or ped groups and a page for non town based bike ped groups. She would like to add Neil's old outreach list (the list he used to send the meeting announcements to) as an additional page.

Sandy to send out spread sheet to board members and to BW CT to add as much information as possible. Then before next meeting – send out link to report to the lists. We

will also include a link to the Vulnerable User Law.

Sandy to work with DOT on list of CEO's/LTAs for distribution of the report link.

Kelly - to provide listing of town representatives (staff or elected) they find in their research

Kelly -

Department of Public Health contract to promote complete streets implementation, survey, public opinion surveys - registry and inventory of towns with complete street policies, workshop, and recognition. And using the scorecard to rank towns for complete streets implementation.

Kate mentioned that there are other DPH funded programs ongoing - there are 6 ACHIEVE grant communities including the Ledgelight health district, a Mansfield area consortium, and one in Norwalk.

3.0 New Business

3.1 2014 Initiatives

a. Vulnerable User's Bill

Passed and signed by governor. Legislators who sponsored the Vulnerable Users Bill 336-

Beth Bye, Roland Lemar were involved.

Rod suggests we reach out to them with proclamation letter - Rod will put together list of those involved who we should send thank you to them.

Sandy asked that the Board consider pushing for legislation to add an additional exception to our states as far to the right as practicable section of the vehicle code. Our law includes 3 exceptions but does not include the exception for when a lane is too narrow for a car and bicycle to share safely side by side. This lack has been pointed to as a rational in West Hartford for not using the "Bikes May Use Full Lane" sign. Additionally, this is how bicyclists are instructed to ride. And finally, the League of American Bicyclists, in their Bicycle Friendly state ranking noted this as something that CT should work to change.

b. Improvements to State Driver's Licensing Manual and Exam

DMV - better contact with them needed. Past letters to Commissioner have not resulted in meetings to discuss.

2009 update to past manual - included revisions from a prior committee

Sandy to reach out to Commissioner of DMV

Should trying to influence DMV s not work, then board should put fourth legislation to change DMV manual

c. Development of Bicycle Driver's Manual

DOT to be sourcing brochures in FY2015 - Cycling street smarts - John Allen. The DOT will modify this booklet for specific use in Connecticut and will fund the printing of the document. The board discussed strategies for effective distribution of the booklet

d. Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshops, Presentations

T2 Road Scholar program requirements – complete streets will be an elective as part of program

CCM conference abstract submission, include Bike Walk and DOT – do panel presentation

Bike walk CT to do a Complete streets workshop by June 30 somewhere

e. Policy for support of grants, project and other requests

The Board endorsed idea of supporting concepts. Requestor to provide sufficient information for Board to provide endorsement.

Motion made by Rod, seconded by Joe, and approved

**Request has to be made to board
Projects supported in concept only
Documentation be provided to Board
Board makes decision on support**

3.2 Letters of Recognition

Tom Obrien letter draft presented to board for review. Letter to be sent by DOT Ray to include street address for addressee and email addresses for ccs. The letter will be cc'd to local media and will serve as a “press release” also. The Board supported the format provided in the draft letter.

A question was raised – does the Board want to send thank you emails to reporters for press coverage of bike ped issues? The board concurred that the best approach would be for an email to press to be sent by board members involved thanking for coverage and the email can say something about membership on the bPAB and that the BPAB supports greater coverage of bike and ped issues.

4.0 Reports (time permitting)

None.

4.1 DOT Projects and News

DOT Safety office – NHTSA funding was made available for bike and or ped safety education programs. The program requires a 25% local match. Only public entities can apply. About \$50,00 worth of requests were made.

DOT using funds for Burnside Avenue information for a share the road program. Those funds will be used for education materials.

Bike to Work went well. Three bike racks installed (wave racks) at DOT.

Putnam Bridge facing issues with costs for ped access to the bridge.

4.2 Member Reports

Rod indicated the Keeney Street crossing being reviewed by Town of Manchester. Sandy handed out a few copies of the CT Dangerous by design report which includes statistics on pedestrian injuries and deaths. The report is available here:
<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/research/dangerous-by-design/dbd2014/state/connecticut/>

Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment
Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, June 24, 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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