



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 MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

8:30 AM to 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 began at 8:35 AM.

In Attendance: Chair Neil Pade, Vice Chair Sandy Fry, Charlie Beristain, Deb Dauphinais, Mike Norris, Rod Parlee, Francis Pickering, Ray Rauth, Al Sylvestre

Absent: Joe Balskus, Tom Gutman

Staff: Kate Rattan of CTDOT

Guests: Kelly Kennedy of Bike Walk CT; Bob Dickinson; Tony Philipn

1.2 Minutes

The May Minutes were accepted as presented

1.3 Input from Visitors

Bob Dickinson suggested several potential pieces of legislation to pursue:

- **Create bike appropriate fines (the sense being that fines are too high for law enforcement officers to be comfortable citing bicyclists for infractions). Would suggest about \$20.00 to \$35.00 for various infractions with fines going to bike ped safety projects**
- **Change motor vehicle law to permit motorized vehicles to cross double when passing bicycles when there is no oncoming traffic and it is otherwise safe to do so.**
- **Allow bicycles to not come to a complete stop at four way stops when there are no vehicles stopped at intersection. Also permit bicycles to proceed through a stop light after they have dismounted & waited and there is no vehicles coming) Wording from Wisconsin regarding the stop light law: a motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle facing a red signal at an intersection may, after stopping as required under subd. 1. for not less than 45 seconds, proceed cautiously through the intersection before the signal turns green if no other vehicles are present at the intersection to actuate the signal and the operator of the motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle reasonably believes the signal is vehicle actuated. The operator of a motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle proceeding through a red signal under this subdivision shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicular**

traffic, pedestrian, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device proceeding through a green signal at the intersection or lawfully within a crosswalk or using the intersection

- **Cars must stay back and wait for oncoming traffic to pass and for a clear view when 3' min, cannot be observed if vehicle stays in lane.**

Kelly Kennedy brought the group up to date on the efforts being undertaken by Bike Walk CT relative to complete streets. The public input portion of the effort has concluded, with over 2300 individuals participating in the online survey. A complete streets workshop will be held on June 30, with over 65 already registered. Bike walk cT has compiled a list of all the Towns with bike ped committees and will share that with the CTBPAB. They will create a score card that ranks all the towns in the state on their progress with implementing complete streets.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 2014 Initiatives

a. Improvements to state Driver's Licensing Manual and Exam: Sandy explained the recommendations for changes to the Drivers Manual which were compiled over the past week with input from the committee. After quite lively discussion, the board recommended some revisions to the document discussed. The recommendations will be discussed in a meeting with DMV later today. Sandy, Kate, Charlie and Mike will attend on behalf of the Board. Lines of communications regarding the Manual are open, but discussions regarding licensing exam questions have not yet begun.

b. Vulnerable Users Bill

c. Development of Bicycle Driver's Manual

2.2 **Policy for support of grants, projects and other requests** – it was pointed out that this was discussed and decided at the last meeting but was not incorporated into the minutes. Specific language for this policy needs to be formally documented.

3.0 New Business

3.1 **Policy for reviewing projects for Complete streets consideration** – Neil and Kate discussed inquiries received regarding the re-paving of Main Street in East Hartford. While the board does not review specific projects the policy on how projects are reviewed for complete streets considerations. This particular project was reviewed by the Division of Traffic using the needs assessment form and was preparing to publish a justification of decision.

3.2 **Letters of Recognition** – An LOR for Tom O'Brien is to be sent pending Neil's signature. It was discussed that all sponsors of the VU bill should receive an LOR.

3.3 Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshops, Presentations

a. June 19th, Transform CT Stakeholder forum, Complete streets and Trails discussion group <http://www.transformct.org/>

b. June 30th Complete streets Leadership Roundtable

c. October 21st CCM 2014 Conference and exhibition <http://programs.ccm-ct.org/Plugs/32nd-Annual-Convention-2014.aspx>

3.4 2014 Initiatives – Other

3.5 **2015 Annual Report** – the format of the 2013-2014 annual report the Board was asked to come to the next meeting with 3 items for consideration as a 2014-2015 report recommendation or item to document.

- 4.0 Reports** (time permitting)
- 4.1 DOT Projects and News**
- 4.2 Member reports**
- 4.3 East Coast Greenway State Committee recruiting** – reported.
- 4.4 Bike Walk Friendly Town Survey** – covered under Item 1.3.

Next Meeting, 8:30 AM DOT HQ, July 22, 2014, Room 2141

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