



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

Regular MEETING

Tuesday November 18, 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 835am

In attendance: Neil Pade (Chair), Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary)
Mike Norris, Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Deb Dauphinais, Al Silvestre

Absent: Francis Pickering

CTDOT: Patrick Zapatka, Kevin Tedesco, Melanie Zimycki

Guests: Bob Dickinson, Tony Phillipon

Motion approved to modify agenda to discuss non-MUTCD signs under annual report.

1.2 Minutes

Accepted with correct spelling of Deb Dauphinais

Goals and mission of the Board need to be added to the agenda/meeting notes

1.3 Input from visitors

Suggestion from Bob Dickinson to CTDOT to consider using Cape Cod type curbing in rural areas.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 2014-2015 Annual Report

Neil indicated that focus this month and December has to be annual report

a. Review and evaluate summary of 2013-2014 report/ recommendations

DOT

- Eliminate the complete streets policy recommendation as it is completed.
- Replace first bullet – put in an internal deadline
- Revising the design manual - Sandy to revise recommendation to include the publishing of a departmental summary of the schedule for the carrying out of revisions to the HDM.
- Share the road campaign – keep the recommendation
- Related Kelly Kennedy bike walk CT summary
- Reporting of crash data – UCONN released now. No longer BETA testing.
- How quickly data goes into the database – need to document the changes/benefits
- CTRides – Keep as a recommendation and emphasize awareness/ the role of accommodating cyclists
- Bicycle Access of Trains – 27 cars have been completed. Include a recommendation for pilot program to use bikes on trains during peak hours recommended by Mike.

DMV

- Updating the drivers manual regularly, yes, acknowledge.
- Brief recommendation to update exam.
- Need a stronger recommendation for outreach to the drivers instructors/drivers school

State legislature

- Remove first two bullets – vulnerable users, and funding for DOT
- For legislative initiatives:
 - Two strongest things – correct ride to right exceptions, crossing on the double yellow and rear bike lights.
- How increase awareness in municipal police departments about bike ped?
 - Police chiefs association? State traffic administration?
 - Add recommendation to Department of Public Safety Recommendation for police academies or education on Share the Road.
- DOT mandating Towns to clearing the snow from bridges and enforcing it.
 - Excludes multi-use path/bike paths

State Agencies

- Recommend all state agencies should support active transportation and transit use for their employees and customers.

Municipalities –

- Enforce snow clearance regulations/ordinances, expand to include CCM presentation. See requirements under Federal ADA.
- Update local policies, regulations and POCD to reflect Complete Street ethics and requirements.

Regions –

- HART wrote bike ped plan for HVCEO
- Non-exempt funding? LOTCIP and STP Urban?

- Keep recommendation on funding and clarify wording
- Ask them what they have done in the past?

Further Work of the Board

- Document the economic benefits of complete streets?
- Delete board of regents statement
- Public education and outreach campaign and capabilities
- Delete incentivizing communities to enforce law
- Increase public education and outreach/ PR campaign/ Target press as an audience
- List before DOT recommendations - State agencies should promote shared bike use, active transportation and transit use -Kelly to write up
- Motor vehicle infractions – where do the funds go? Central infractions Bureau funds go where?
- Share the road campaign includes funds from enforcement – where do the dollars go?
- Model ordinances – any bike plans that could be incorporated – model sections for bike ped for POCD for presentation in April
- State POCD did incorporate bike/ped initiatives
- Bike share as further work by the Board – should the board explore this and include in the annual report?
- Goodwin College, UCONN (delayed), Simsbury has a limited one, west Hartford, Trinity has limited bike share, DEEP has bikes for employees
- Recommendation for state agencies to pursue bike friendly status

DOT summary – Joe to write up again

State agencies – Mike Norris – what actions have been taken using a survey monkey

Regions – keep Kelly in the loop

Send copy of 2 recommendations from 2013-2014 Annual Report and request a status report on progress, and to add one additional item of significance.

Recommendation regarding 402 funds for use by non-profits

- b. Complete Streets Policy
Remove from future agendas
- c. New Maintenance Policy re: encroachment permits
Include in the update for DOT
- d. Drivers Licensing Manual and Exam
Sandy to review
- f. Bicycle Driver’s Manual
Include in the update on DOT
- g. Amtrak installation of bike racks; Recommendation for pilot program for peak time use
Ray to do a short write up
- h. Statutory accomplishments and recommendations
See previous notes above

i. Progress Inventory - Reporting of State, Regional, and Local agencies and Advocacy groups initiatives and projects.
Scrap progress inventory this year but will be very specific in reporting information.

Items j-n are tabled until next meeting:

j. Model Ordinances/ Policies/ Regulations for Municipalities

k. Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Policies/ Strategies

l. LOTCIP

m. 402 funds

n. Snow removal/ sidewalk policies/ ADA compliance

o. Other

Coordinate with some Advocacy Groups? Not in our charge.

p. Document format

Focus should be on state agencies. Need to update our website and links

Need a webmaster? We need to all review at the webpage – and review next month

Commissioner's budget needs to be added

Further work by the Board -

Non-MUTCD signage – Board submit request to OSTA for 3' sign and OSTA/DOT submits to FHWA

2.2 Letters of Recognition

- Charlie

- Commissioner, Bureau Chiefs

- Revisions to letter to be made

2.3 Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshops, Presentations

- CCM- BPAB Workshop - Complete Street for Municipal Leaders;

3.0 New Business

3.1 Formation of subcommittee to represent BPAB on HSIP emphasis areas

3.2 2015 meeting schedule - Board adopted 4th Tuesday for 2015 meetings.

4.0 Reports (time permitting)

4.1 DOT Projects and News

- Bike Ped plan update – scope all set with consultants. Starting in January
- Bike ped plan committee to be set up and include
- DOT requested to provide written updates via email

Other Board discussion items:

- Bicycle drivers manual – prior to printing review? Check with Kate
- All Board members to have their sections drafted for next board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1033am

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, December 16, 2014, Room 2141

Teleconference: recurring every 4th Tuesday 8:15-10:45AM Call In Number 877-417-2950 PASSCODE: 83079