



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
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for bicycles and pedestrians.*



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Meeting Notes

Regular MEETING

Tuesday December 16, 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, Kelly Kennedy, Francis Pickering Deb Dauphinais, Al Silvestre, Rod Parlee

CTDOT: Kate Rattan, Kevin Tedesco

Guests: Tony Phillipon, Steve Mitchell

1.2 Minutes

Accepted November minutes with changes to include Kelly as attending November meeting. Add page numbers to meeting notes.

1.3 Input from visitors

Request to add to agenda – bike racks on ctfastrak buses as 3.2, approved.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 2014-2015 Annual Report

a. Review and evaluate summary of 2014-2015 report/ recommendations

The Board reviewed the status of the annual report and the recommendations.

Sandy provided oversight of the report recommendations, with a handout of status of recommendations for review by the Board.

Economies are gained through MUCC process – Towns going digital on the accident data, some are not going digital

Incident reports are submitted to UCONN by Towns, then DOT staff does the qa qc, Kate suggested that we contact Maribeth Wojenski to understand better how the process works. Sandy to follow up.



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Regarding the update of the Highway Design manual, Joe will get an update from will britnell on this.

CT Rides cannot use their budget to promote walking and biking because of direction from CTDOT Public Transportation. Sandy will follow up with public trans on this.

TDM (CTRides is the state's Transportation Demand Management provider) - public transit definitely promotes the integral relationship of biking and walking to transit - need to include the first and last mile.

List of recommendations should be included the report text, succinctly, and not a table

Process for safety expenditures determined by Strategic Highway Safety Plan Peer meetings will be starting soon and need CBPAB involvement - and will be creating programs

HSIP and 402 funds cannot be used for anything not called out in highway safety plan. HSIP process needs to be completed to identify projects.

Work with driving schools on educating students on sharing the road with cyclists and pedestrians, Deb to follow up with local driving school instructor.

DESPB - training of officers include bike/ped legal rights in academies According to Police officers safety training (POST), one of day of training is dedicated to bike/ped training. Kelly to follow up with her contact(Farmington Police chief) in police to understand this issue

Explore strengthening the vulnerable user law - threshold for serious injury? Look at other vulnerable user law with work zone workers? Coordinate with Sen. Beth Bye on potential changes for vulnerable law - Contact Office of Legislative research - do that first

Recommendations -

Include recommended legislation for passing slow moving vehicles including bicycles,

Implement uniform vehicle code and,

Rear lights on bicycles at night

Municipality recommendations -

Keep all

Report on municipal progress? Bike walk survey results? Surveys what could be used as survey monkey Decided not to do a municipal survey



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Consider doing a case study for a couple of municipalities? Such as Bike friendly communities like New Britain which just got bronze and Simsbury which got silver.

Regional Planning Agencies

Per State OPM, there will be 9 consolidated regions after Jan 1 – 2015, will do a survey to bike ped people within the regions

Make RPA's more accountable for implementing complete streets

Recommendations for Further work of the board for the annual report:

Incorporate Sandy comments

Incentivize communities to enforce traffic law, examine barriers to cycle track implementation within statutes, and facilitate peer exchange (table until next year)

Also, research best practices for ebikes

Other items to include:

- *Model Ordinances, regulations, policies, POCD statements (NEXT YEAR)*
- *Bike share (CRCOG STUDIED – CONCLUDED THERE SHOULD BE A STATE OVERSEER) FURTHER WORK OF THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE INTEROPERABILITY*
- *Continue to work with DMV*

b. Review and evaluate progress during 2014 reporting period

- Department of Transportation

Resend to the group and get comments from Kate .

- Department of Motor Vehicles
 - *Update of Driver's Manual*

Steve Mitchell - Question on the Greenways plates?

Greenway council is on top of it. Legislation change needed to ensure greenway plates funds are kept for greenways. DMV statute that allows the



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plates. Get more information from DMV and explore for next year. Save the sound plates have legislative backing for funding. Review in 2015.

- General State Agencies
 - Mike Norris - Surveys sent out to State agencies – 16 responses

Bike friendly organizations should be recognized such as bike friendly university - Yale

- Regions
 - *Development of Regional Bike Routes*
 - *Align funding programs*
 - *HART Bike Ped Plan, HVCEO?*

Resend the survey to regions

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board
 - *Policy Adoption BY CONNDOT, NEXT STEP WOULD BE IMPLEMENTATION*
 - *Training Assistance?*
 - *Document policy benefits*
 - *Universities?*
 - *Amtrak/ Trains?*

Note to Sandy adding monitor implementation of complete street policy, also noted the upcoming peer exchange with CCM, CT standing in the bike friendly score card? Make part of introduction? We were 18th and now are 21st.

Trail crossings at local roadways – as a recommendation to be looked at

Report action items:

Send sections to Neil, include new photos from last year including CTDOT Complete Street signing ceremony. Get sections to Francis by end of year.

2.2 Letters of Recognition

Tabled

2.3 Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshops, Presentations – CCM- BPAB Workshop - Complete Street for Municipal Leaders;

Underway – need a date



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3.0 New Business

3.1 Formation of subcommittee to represent BPAB on HSIP emphasis areas

Neil, Sandy, Joe, Alan named to the subcommittee

3.2 – CT Fastrak

Bike racks on buses, increased from 2 to 3 per buses may delay CTFastrak opening scheduled for March 29th.

4.0 Reports (time permitting)

4.1 DOT Projects and News

Bike racks should be ready soon for the new M-8 train cars

No movement with MNCRR on allowing bikes on peak hour trains

Road Safety Audit process for bike ped locations in all States – requested by DOT administrator Fox so CTDOT will be looking at route 82 in Norwich

For Putnam Bridge project, DOT is awaiting Glastonbury and Wethersfield to move approach work to TIP for funding and then design

Keeney Street – sightline issues remain (Rod)

Gap closure – Plainville gap bike – Town trying to get CCRPA to get funds – application has been submitted – money will go to CCRPA staff to solve issue

East Hartford – looking at ramp interaction with bridge over CT River

Meeting adjourned 10:33am

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, January 27, 2015, Room 2141

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