



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

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday April 28, 2015

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Meeting at DOT Headquarters

2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

Room 2141

1.1 Preliminaries

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call 839am

In attendance:

Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Francis Pickering (on phone), Ray Rauth, Deb Dauphinais, Al Silvestre, Rod Parlee, Kelly Kennedy (on phone)

CTDOT: Kate Rattan

Absent: Neil Pade (Chair),

Guests:

Bob Dickinson

Janice Ehle-meyer, RiverCOG

Jehlemeyer@rivercog.org

1.3 Minutes, March 24, 2014,

Amend minutes:

Respectfully submitted needed at bottom of minutes

Add last names to the attendees

Add no report added to topics not discussed

With these revisions, accepted by consent by the Board

1.4 Input from visitors

Janice is from RiverCOG, working on a bike ped plan, expected to be completed soon.

Bob Dickinson – Ask DOT notify Town engineers on repaving project if they can also notify the local bike ped groups in the Towns.

Kate stressed that the DOT has to rely upon the LTA's to notify the advocacy groups as part of Vendor In Place pavement program. DOT does not have the resources to reach out beyond the LTAs.

9 month planning process – annual condition surveys by DOT, generates a list of repaving projects. The budget will determine which can be done. The list of projects goes to the affected LTAs in November or December.

Kate noted the importance of advocacy groups having a relationship with their LTA. Ideally, the town will have a bike plan, that the LTA will refer to and the LTA will notify the DOT if there are bike ped needs relative to the road to be repaved. If a town requests that a shoulder be painted as a bike lane the DOT will require that the town pay for the painting of the bike lane symbols, but the DOT is now open to marking bike lanes on state highways. Additionally, if signal actuation is part of a project, and bikes are expected to use the facility, the DOT will calibrate the actuation (video or loop) to be sensitive to bikes.

DOT planning program is now starting at 10' left turn lanes and 11' lanes, and increasing the widths as needed.

2.1 Old Business

2.2 2014-2015 Annual Report

- Promulgation of Report – discussed status of the report being distributed facebook, CTSRTS, CTLTA, and CCAPA listserv. Does not expect Courant to pick it up as an editorial.

- Report Recommendations – Schedule of Action Items

Ebike committee – Francis and deb will follow up on this item. They will look at how other states and cities have regulated electric bikes.

Examining barriers to contra flow traffic – pending legislation. OSTA has comments. Discussion on pending legislation on passing of bikes and suggested revisions to the legislation. Kate pointed out that there is no need to change the statues to allow a “wrong way” bike lane on a one way street.

Sen. Beth Bye pushing for moving the legislation forward with revisions. Legislation revised out of Committee, can be revised again before adopted.

Sandy to reach out to legislators for status of the bill SB 502 and discussion if necessary.

Pending SB502 version on line appears acceptable, however there are changes proposed by CTDOT in the legislation that do not appear.

Sandy to coordinate with Kate on CTDOT progress

Tracking Complete Streets: progress by CT Towns/Cities: Alyssa Norwood of the Commission on Aging and Kelly Kennedy are both tracking this, so no need for us to do surveys of towns. Sandy will check in with Kate R. regularly to be sure the committee is informed of progress being made at the state level.

Vulnerable user protection – should survey other states. Do their statues require severe injury or death before Vunerable user measures kick in?

2.3 Letters of Recognition

There was a suggestion that we develop a CS award program of some kind. Committee members were asked to give this thought and we will continue discussion next month. Ray clarified that the “Attaboy” letters were intended to recognize the unsung, citizen heroes who are making a difference and may not get recognition. The hope has been that media might pick up on the attaboy recognition and inspire others. He hopes we don't lose this aspect as he thinks it is needed.

2.4 Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshop, Presentation – CCM-BPAB Outline for Workshop - Complete Street for Municipal Leaders

Scheduled for September 22, confirm with CCM and length (half day or full day?), Yom Kippur starts at sunset. Target audience includes planners and policy makers.

Need to get subcommittee organized, Neil, Sandy, Joe, DOT (Kate and Kevin) and have a meeting soon. Sandy will work to set this up.

NACTO presentation last week – very successful training session by Bike Walk CT

2.5 Subcommittee Report BPAB/HSSP (Highway Safety Strategic Plan) emphasis areas

CTDOT to have an initial meeting on 4-29-15, and then request BPAB attendance for next meeting

Joe, Neil, Sandy, on subcommittee. Kelly will serve on the subcommittee on behalf of Bike walk CT

2.6 Discussion – Legislative Bills of Interest (502, 1062, 6851 and others)

See above notes on 502

1062 revisions and funding – this will provide more funding (capital and administrative) for the rec trails program at CTDEEP. This is significant, as previously the program relied strictly on federal funding.

6851 – transit corridor development authority: TOD bill status provided by Francis, several revisions due to concerns raised, still in Committee

2.7 State Transportation Budget

Neil submitted testimony yesterday based on board input to the legislation hearing.

2.8 Review of Website Updates

All board members to review website for changes, ideas and considerations for changes such as links to facebook, CTDOT. What is essential on the website, what can be posted at the CTDOT website.

3.1 New Business

3.2 Maintenance Policy/ Signing of Multi-purpose trails including CT Fastrak

Additional signs for trail along CTfastrak, to direct riders along the on street portion, needed. Joe to get pictures.

Wayfinding from Newington junction back to Hartford. Town road issue, DOT doesn't control those streets. Regions and Towns need to provide some guidance on this.

Maintenance of snow removal discussed from trail. DOT removes snow only from non redundant sidewalks (this includes a small portion of the Ctfastrak trail, the Bissell bridge path, the Charter Oak bridge sidewalk). This is unlikely to change in the shortterm

3.3 E-bikes subcommittee report

See above discussion under Plan recommendations.

4.1 Reports

4.2 DOT Projects and News

Farmington Valley trail in Plainville in scoping

Bike ped plan in Stamford moving forward, with STP funds, DOT is PM and technical liaison, through WCCOG

State bike ped plan in scope negotiations with consultant

In construction this spring, East Hartford, and one portion of gap trail (Bolton Notch gap) and Cheshire/Southington design or construction

Route 44 Bolton plan – new plan being developed with more separate path, with ROW impacts

DEEP coordinating with CTDOT on maintenance on midyear rehab of airline trail

Glastonbury Putnam Bridge – sidewalk constructed on bridge –

DOT staff attended Bike Walk training and Summit

4.3 Bike Walk CT Update

Broad representation from various agencies,

Legislation is focus now, needs to ensure the bills are what we desired

Bike to Work Day on May 15 – DEEP is not sponsoring the Bike to Work day this year, and CTDOT is not fully participating this year

Hartford Event this year – Old State House 730-9am? 815am

DPH contract/NACTO workshop supported by that contract, also will be doing share the road promotions in June

Discover CT ride series with June 6 ride in West Hartford and September 27th in New Britain

May 19th New Haven lobby day

Bike Bridgeport in the works

Meetings notes prepared by Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am.

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, May 26, 2015, Room 2141

Teleconference: recurring every 4th Tuesday 8:15-10:45AM Call In Number 877-417-2950 PASSCODE: 94833