



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

Tuesday July 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

Meeting called to order at 842am.

Board members present:

Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Rod Parlee, Ray Rauth, Alan Sylvestre, Kelly Kennedy (telephone), Deb Dauphinais

Board members absent:

Neil Pade (Chair), Francis Pickering

Guests

FHWA – Ken Shooshan-Stoler

DOT – Kevin Tedesco

Chris Squires

1.3 Minutes, May 25, 2015

It was noted that the June meeting did not have a quorum so there are no formal meeting notes. The Board accepted the May meeting notes as presented.

1.4 Input from visitors

Chris Squires inquired about the status of the Putnam Bridge bike path project. It was noted that the cost is very high for the connections from the sidewalk already constructed on the bridge to surface streets in Wethersfield and Glastonbury. The Town of Glastonbury is not able to fund their side and it is likely they will jointly seek DOT funding with Town of Wethersfield possibly under LOTCIP.

The Board approved a motion recommending to the DOT that for all state highway bridges they take it as their responsibility to provide bike ped connections. Specifically with Putnam bridge, that the State make it a priority to connection of the approaches to the bridge.

FHWA noted that there will be more bike and ped involvement from USDOT Secretary in

the future. (unclear about this, since FHWA was not at our meeting, who said this? What is it based on?)

2.1 **Old Business**

2.2 **2014-2015 Annual Report**

- **Progress with Implementation of the Board Recommendations**

- **E-Bikes**

Deb and Francis subcommittee met, have recommendations and will be presenting to the Board at the next meeting.

Fundamental concepts – many of bills in states are overly complex and difficult to enforce – two issues – want people to have access to ebikes allowing people to ride/continue to ride who otherwise would not be able to due to physical condition/age, etc. do not want to take away. Pedal assist for example.

Motorized vehicle restrictions should apply to ebikes – not sure what this means, because if the motorized vehicle restrictions apply to ebikes, then they will not be permitted on bike paths

Greenway bike system should allow them.

Segway legislation may provide some guidance

Speed in shared environments is concern as well

New England Mountain Bike Association – do they have any recommendations?

Challenges to committee to investigate restrictions on mountain bike paths, but creates potential problems with multi-use paths and accessibility. Need to think about future.

Forest and Park Association contact Eric Hamlin he is the executive director, only blue blazed trail system

DOT questions – ebike research on capabilities needed. Maximum of horsepower/wattage should be considered. Legislation was getting into technical issues. Is enforcement an issue? Should be considered.

- **DOT Monthly Progress Summary**

Design Manual – no issues. ongoing

Bond authorization legislation – referring to 1999 AASHTO standards. This is an accident of the very old bond bill language – the bill was originally written in 2007 when the AASTO guide of 1999 was the only bike design guide available.

Safety funding – percentage of bike ped accidents higher and funding should be proportionate. DOT indicates NHTSA changed funding requirements. It is a recommendation in our annual report. May need to reword to clarify what we are trying to achieve.

Funding to other non-profits? Change recommendation to how non-profits make themselves eligible? Or possible coalition of non-profits. Need to await federal reauthorization.

2.3 **Letters of Recognition**

Tabled.

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

Planning is ongoing between Sandy, Neil and Kevin. Should include new state funding for ramp up transportation projects – coordinate with CCM on the announcement – Road Safety Audits will be a large component of the new funding. Training is set for September 22nd in Glastonbury Town Hall.

2.5 **Subcommittee Report BPAB/HSIP emphasis areas**

- 2.6 **Legislative Bills of Interest (502, 1062, 6851 and others)**
Tabled. Brochure that CRCOG created for law enforcement needed to be revised per new legislation allowing cycle tracks. Sandy has updated it for a draft review by the Board for next month.
- 2.7 **State Transportation Budget**
Tabled.
- 2.8 **Review of Website Updates and Facebook**
Remove See Click Fix and tabled discussion until next month.

- 2.9 **Regional Policy Recommendations for use of LOTCIP funds**
Sandy handed out letter to all MPO's on complete streets – LOTCIP projects.

3.1 **New Business**

3.2 **DMV Driver's Manual Updates following adoption of Bike Bill (502)**

Sandy reported that she got a response from the DMV to her email inquiring about an update to the drivers manual. DMV indicated they will contact us in the fall when they begin their update process

3.3 **2015-2016 Annual Report Development**

Year in Review/DOT Section - Joe

Regional and Municipal Progress – Kelly

Recommendations to Legislators – Deb

Recommendations to DOT - Sandy

Recommendations to other State agencies - Alan

Recommendations to Municipalities – Ray and Kelly

Recommendations to Regions - Ray

Recommendations to Board - Neil

Laws and Regulations progress – Sandy

Proof and format – Rod

Board should review the recommendations and provide summary of what should stay and what should be added. Discuss at August meeting.

Subcommittee recommendation - to examine vulnerable user protections. Never assigned as a subcommittee? Put on the agenda for August. Kelly doing.

Support bike share – first in new haven expanding yale system expanding downtown.

Monitoring action on complete streets – ongoing.

- 3.4 **Review of DOT LOTCIP Guidance Policy and Implementation of DOT Complete Streets Policy**
Hugh Hayward from CTDOT has been invited to next board meeting.

3.5 **Nomination of Officers and Possible Elections (if no more than one nomination per position).**

Neil Pade for Chair – Al motioned, seconded by Rod

Sandy Fry for Vice Chair – Al motioned, seconded by Ray

Joe Balskus for Secretary – Al motioned, seconded by Rod

Slate to be voted on at next Board meeting.

4.1 **Reports**

4.2 **DOT Projects and News**

HSIP/emphasis areas – strategic highway safety plan – October 7/8 peer exchange meetings 830-430pm, bike ped to be invited to participate

Other DOT updates send previously to board.

4.3 **Bike Walk CT Update**

Share the road brochure – Kelly has received funding from the CT department of Public Health to cover the updating of the Share the Road brochure. The new brochure will expand upon the older to include pedestrians..

Meeting adjourned at 1030am.

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, August 25, 2015, Room 2141

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