



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 October 27, 2015, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Room 2141

1.0 Preliminaries: 841am Start

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Emily Provonsha

Guests

DOT – Melanie Zimyeski

Mark Swanson (Plainville)

Bob Dickinson (South Windsor)

1.2 Minutes, September 29, 2015

Amended for last names and signature

1.3 Input from visitors (5 minutes)

Bob attended the I-84 rebuilding public information session and suggested there needs to be a way found to protect all bike lanes before the reconstruction within Hartford. He stated that previous studies indicate 15% will ride bikes, but more, 40% will ride on protected bike lanes.

Mark Swanson expressed concern for recent resurfacing on Route 372 in Plainville, new pavement markings were applied, dangerous situation, no provision in certain locations specifically near the Lowes plaza, proceeding toward Crooked Street, no shoulder provided. Chair informed Mark of the CTDOT Vendor In Place process, fast track of repaving state highways. CTDOT contacts the Local Traffic Authority (LTA) in advance to confirm bike lanes. Secretary determined the LTA for Plainville is the Town Manager and Mark was advised to contact him.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Bicycle Laws Handout for Enforcement Officers

Document being reviewed and reformatted with graphics by Secretary. Present draft at next board meeting.

2.2 Review of Website Updates and Facebook

Kelly provided a detailed presentation on web site changes and recommendations
Board requested the changes be live with new website materials
Board to Review website as set up and provide comments to Sandy
Emily to take over and next board meeting showcase the changes

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

DMV recommendations – sent to DOT on 10/26/15. They have some stronger language supplementing edits that may be included for submission for Friday of this week.

2.4 2015-2016 Annual Report Development

a. Progress with Implementation of 2014-2015 Recommendations

- E-Bikes – Deb

Request that previous ebikes discussions have been superseded
CA ebike law passed, NY stalled
People for bikes view - Map with legislation pending for ebikes – CT bad rating
2008 – anywhere electric assist to motor driven cycle – vague term –
Simplistic view – is that ebikes treated same as motorbikes

State of CT General Statute 14-286 definition of ebikes
Mopeds –definition excludes pocket bikes
Contrary to past statements, the Board needs to make a legislative recommendation for ebikes

Deb described the CA law - Three classes of ebikes – motor vehicle laws – no trails addressed
1 – pedal assist max 20
2- throttle – no pedaling required
3 – pedal assist max at 28 mph

BPSA – involved
Federal law – irrelevant – consumer protection manufacturer law
Need to fix current CT DMV law
Electric assist versus motor driven cycle
Must have license unless have physical issue and DMV permission
Illegal now to ride ebike without license
Need to make legislative changes now
People for bikes helping Deb
Should not endorse a technology in bikes

Problem now – 14-286 statute and fix/modify legislation, pulls out less encompassing legislation
Make recommendation – get Legislative Office Review Opinion on the legislation
Need to make sure language doesn't make it worse
Confusion with ebikes and conformance to recent bike lane legislation
Need draft language for legislative recommendation and appropriate definition of ebikes/motor assist cycle
Deb to provide CA statute to board
Board to consider next steps in advising legislature

Should include recommendation on addressing ebike legislation issue

b. Year in Review/DOT Section – Joe
Pending

c. Regional and Municipal Progress – Kelly
Pending

d. Recommendations to Legislators – Deb
Pending

e. Recommendations to DOT – Sandy –
Pending

f. Recommendations to other State agencies – Alan
Pending

g. Recommendations to Municipalities – Ray and Kelly
Pending

h. Recommendations to Regions – Ray
Pending

i. Recommendations to Board – Neil
Pending

j. Laws and Regulations progress – Sandy
Pending

k. Proof and format – Rod
Pending

Other items on annual report:

Sandy reviewed recommendations from 2014 and reviewed additions

Revise DOT recommendations – consistency in bike lane design

Bike Ped Plan – mission for department

AI looking into state agencies and involvement with employees for bike ped actions

Add recommendations to DPH including recognition of past efforts – include supportive recommendations

Some agencies should be leading by example, others that

Department of Education – school siting

DAS and DCH should be promoting walking and biking

Implementing complete streets policy needs to come from DOT and they should change from enhancements to actual part of the project

Neil did Email to Commissioner on complete streets

Ray Rauth reviewed recommendations he developed for regions and municipalities

Expand recommendations to municipalities to be broader in scope

One page for each of recommendations to agencies, regions, etc.

Provide feedback to Sandy on recommendations by November 6

Start inserting into word document

2.5 Letters of Recognition

No report.

3.0 New Business

None to report.

3.1 Vulnerable User's Subcommittee

No report.

4.0 Reports

4.1 DOT Projects and News

No report.

4.2 Bike Walk CT Update

No report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am

Meeting notes respectfully submitted, Board Secretary, Joseph Balskus

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

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