



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING

Friday March 23, 2018, 8:45 AM

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

- 1.0 Preliminaries
- 1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call 8:50 AM
Rod, Ray, Brian, Neil, Joe, Tom, Sandy, Al

- 1.2 Minutes – change 3.2 from “No” to “Now”
- 1.3 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)
No comments

2.0 Reports

2.1 DOT Projects and News

- NCUTCD reviewing MUTCD language on setting speed limits
Joe Balskus provides an overview of the study, it is of interest of the Board.

Interim approval of RRFB's was discussed. CT DOT would have to reapply in order to be used in the state. Name changed to “pedestrian-actuated conspicuity enhancement” (PACE). OSTA will review.

DOT Report – In discussion DOT shared the following enhancement to the February Minutes:

April 3rd – 5th, Pedestrian Safety Summit in RI, Collen will attend New England Bike Walk Summit - Community Connectivity, Complete Streets, and CT Efforts to complete ECGW to be presented

Robert Bell to start as new Director of Environmental and strategic Planning to start April 3rd.

Large projects still on hold until budget is resolved.

Neil reviewed grant/ funding opportunities that had come available since the last meeting.

- 2.2 Bike Walk CT Update
Bike Walk Summit at the Lycuem on April 6th

2.3 Watch For Me CT Update

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Neil reviewed Amy Watkins Watch For Me CT report to the Board

3.0 Old Business

3.1 2017 Report – Distribution and Implementation

- DMV drivers exam – Certain types of questions are legislatively required. Concern from DMV that adding additional questions on a category of bikes become complicated in the organization of test taking. Last communications on this initiative indicates there may be resistance to making additional changes.

Board should review bike-ped sections of the manual and propose additional changes to content if needed, to be submitted to DMV during routine editing cycle.

Board members to get online and take practice driver's license exam and report back.

- New legislation - E-bikes; Crosswalks

Testimony submitted by DMV, DOT, BPAB, AMC for March 19, 2018 hearing for HB 5485 was discussed.

The board expressed concerns with changes suggested by DMV.

Board will monitor what comes out of Committee. Sandy to check on status with Chair.

DOT testimony on "Stop for Pedestrians" was discussed. The Boards finds the proposed wording change to Section 20 to be difficult. The language needs to tell motorists to stop for pedestrians at a crosswalk, but not make all crosswalks a mandatory stop. The Blindness Community supports "at the crosswalk". The Board will see if better language could be incorporated into future proposals.

AI to research other states that include "at the crosswalk", the findings of which could be used to support future legislation.

- Payment in lieu of Sidewalks – A request was submitted to a member of the legislature to have OLR conduct a review.
- Educational pamphlet on bike-ped laws – Neil to reach out to police chiefs to get understanding of how to distribute pamphlet throughout the state.

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3.2 LAB Report Card – Karen Jenkins and Amelia Neptune

Neil reviewed opportunity to talk with Amelia Neptune *Director, Bicycle Friendly America Program*. Topics to discuss:

https://bikeleague.org/sites/default/files/BFS2017_ReportCard_Connecticut.pdf

Focus on 0 of 10 for no bike facilities being constructed – state constructed XXX of trails.

Education and encouragement – DMV lack of question was discussed.

Mode share low, 3 of 30.

Drive Ed requirements 5 out of 20.

Use of federal transportation funding – 8 out of 16 - surprising CT gets \$ amount of federal funding

Does state allow speed limits of 20 mph or less?

Laws that restrict behavior – got 14 out of 28 - for repealing mandatory side path law...?

Feedback -

Finish Design Manual

- Adopt law for opening car door
- Provide specific training to engineers and planners to implement CT Complete Streets Law
- Adopt Side Path Law
- Neil to set up conference call with Melanie, Sandy, Neil and Amelia.

3.3 Website Update – Improvements; Communication Management/ Policy

Brian reports on updates and improvements to website. Links and references have been tested and updated. A few dead links exist and tabs that take you off page.

Resource information needs to be reviewed and updated, currently information referenced on this page is outdated. Resource

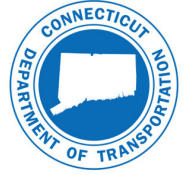
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information should give people access to reliable information of successful CS actions in the state.

Should we make the site more user friendly – Purpose of the site is to make reliable and useful information available to persons/ entities looking to further CS interests. Providing access to resources for entities looking to activate to be a focus.

Overlap with BikeWalkCT to be considered. CTBikePed Dashboard connectivity to be considered.

Disconnects from CTBikePEd Dashboard to CTBikePed page to be submitted.

Links to UCONN T2 site to be included.

Web Presentation to occur at next meeting.

Communications policy with public was discussed. Specific inquiries can be provided references, but Board should focus on how input relates to state wide concerns.

Board to develop a FAQ list – members to come to the next meeting.

Policy of providing direct responses on Facebook was discussed. White paper on Board Communications Policy discussed.

3.4 Membership – bike shop operator needed.

4.0 New Business – District

Rod to Plan 10 year celebration event of CS law in CT.

Board to look into whether commercial vehicle drivers are required to receive training in sharing the road.

Next Meeting – March 23, 2018, 8:45 AM

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