



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING

Friday December 21, 2018, 8:45 AM

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

1.0 Preliminaries

855am start

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Neil Pade (Past Chair), Ray Rauth, Francis Pickering, Tom Branchaud, Al Sylvestre, Sue Smith

Absent

Rod Parlee

Others in Attendance:

Bob Dickinson

CTDOT

Melanie Zymieski

Mike Whaley

1.2 Minutes

Amended November meeting notes to include Neil Pade and Francis Pickering who were on telephone during last month's meeting. Notes accepted by the board.

1.3 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Bob Dickinson

Provided a sample of Dutch Reach Stickers

2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

40 projects approved by bond commission under Community Connectivity program (\$13.5 million)

Letter going out to communities on approvals of projects

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2.2 Bike Walk CT Update

Sue provided handout on “dooring law”
40 states have dooring laws
Suggestions to legislation changes, 5 feet separation from door
RI example of dooring law
Consider starting a campaign with CTDOT
Consider including information on dooring hazards in the Watch for Me CT Campaign

2.3 Watch For Me CT Update

No representative present to provide a report

3.0 Old Business

3.1 2018 Report

- Review draft

The draft was provided in letter form
Reviewed letter version of report for 2018
Discussion on two brief reports
Include an aspirational goal for next year’s report and review next meeting
Are there considerations for incoming commissioner?
Bike ped plan – need for transparent process for bike ped investments and capital plan
Sandy to develop language in beginning of letter for important tools for progress and dedicated path to success
Introduction to new commissioner needed for direct DOT letter
Board to review final revisions via email for mid-January delivery of report
Separate set of recommendations for Complete streets committee (CTDOT) in other letter
New commissioner considerations? DOT related recommendations
Highway design manual revisions by a consultant with public process
Continue complete streets committee
Continue to fund WFMCT
Public safety committee funding
Funding with some focus on first/last mile

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- Next steps

Letter to Redeker thanking for service

Sandy to provide revisions of letters to Board in early January

Send out on mid-January

Consider March 2019 quarterly COG/DOT meeting to present Bike Ped Board activities and annual report

Fact sheets developed in past should be considered to be updated

3.2 Website update progress

Continuing issues with access to website. Domain and hosting fees are recurring. Sue Smith and Brian Kent to work on website resolution.

3.3 Membership

Sandy to reach out to Rep Matt Ritter regarding nomination for absentee board member Doug Dibenedetto

4.0 New Business

4.1 Retreat proposal

To be held at VHB Wethersfield office in February 22nd
Notice meeting for public noticing

4.2 Safety targets

CRCOG/CTDOT targets questioned, concerns
Might want to include a statement on this in the letter to the commissioner

4.2 Proposal to develop bike/ped coalition

Commissioner suggestion for the board to be a statewide coalition.
Board not interested in pursuing further.

Additional business – grant request in Ansonia, request for letter of support from Economic Development Commission. Board is not interested in providing letter of support. Sandy to provide email response.

Adjourned at 10:34am

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Next Meeting – January 25, 2018, 9 AM

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