



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday February 22, 2019, 9 AM
100 Great Meadow Road, Suite 200, Wethersfield, CT

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Board members present:

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Ray Rauth, Tom Brachuad, Rod Parlee, Ken Messier (new member), Al Sylvestre, Neil Pade, Susan Smith, Francis Pickering

Guests:

Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT (telephone)
Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT
Bob Dickinson, South Windsor
Ashley Remmers, VHB

1.2 Minutes

February meeting minutes discussion tabled until next month.

1.3 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

CTDOT

Bike ped plan – two meetings coming march post comments on website with an April 2018 listening sessions for each region and particular advocates
Should be completed within a few months

Complete Streets internal CTDOT committee –
No report, suggestion made to enable Board to attend meeting

Road safety audits

June 7 Summit sponsored by Watch For Me CT

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2.0 Retreat Discussions

Sandy opened the retreat with direction on the intent of the retreat from previous discussions with the intent to follow the following agenda:

- Overview of statutory Requirements
- Discuss successes, missed opportunities
- Brainstorm aspirations
- Input from non-board members
- Narrowing the aspiration list
- Achievability, road map
- Conclusions

The following is a summary of the retreat discussions based up the above:

Q1: What is the status of Complete Streets in Connecticut?

Sticky Notes: Improving; Improving Slowly; Adkphoe (sic) Cycling; Local Ordinances + Policies under development/design; In Progress; Meh; Marginally Improving; In Transition; Latent; Almost half as good as...; Just Starting; Working. Could be bad in winter

Discussion notes:

In the middle

No comment

CTDOT

guidance/understanding

context sensitive

Resources

Holistic

COG outreach

Advocate policy

Moving together local

roads

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Q2: What Does the Public Think we Do?

Stickies: Bring Issues to DMV.; Does not know—no idea.;More than actual; Affect Change; Define Bike/Ped Policy Across CT. ; Help fix specific roadway problems, ; Keep C-DOT in check; Advise government sub--boards (?) on priorities for bike & ped Do they know the Board Exists?; Haven't heard much.; How to let people know what we do;

Discussion: Advocate vs General Public

Learn from other Boards

Unclear to people

Outreach

Education

Motivation

Tour Locations for meeting

Q3: How do We Define what we do?

Stickies: Influence DOT; Guide State in Implementing Complete Streets; By a concept of Urban Complete Streets (Limited); Annual Report; Outreach; Work in Progress; Just a Report? Definition will come from -> Retreat <-; Be the voice of bicyclists & pedestrians to the DOT and Government.

Discussion:

Sell the value of Bike/Ped

Limited to mandate

Connect w/ decision makers

Defined by report

How we choose to define what we do.

Dated legislation? Reevaluate?

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Q4: How well have we fulfilled our mission?:

Stickies: Success with legislation; We're evolving; Good for complete streets but not for all pedestrians/cyclist; Half way there; Grade A – Board exists – Grade B accomplishments; Lack focused mission; Better than we think; To the letter not spirit; Change has been slow; More outreach; Internally good, externally poor; Good start, could it be more impactful?

Discussion:

Would things be different without the board?

Legislative impact.

How to measure success.

Q5: What might we do differently to have a greater Impact?:

Stickies: Be positive, not reactive; Hold meetings state-wide; Improved outreach to public; Focus on equity – Health, Better balance cars/bikes, ped/transit, humans/nature; Fund raising; Find some \$ for us to use; Collaboration more; More legislative interaction; Sell value of C.S.; Think of wider coalitions – CFE, CFPA; Examine how/if you are “promoting programs... Sec 2. (e) 2nd in list; Public outreach for input; Go to lobby day (environmental lobby outreach day)

Discussion:

Get the message to CTDOT

Advance common interest

Address new issues

“Outreach”

Pull advocacy groups together

Reach people

Regional Public mtgs (COGS)

Message to state agencies

Create interest

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Q6: What have you seen in another state that may work here? (i.e. technology, policy, etc.)

Stickies: Beautify roads; Better community driven bike paths ex: Shining Sea Bike Path Cape Cod; Warning to peds of ending sidewalks; Bike friendly driver (CO); Electric scooters as long as they're better regulated; Protected bike lanes; MA: Bring on other state representation; True commitment to vision zero; MassDOT Complete streets design manual; Innovative design guidance; Design for no fatalities; NYC's Vision Zero in our cities.

Discussion:

Invite guests to meetings
Data driven tech
Policy good but need implementation
Context and demographics focus – where should it go?
Assessment informs the infrastructure
Changes in technology & how effects complete streets.

Main Ideas – Wrap Up

Outreach and invite stakeholders to meetings
Move meeting locations
Multi-channel media (Social media, etc.)
Community presentations
Funding Support (grants)
Event attendance

Policy & Guidelines

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3.0 Lunch and Discussion

Next Meeting – March 22, 2019, **9 AM**

Unable to attend? You can still participate:

Using your computer, tablet or smartphone:

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OR You can also dial in using your phone: United States +1 (312) 757-3121

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