



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday March 22, 2019, 9 AM

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

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (chair), Brian Kent (vice chair), Joe Balskus (secretary), Alan Sylvestre, Ray Rauth, Neil Pade, Francis Pickering, Tom Branchaud, Rod, Susan Smith

1.2 Minutes

January notes accepted by the Board. Ray Rauth abstained from approval.

February notes

Question 6 – discussion on composition of the Board based on other state agencies?

Question 5 – go to lobby day – conduct legislative outreach environmental day

Meeting notes accepted by the Board.

1.3 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT

Amy Watkins, WFMCT

Mark Nielsen, NVCOG

Aaron Budris, NVCOG

Gannon Long, Transport Hartford Road to Zero (on the phone)

Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG

Pam Sucato, CTDOT director of government relations

Alicia Leite, new legislative liaison for CTDOT

4.0 New Business – MOVED UP ON AGENDA WITHOUT EXCEPTION BY BOARD

4.1 Issue raised by NVCOG regarding signage in state right of way

Other input from municipalities regarding difficulties in implementing Complete Streets

Mark Nielsen presentation on trail signing – Naugatuck River Greenway – 44 mile trail, 5 miles built today, another 5 miles soon.

Trail sign handbook

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Another grant to purchase signs and deploy
DOT does not approve the installation of the signs as proposed, NVCOG position is that the signs should be installed

Where are the signs proposed? Both Limited access highways, bottoms of ramps and then reinforcing of location on state roads

Attractions signs – state needs policy?

DOT says they do not consider a trail to be an attraction that can be signed as an attraction. NVCOG asserts that a multi-use trail is a transportation facility – is not defined as an attraction – it is a facility

Board noted that these trails are signed as attractions in other states

Highway marking where there is an intersection

Statewide signs – standardized for trails?

Want a policy that recognizes multi-use paths of regional significance – ought to be considered for signage

DOT willing to post signs for trail crossing a state roadway

Discussion on need for a policy on the trail signs across state

Board suggests the CTDOT consider a policy for the signs state-wide – Sandy will contact Mark Carlino to request a meeting so that we can better understand the issues from the DOT perspective and can explore possible solutions.

Rails to trails conservancy guidance on signage

Wayfinding signs are key?

Neil comments

CRCOG Bike Ped meeting – CTDOT District issues should have a bike/ped coordinator?

Communicate with Mark and Colleen as co-chairs of complete street committee as to the issues with District review comments on projects

Pam Succato offered to host a list of concerns regarding training for District engineers

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2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

Active transportation plan – responses to comments provided so far, expect to be completed end of next week – the Board encourages website posting of responses. Inaccuracies in the plan need to be addressed and have not been to date.

Most of regions – last call for listening session for April 2019
Inviting regions to meetings to discuss the active transportation plan (public can attend)

Meeting next month regarding Putnam Bridge design, moving forward

Legislative bill pending for Central CT Loop Trail? Connects Farmington and Airline Trail, to procure funding for trail (100 mile)

2.2 Bike Walk CT Update

Testified on public hearings on bills associated with bike ped issues at state capital
6590 speed limits in municipalities is moving forward
7203 Crosswalk pedestrian safety bill also moving forward

In April – two bike education courses
Workshop for educators for elementary students
Bike ed course, Traffic skills 101 (the prerequisite for the League cycling instructor seminar)

Discover CT tours – announced in next week – save the dates coming

Falls Village, June 23 Sunday
New Britain, Sunday September 15

May 17 Bike to Work Day – old state house Hartford
2020 much more statewide bike to work program

Attended national bike walk summit, will summarize next month

2.3 Watch For Me CT Update

Program joint summit at UNH with bike walk CT, vision zero complete streets, Friday June 7
Panel of towns on implementing complete streets

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Free lunch

Sustainability conference at CCSU April 11, Neil speaking
Amy

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Retreat results

Per our desire to have a meeting at a location other than DOT, the Board approved holding a special meeting on May 10, Friday 9-11 at Omni hotel. This will be in addition to the regular April meeting
Amy to put together one page summary of what the bike ped board does.
Sandy will send out the powerpoint she presented to the COG quarterly meeting

3.2 Presentation to quarterly COG meeting

Sandy attended quarterly COG meeting last month, NVCOG's attendance at today's meeting, came about as a result
Sam Gold is leading committee of COG executive directors and wants to have a bike/ped focused meeting of that group

3.3 Website update progress

2018 annual report is now on the website!
Links have been updated
Board should review the website

3.4 State Bike Plan

See DOT report above

4.2 Other

Regional bicycle plan being done in WestCOG will include a Regional mountain bike trail network

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Next Meeting – April 26, 2019, **9 AM**
Unable to attend? You can still participate:
Using your computer, tablet or smartphone:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/900550389>

OR

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