



## 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

Friday January 24, 2020 9 AM

DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Conf. Rm B

#### **1.0 Preliminaries**

##### **1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call**

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary),  
Neil Pade, Susan Smith, Ken Messier, Francis Pickering

Guests

Charles Tracy, CT Trails Census coordinator UCONN Extension  
Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT  
Bob Dickinson, South Windsor  
Philip Hooker, Guest  
Bruce Donald, CT Greenways  
Chris McArdle, Hartford (telephone)

Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT  
Robert Bell, CTDOT

Kurt Salmoiraghi, FHWA  
Jennifer Carrier FHWA

#### **1.2 Minutes**

Accepted with corrected spelling of McArdle

#### **2.0 Reports/Presentations**

##### **2.1 DOT Projects and News**

Active Transportation Plan – Implementation/Matrix  
Still underway, matrix to track status, will be shared when available

Gold Star Bridge – feasibility analysis of pedestrian and bicycle facility on  
northbound span  
Consultant has drafted a study for pedestrian access across the bridge,  
under review by CTDOT, will be shared with COG when available

CS committee Updates  
Annual Report to be written in February

Community Connectivity  
3 additional Towns moved projects to construction phase,  
Sprague, Essex and Tolland with additional Towns in design

Complete Streets Forum- moving along with UCONN with late Spring/Early Summer event, agenda targeted to municipalities with potential locations to be identified  
Morning sessions for elected officials/staff and afternoon for technical folks doing the work.

Add agenda item discussion at future meeting for Board to consider role in Complete Streets forum

Design Manual updates  
Internal comments to be reviewed internally – expect to review bike/ped supplement on Monday

### **3.0 Old Business**

#### **3.1 Annual Report**

Request that we reconsider speed limit setting legislation  
FINALIZE.  
Distribution plan

Letter to Governor Lamont review and recommendations include revisions as discussed including updating title to 2020 recommendations.

Letter to Robert Bell and Mark Carlino  
Discussion on limited access versus bike access, hasn't been resolved with CTDOT

On a motion by Al Sylvestre, seconded by Joe Balskus, the Board approved both letter/reports as revised.

Board approves distribution of the reports and to be disseminated through DOT legislative office

Board to consider other distributions

**3.2 National Bike Routes** – how to move designation of 1A forward?  
Start with CTDOT regarding national bike route system how to consider moving forward with Route 1/1A route

#### **3.3 Upcoming BWCT Legislative Reception**

DOT being invited to attend, bike parking available

### **4.0 New Business**

**4.1 HAWK** (pedestrian hybrid beacon) signal at trail crossings, revised countdown considerations  
Warning signs for bicyclists should be considered

### **5.0 Input**

**5.1** Input from Visitors (5 minutes)  
East Coast Greenway: path parallel to 189 will break ground in the spring  
Phil Hooker, potential candidate for vacancy for Board  
FHWA to review larger vehicle vs pedestrian crashes and bicyclists on limited highways  
Downhill mountain biking on snow on Powder Ridge on February 2

- 5.2 Watch for Me CT  
Update LPI brochure to be available to municipalities and will be shared with board (attached to these minutes)
- 5.3 Bike Walk CT Update – See above  
Meeting adjourned 10:34am

Next Meeting – February 28, 2020, 9 AM  
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