



## 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 August 28, 2020 9 AM  
This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

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Conference ID: 449 112 358#

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

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

#### Guests

Bill Veronesi, Hartford resident  
Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT  
Jennifer Carrier, FHWA  
Laura Baum, BikeWalkCT  
Robert Bell, CTDOT  
Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT  
Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield resident

#### **1.2 Minutes**

Section 5.1 – vehicle not behicle  
Acronyms should be defined, POCD plan of conservation of development  
Minutes accepted by the Board

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

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

Draft STIP 2021 – bike projects to be considered  
Virtual public info meeting 9/23 at 1 and 7pm  
Provide comments ahead of the virtual meeting.  
Deadline for comments is October 9

Chip seal of state highways  
Pavement management agrees the shoulders are less smooth, and only limited roadways are considered and will keep bikes in mind in the future for concern for bicycle routes

Suggestion that before considered for rural roadway, bike route must be reviewed beforehand – Board suggests it cannot be a bike route that is to be chip sealed.

Motion to send letter to DOT on the chip seal issue  
Secretary to review pavement management  
experience elsewhere

Grant program – EH,OS, Bristol in preconstruction,  
Meriden, Portland and Tolland in construction now

Third round of Comm Connectivity Grants coming  
out, for solicitation package to Town/Cities -  
\$5million

Bollards – new trail design issues  
Maintenance of bollards is a local community issue,  
not DOT

New CTDOT Bureau of Planning Chief - Kim Lesay

Limited access highways – review prohibition of  
bicycles in regulations to determine if amendment  
can be developed per situations. Brian to draft a  
letter in this regard.

Active Transportation Plan – Implementation/Metrics  
Report next month, no response from public  
transportation

### **3.0 Old Business**

3.1 Further discussion of chip seal topic  
Sandy to draft letter from Board to CTDOT pavement management and potential  
alternate methods

3.2 US Bike Routes 1 and 1A, progress, next steps  
CTDOT - Stakeholder group should develop routing and develop through DOT and  
others  
Process needs to be developed by CTDOT? Question as to who is to lead effort

Bike Route 7 is in place in CT, no signs along Route, expectation that signs would be  
deployed via COG

How does the planned route 1/1A get developed and the actual route be developed  
and how does that process happen? CTDOT and COG's involvement is expected to  
be required

Board involvement to include a letter to be drafted and sent to the COG's involved  
with the Route 1/1A to initiate the process. Brian to draft letter

Secretary to review US Bike Routing process with other DOT's that has been done

3.3 Development of Powerpoint  
Tabled  
Value of complete streets to be considered

#### 4.0 New Business

4.1 Rod asked that we discuss how our law enforcement officers are trained in setting up construction zones. Many incidents have occurred due to the lack of adequate site lines for pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders and even motor vehicle operators during construction.

#### 5.0 Input

- 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)  
Bloomfield repaving project on Route 178 from Route 189 to Route 185, with limited accommodations for pedestrians. Priority should be given to projects for pedestrian accommodations.
- 5.2 CT Greenways Council/ECGA  
No report.
- 5.3 CT Trail census  
No report.
- 5.4 Watch for Me CT Update  
Renewing grant for next fiscal year, expecting  
Virtual outreach and distance community engagement underway.
- 5.5 Bike Walk CT Update  
No update.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Next Meeting – September 25, 2020, 9 AM

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