

CT Bike Ped advisory Board: Meeting Friday September 25 Chat

[9:10 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

steve has joined the meeting

[9:15 AM] Norton, Steve (Guest)

Sorry everyone. New tablet, had some issues, just now getting in with audio.

[9:15 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

thanks!

[9:21 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

Need to ensure bike route mapping clearly shows bike routes for future paving

[9:22 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

critical question is shoulders remain rough while roadway becomes smoother forcing bikes into road

[9:22 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

is there an alternative method to smoothing out the shoulders?

[9:25 AM] Bill Veronesi (Guest)

Riding on chip-seal is not just uncomfortable, it introduces significant drag - a big deal on longer trips.

[9:25 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

can we run a roller over the shoulders on the paved routes?

[9:26 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

is it worth sharing the planned paving routes with the bike ped board?

[9:30 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

If there are other approaches that would produce a different result, can a hybrid strategy be developed where that other approach is used on the designated bike suitable routes?

[9:31 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

Rather than an all-or-nothing choice between two methods?

[9:33 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

Great idea - can we get a list of roads and **when** they were done?

[9:33 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

We could then assess from the saddle how the surface changes over time.

[9:37 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

I'll volunteer for that duty.

[9:43 AM] Brian Kent (Guest)

Most of the rural roads require fairly long distance rides and road worthy bikes are the most common on these routes.

[9:43 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

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[9:46 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

sandy we should probably move on to next ite

[9:47 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

item on agenda

[9:50 AM] Norton, Steve (Guest)

Signing out. We will get the list of completed and planned projects pulled together for your review. Have a nice weekend everyone.

[9:50 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

Thanks again Steve, much appreciated.

[9:53 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

Brian, quick thought. how about doing a go pro video of bike ride on shoulder and travel way on the chip sealed roadways? I will try to do with my bike before too cold

[10:02 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

1990s is very ancient for Sam??

[10:04 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

1980s is very ancient for Carl . (laugh)

[10:10 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

Is it possible for Brian to share his screen? Would be helpful to follow the narrative...

[10:10 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

or he can send it as a follow up?

[10:11 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

sounds like a separate meeting to coordinate?

[10:12 AM] Sam Gold, RiverCOG (Guest)

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[10:14 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

Carl - get an ebike!

[10:18 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

This is a **great** idea.

Note: Visuals on-screen would be very helpful for these discussions... ;-)

[10:18 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

i will try

[10:19 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

Nice!

[10:21 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)

Elect Jim Jinks in November!

[10:26 AM] Amy Watkins (Guest)

Sandy and folks, I have to sign off. Nothing to report from Watch for Me CT other than October is Pedestrian Safety Month so we'll be doing some messaging around that. Have a good weekend!

[10:27 AM] Fry, Sandra (Guest)

thanks Amy!

[10:31 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

When Susan Bysiewicz becomes governor next term this will happen through Middletown.

[10:33 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
Where can I learn more about that?

[10:39 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
Quick definition - UPWP?

[10:40 AM] Fry, Sandra (Guest)
Unified Planning Work Program - shows how COGs will spend their federal planning \$

[10:40 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
NPO?

[10:40 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)

MPO

[10:40 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
ah thanks

[10:42 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
Can "we" designate a point person to lead a clear definition of the problem leading to a strategy for solving it? Seems to me as things stand now that could be a good approach...?

[10:42 AM] Balskus, Joseph (Guest)
Sam is the guy. He just needs dollars

[10:43 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
OK - can Sam put something together as a document? There's a lot of stakeholders political and otherwise that should be interested in getting this done?

[10:47 AM] Chris McArdle (Guest)
What is DOT's process for deciding?

[10:53 AM] Sam Gold, RiverCOG (Guest)
Thank you Bob. I appreciate your help with this!

[10:53 AM] Bruce Donald (Guest)
I have to drop off thanks all!

