



## Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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### REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday April 23, 2021 9 AM

This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

## Microsoft Teams meeting

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### 1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Sue Smith, Al Sylvestre, Joe Balskus (Secretary), Neil Pade, Rod Parlee

#### Guests

Aaron Budris, NVCOG

Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT

Kim Bradley, CT Trail Census Coordinator

Bruce Donald, Greenways Council

Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT

Marlon Pena, CTDOT

William Champagne, CTDOT

Dave Elder, CTDOT

Scott Bushee, CTDOT

Ahmed Kadhim, CTDOT

Bill Hogan, CTDOT

Kate Rattan, SCCOG

Laura Baum, Interested citizen, Middletown Pedestrian committee

Bill Veronesi, Hartford

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

Jennifer Carrier, FHWA

Giovanni Zinn, New Haven

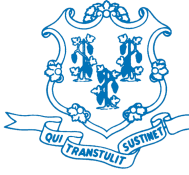
Doug Hausladen, New Hven

Pam Sucato, CTDOT

Adam Weber, New Haven

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### 1.2 Minutes

Adopted March meeting minutes

### 2.0 Reports/Presentations

#### 2.1 DOT Projects and News

Scott Bushee and his DOT team presented design status for the Plainville gap trail project, seeking the Board's feedback. Construction is expected in Spring 2023. The design includes some boardwalk sections. The Board appreciated the opportunity to review the design and supported the design as presented.

Update items requested by Board –

Chip Seal, spring the board would be looking at routes that were chip sealed  
Not encouraging from cyclist point of view for SE CT routes, travel lanes have consolidated but shoulders have not in terms of chips

Active Transportation Plan Implementation Metrics, updating of online active transportation plan map, non-limited access bicycle prohibitions,

Gold Star Bridge – report issued last month for the northbound evaluation, feasibility of enlarging bike sidewalk on the southbound side to be reviewed for the fall 2021, resulting in complete study for all options for expanding accessibility options

Letter from mayor of Groton summarized next steps to be forwarded to the Board.

Community connectivity grant program;  
Norwich, Bethlehem, New Britain, Avon, Oxford, - construction  
Ansonia, Old Lyme – pre construction

Actively collecting maintenance agreements

SHSP update - new emphasis area teams are being formed with the non-motorized – led by DOT Traffic

CTDOT Pedestrian Safety Initiative – will be reviewing safety in assessing community centers (five locations)  
Fuss & O'Neill will be assisting CTDOT with this effort

Bollard reflectivity – No report

### 3.0 Old Business

3.1 Board initiatives for 2021 – further discussion of Board's role with TCI by providing a letter of support of legislation

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Development of board powerpoint – no report

3.2 Implementation of bicycle plan – no report

3.3 HB 5429 – out of committee, expected to be amended in House

3.4 Bulkeley Bridge crosswalks to pedestrian path, no crosswalks to get to the bridge (Hartford side)

#### **4.0 New Business**

City of New Haven presented Route 1 cycle track proposed options for Board review

Chair to share Hartford Main Street complete street plan at next meeting  
Hartford launch electric scooters

#### **5.0 Input**

5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

CT Highway Design guidance, suggests allowing exceptions for lane width for installation of sidewalks

5.2 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

Annual awards ceremony, June 4 in Brookfield

5.3 CT Trail census

2020 count report is available

QR survey to be made available, working very well on trails

Q1 2021 data being processed

Funding coming to close in 2021 to explore funding opportunities or shifts within program to split needs of data

CT Trail Finder project – underway with website development with early June launch, working with CT Outdoor Recreational Alliance (CORA)

5.4 Watch for Me CT Update

No report

5.5 Bike Walk CT Update

No report

Next Meeting – May 28, 2021, 9 AM

With COVID restrictions ending May 19, Board to work with CTDOT on room availability for a hybrid meeting solution (in person and virtual).

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