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REGULAR MEETING

Friday June 23, 2023 9 AM

Hartford Boathouse, Riverside Park (put this in gps)

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Rod Parlee, Al Sylvestre, Brian Kent, Mark Moriarty, Sue Smith, Francis Pickering

Bill Veronesi, Hartford resident
Kim Bradley, CTDEEP
Jennifer Carrier, FHWA
Andrew Guo, FHWA
Dimitri Koutoumbas, OSTA
Anna Bergeron, CTDOT
Charles Harlow, Fuss & O'Neill
Richard Donovan, NVCOG
Martha Conneely, Riverfront Recapture
Bill Champagne, CTDOT
Doug Hausladen, Park New Haven
Amy Watkins, WatchForMeCT
Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield resident
Jay Stange, Transport Hartford
Kate Rattan, SCCOG
Pat Padlo, OSTA
Christopher Roberts, CTDOT
Wendy Mis, Glastonbury Bicycle Advisory Group, Glastonbury Health Department
Bruce Witchen, OPM
Grace Yi, City of Hartford
Steve Mitchell, Bike Walk CT
Raymond Bechard, Bike Walk CT
Kevin Sullivan, Bike Wethersfield
Chris Faulkner, VHB
Jim Kulpa, VHB
Dimitri Koutoumbas, OSTA

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Jennifer Lacker, Bike Stonington
Allison Palmer, Mystic Cycle Center and Bike Stonington
Mike Cherpak, DOT
Melissa Evans, T2 Center
Donna Shea, T2 Center
Mike Zaleski, Riverfront Recapture
Marc Nicol, Riverfront Recapture

- 1.1 Minutes, **May 26** meeting
Accepted by Board, the Safe Routes presentation will be appended to the minutes.
- 2.0 Reports/Presentations
Mike Zaleski, Executive Director, Riverfront Recapture, Welcome and update.
See attached map for riverfront multi use paths in planning/design/ and construction.

Donna Shea, Executive Program Director, Ct Training and Technical Center (T2 Center) Update on Bike/Ped safety related activities

Legislation this session requires that all LTAs take training before January 2024. T2 plans to survey LTA's to determine what type of training is most needed. Based upon the Board's request, they will ask questions related to bike ped safety to determine understanding by LTAs.

Training - Designated LTA or someone designated by the LTA

Speed management training provided to 89 municipalities over 3 years

Completes streets spotlights can be submitted

Safety countermeasures repository is available on website

Melissa asked that the Board let her know of "hot topics" that she might address through her regular newsletters and outreach mechanisms. Sandy suggested right turn on red at trail crossings as a possible hot topic.

Kim noted the usefulness of connecting the T2 Center and the CT Trails effort (both at UConn)

Mike asked if T2 lets towns know about funding opportunities. Donna replied that they send all funding notices to their lists, to make sure they get to the right people in each town.

DOT Reports/Updates

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No update on Gold Star Bridge. Anna will follow up this week with the League of American Bicyclists about the bike friendly state grading rubric. Doing very well on money spending on bike ped, but we score poorly on amount of infrastructure in place and number of people biking.

Anna will request meeting with Commissioner for the board

Legislation discussion

CCM opposed the eminent domain legislation. But this issue may be moot now, the Attorney General is issuing a position (by end of month, expected) that makes this a non-issue. DOT will move forward the projects that have been delayed – REAL PROGRESS!

DOT to study Idaho stop and RTOR

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Final Report – Moving Recommendations Forward

- establishment of a statewide five-year goal of top-ten Bicycle Friendly State status—from our current position of 20th – **Progress of Subcommittee, request for meeting with Commissioner (see DOT discussion above)**
- **survey for local traffic authorities** discussed above with T2 representatives

3.2 Route 146 project update

Ongoing project that the Sandy and Brian are participating in. Next meeting August 22

4.0 New Business

WestCOG

\$4.52 Raise Grant awarded Norwalk to New Milford trail, planning and engineering
Non-federal match will be substantial.

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from COG's and Vision Zero Updates.

SCCOG – bus shuttle working for CTDOT to provide across river between Groton and New London. DATTCO is providing the service because local transit agency did not have capacity.

Shoreline bike route system discussions with other COG's
LOTICIP projects being finished up

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New London project with bike lanes and roundabout

East Lyme – deploying the automated ticketing workzone on I-95. Seems to be having impact.

Expanded bike path will be constructed when northbound span work (2027) is done. This commitment is made, only question is where the improved bike path will be – NB or SB span.

Southbound span being worked on after tanker crash

NVCOG – transportation plan meeting for long range vision

Celebrated opening Naugatuck River Greenway in Waterbury, 2.1 miles, Phase 2 under way in design (for an additional ~3 miles) from RAISE grant last year (total 44 mile project long term vision)

Bruce Wittchen – OPM update planned for July Board meeting to be confirmed

5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Riverfront recapture

Community walking tours being provided, example of Windsor/Hartford connection and park, July 15, 26, August 12, 23

Master planning services being requested

Allison – bike retailer

Rider ship grew 400% in pandemic

Ebike voucher program starting up, limited to 30 bike manufacturers that are certified by UL. They are selling lots of ebikes and see a lot more bikes on the roads.

Cycling without age

5.3 CTDEEP Trails and Greenways:

Rec Trails applications being administered

\$10 million allocated each year for next couple of years by CTDEEP

Bonding in July bond commission to authorize the funding, with expected Fall 2023

Notice of funding availability

Airline state park master plan released

5.4 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

Last meeting interested in being more accessible to the public

Interest in council to coordinate better with CT Bike Ped Advisory Board

Awards ceremony held during trails day weekend

CT Trails Symposium in Torrington, 5 points arts facility, Oct 12, urban hikers why we walk

Calls for presentations shortly

5.5 BikeWalk CT

Steve Mitchell – meeting with Blumenthal on LAB Ranking 20th

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BWCT is now focusing on communities, how to include Towns plans into bike routes

Sept 17 Annual Ride in Bloomfield

Annual BWCT Dinner will be at Hooker Live Nov 2

5.6 Watch for Me CT

CTDOT maintaining commitment to fund program for next 3 years

Website being updated for timely availability of statistics

Event season – out in community, messaging

Partnered with Farmington trails council on safety

5.7 Transport Hartford

GHSA report – 41 year high in pedestrian deaths – high speed multilane arterials mostly

Vision Zero bill support, CTDOT supporting the 169 municipalities for option for deploying automatic speed enforcement

500 on the webinar for the ebike vouchers yesterday

Will need more infrastructure to support ebikes

Asylum Avenue traffic calming meeting on June 29th

Domingo in Hartford Sunday June 25th on Main at Tower

5.8 CT Trails Program

No report

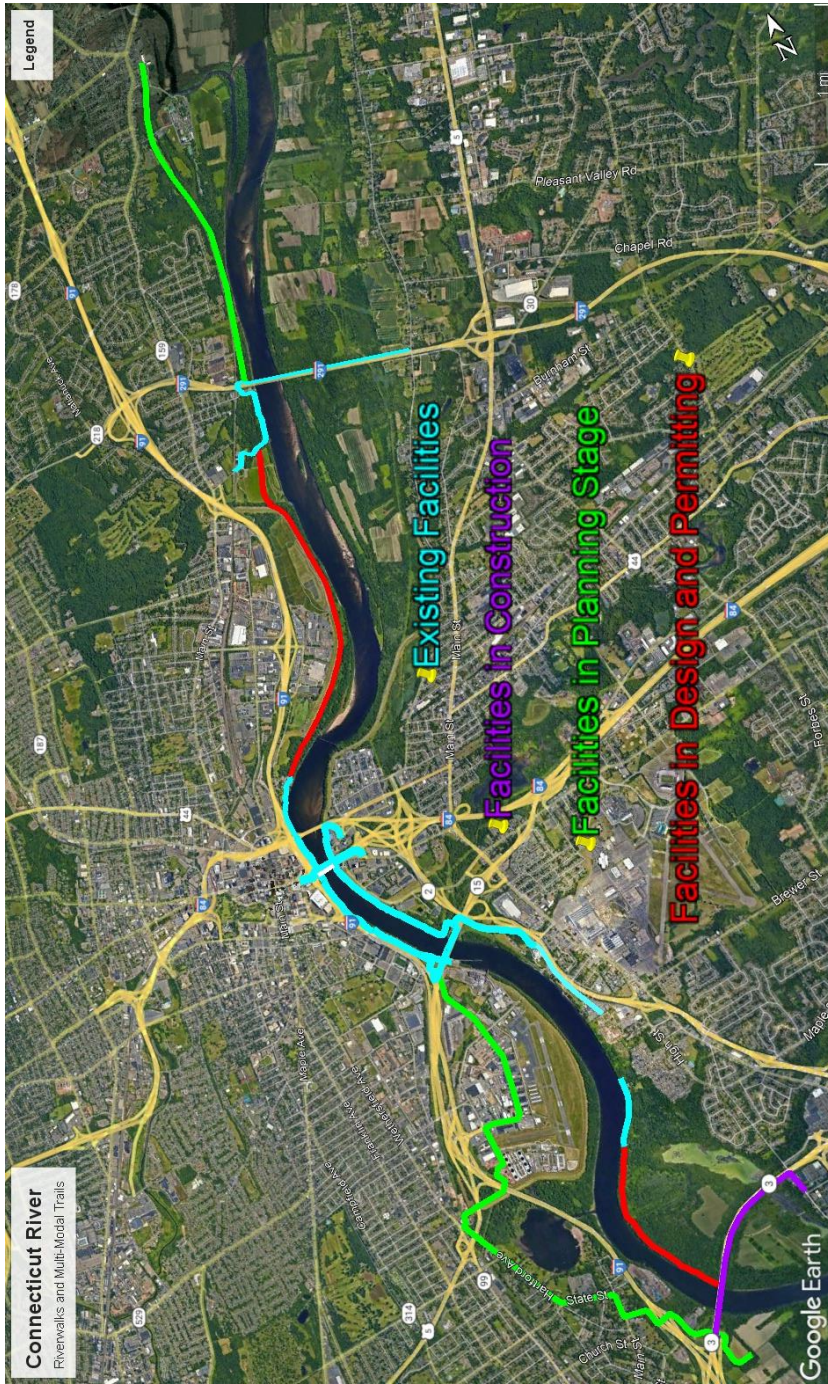
5.9 CT Rail Council

No report

Next Meeting – **July 28**, 2023, 9 AM

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12 MONTH ACTION PLAN

April 28, 2023: Presentation by Erik Jackson, re UConn Crash data

May 26, 2023

Status of our recommendations – progress, need to reach out?

June 23, 2023 At Riverfront boathouse, Hartford;

Presentation by Donna Shea of the T2 Center, T2 activities in BP

Presentation by Riverfront Recapture re their BP activities

July 28, 2023

Possible update from OPM on CT Conservation and Development Policies Plan for 2025-30 (check with Bruce, Rebecca to see if they are able to do this)

August 25, 2023

Election of officers

Presentation on CT HSIP Implementation plan which should be approved by local FHWA office by now

September 22, 2023, in New Haven

Layout legislative asks for following year. After meeting, request meeting with Anne Kleza

October 27, 2023

Layout recommendations for 2023 report, begin compilation of data for tables in report

November 17, 2023 (not the 4th Friday)

Initial draft of report

December 15, 2023 (not the 4th Friday)

Draft final report

January 2024

Finalize annual report and distribute

February 2024

Strategize how to move recommendations forward

March 2024

NOTE: we may want presentations from other groups to be sure our Annual Report includes their work:

Watch for Me CT; CT Age Well Collaborative; OTHERS?

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