



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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Connecticut Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING Tuesday October 22nd, 2013 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Meeting at DOT Headquarters
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111
Room 2141

1.0 Preliminaries (8:48) (5 minutes)
1.1 Call to Order

Present Board Members: Chair Neil Pade, Vice Chair Sandy Fry, Secretary Joe Balskus, Charlie Beristain, Mike Norris, Rod Parlee, Deb Dauphinais

Absent Board Members: Ray Rauth, Francis Pickering, Alan Sylvestre, Tom Gutman

Guests

Kate Rattan (ConnDOT), Dave Head (ConnDOT), Stephanie Scavelli (HART), Bob Dickinson (South Windsor)

1.2 Amendment of Agenda
None proposed.

1.3 Finalization of August Minutes
September meeting minutes – no comments. Post to website. It was noted that the email distribution of the meeting agenda and minutes is no longer wider distributed as before.

2.0 Reports (time permitting) (10 minutes)

2.1 DOT Projects and News

- **Commissioner has received CTBPAB policy, DOT staff reviewing.**
 - **Policy changes take time to ratify, 6 months to 1 year**
 - **DOT goal is to have the policy done next year and before the elections**
 - **Response is submitted to Bureau – policy will be discussed with all bureaus**
 - **Planning has been given the responsibility to review it.**
 - **When it gets to legal/ag's office – Commissioner will make it a priority to get reviewed**
- **Putnam bridge study ongoing final report published in November 13**
- **Ash creek studies ongoing**
- **Meritt Parkway study – was delayed, restarting**
- **Broad Street in Hartford striped with bike lanes with colored green paint to be added next year. Not epoxy.**
- **Sharrows are used on Route 372 in Plainville this past summer. Onroad eastcoast greenway.**

- **DOT strategic plan/transform CT – 12/18 month process. Transformct is public outreach portal. Asking what is working well, not well, other places that can be used in CT**
- **Discussion on transform ct website questions**
- **Should the board provide input as a board to Transform CT?**
- **Rod questions of DOT - Keeney Street project – east coast greenway crosses 384, no marked crosswalk. Sightlines are poor. Current policy that there is poor sightlines.**
- **East coast greenway gap – ends in Manchester, doesn't connect to Bolton. Status of connection, bridge or at-grade xing, etc.**
- **Should stay out of specific projects. Agreed.**
- **Next round of policy changes regarding drainage grates**

3.0 Old Business (8:45)

3.1 Complete Streets Policies (5 minutes) - Development of recommendations for institutionalization of Complete Streets Policies

Discussed. No more recommendations by CTBPAB this year.

3.2 Review of other action steps (15 minutes)

a. Outreach to Chief Elected Officials for Complete Streets implementation at the local level – **Secretary to send final version to Chair for submitting to Towns.**

b. Discuss with SWRPA & HVCEO regional mobility mapping/ development of cross state bike routes that include local roads and transit opportunities
No report.

e. Letters of recognition for Complete Street initiatives
Vice Chair to prepare letter to City of Hartford and give some credit to DOT Highway Design.

f. Presentations to other organizations to promote Complete Streets
Pending.

g. Amtrak correspondence
Letter sent out and on the webpage.

3.3 2013-2014 Annual Report (70 minutes)

a. Discussion on report format and assignments

- **Legislators – coordinate with them on construction workers bill to modify to include bikes and pedestrians. Agenda item for board next year - legislative committee.**

- **Quick summary of recommendations – can just reference the complete streets policy**

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- **Additional ones – legislative initiatives**

- **Recommendations to local municipalities for complete streets**

- **Others outside of DOT**

- **Alignment of state funding programs**

- **Perhaps we reorganize the annual report with just recommendations to DOT, DMV, legislative action, municipalities?**

- **To DOT – specify the recommendations on policy**

- **DMV – update exams, bike drivers manual**

- **Legislative committee – 3 things, DMV, vulnerable user, percentage of safety money for bike ped projects**

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- Four blocks DOT, DMV (bike drivers manual?), Towns/Regions, Legislative committee, general public? Vice Chair to develop draft with these changes.
- Put DOT policy as an appendix.

- Bike friendly businesses?

Section 2 – actions by DOT that affect the bike/ped environment

- Reference DOT complete streets year in review
- Kate to look into project list from fiscal year 2013 and can incorporate accordingly
- Achievements – cut and paste into Section 2
- Replace section 2 with information from Kate and updated text from Mike

Section 3 other State agencies

- Typically we review old agendas and emails and update information
- DEEP and OPM initiatives last year
- State agency bike to work competition – DEEP and DOT commissioners
- Other photos from event can be used.
- T2 center - training
- Should we reach out to Agency spokespersons? DECD? DEEP? OPM? Yes. To get information on their bike ped activities from fiscal 2013.
- Someone get on the web and develop list of contacts for agency spokespersons. Mike to do. Rod to provide CTTransit information.
- Move CTFastrack to DOT Section 2

Section 4 – other activities

- Bike to work day – sandy to write up
- RPA's
- Other items – general knowledge of other activities besides state agencies
- CT Tristate and CT Main Street
- HART plan will be submitted next year, but initiative of drafting will be provided by Stephanie
- RPA's by Neil.
- Recommendations into the four blocks – sandy to do
- Sandy and Neil to work on consolidation.
 - Cover – by Joe

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- b. Documentation of reporting items
- 3.4 Website Design and Content (5 minutes)
No report.
- 4.0 Other Business (10:20)**
- 4.1 Other Policy Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 10:37am

Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment
Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, November 26t, 2013, Room 2141

Goals

- 1) To advance the inclusion of non-motorized transportation design elements in state and municipal road building projects as well as in both public and private development and redevelopment projects
- 2) Support and encourage pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods, commercial areas, employment centers, schools, state and municipal parks, and other designations serving the community
- 3) Integrate and connect the pedestrian and bicycle system with other transportation systems (roads, rail, bus, etc)
- 4) Support government policies and funding initiatives that favor transit and non-motorized transportation
- 5) To facilitate the implementation of the Complete Streets Law

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