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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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Agenda

Connecticut Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday November 26th, 2013 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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

1.0 Preliminaries (8:40) (5 minutes)
Call to Order

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

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

Guests

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

Bob originally came to meeting to ask DOT to install sharrows in some Towns – DOT should consider doing more. Is there any guidance? Kate Rattan replied AASHTO guidance and MUTCD. Under certain circumstances DOT would pay for installation, but maintenance is on the Town. If just by themselves, Town would pay. State roads only.

When state reviews town proposals for sidewalks, do they consider width for sidewalks? – 4' is the state minimum, 5' sidewalks usually provided for commercial areas –. Urban areas go with wider sidewalks often with a paved area that can be utilized for walking.

Amendment of Agenda – skip 3.1 and 3.2

Finalization of October Minutes – copies distributed – any comments or thoughts – sent out

- 2.0 Reports (time permitting) (10 minutes)
- 2.1 DOT Projects and News

Bolton Notch project – tweaked plans in reaction to abutters concerns on pedestrian bridge – concurrence with drive in movie theater property owner

Additional discussion on Bolton notch project – acknowledged that bikes will still have a gap in between route 44 west of the notch and route 44 east of the notch –

**Merritt Parkway bike path study – awaiting public meeting
National scenic byway – almost like a new park – Section 4F issues being reviewed
Due diligence, being done by DOT in-house**

**Legislative fixes for non-access for bicycles on major roadways – deb was requesting a future agenda item on these issues – enough areas warranting a look at?
Consider as an agenda item next year to review gaps in networks?**

Put signs on bike route to show additional way to get around gap in the Bolton Notch

**DOT provided funding for upgrades to airline trail to DEEP in Thompson, repaired trails, existing ROW was very much impassable
From Windham, into Putnam/Thompson**

- 3.0 Old Business (8:45)

Complete Streets Policies (5 minutes) - Development of recommendations for institutionalization of Complete Streets Policies **MOVED TO NEXT MEETING**

Review of other action steps (15 minutes) **MOVED TO NEXT MEETING**

Outreach to Chief Elected Officials for Complete Streets implementation at the local level
Discuss with SWRPA & HVCEO regional mobility mapping/ development of cross state bike routes that include local roads and transit opportunities

Letters of recognition for Complete Street initiatives -

Presentations to other organizations to promote Complete Streets

Amtrak correspondence

2013-2014 Annual Report (70 minutes) **STARTED 9:04AM**

Discussion on report format and assignments

Documentation of reporting items

ASSIGNMENTS FOR FINALIZATION OF THE BIKE PED ANNUAL REPORT

SECTION 1 will be recommendations and written by Sandy Fry

SECTION 2 – specific actions taken by DOT in the past year – JCB

Charlie beristain - 2011 data to be available end of 2013 including fatalities

Summarize at the start of the sections and highlight the major things and then all the detail follows –

SECTION 3 progress made by other state agencies – Mike/Sandy/Kate – Deb to

**assemble and finalize the information from other groups
Collaboration of DOT with DEEP on the NE airline trail**

SECTION 4 -

Sandy will write this up – we want to abbreviate the text and put the details in an Appendix.

Website Design and Content (5 minutes) No Discussion

4.0 Other Business (10:20)

4.1 Other Policy Discussion

Press release should be done for release of report.

Next meeting – have outreach item

Hard copies of report will be needed

Executive summary?

Cover – pictures being considered

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am

Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment

Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, December 17th, 2013, Room 2141

Goals

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

Support and encourage pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods, commercial areas, employment centers, schools, state and municipal parks, and other designations serving the community

Integrate and connect the pedestrian and bicycle system with other transportation systems (roads, rail, bus, etc)

Support government policies and funding initiatives that favor transit and non-motorized transportation

- 1) To facilitate the implementation of the Complete Streets Law