



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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REGULAR MEETING – NOT HELD DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM THE BELOW SUMMARIZES THE DISCUSSION OF THE MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT

Tuesday June 28, 2016, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Room 2141

1.1 Preliminaries

Informal Meeting called to order 835am

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call

Board Members

Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Rod Parlee, Emily Provonsha (phone)

Absent

Neil Pade (Chair), Francis Pickering, Deb Dauphinais, Al Sylvestre, Ray Rauth (foot)

DOT

Colleen Kissane

Melanie Zimyeski

Kevin Tedesco

CJ Strand (Legislative Liaison)

Guests

Bob Dickinson

FHWA

Ken Shooshan-Stoller

1.3 Minutes, May 24, 2016 – no action taken due to lack of quorum

1.4 Input from visitors (5 minutes)

10' vehicle lane policy question, referred to norwalk having 10' lanes

Netherlands - 12' lane in middle, bike lanes on either side

VIP program impacts

2.1 Reports

2.2 DOT Projects and News

- State Bike-Ped Plan

2nd steering committee meeting held, data analysis

Public meetings (5) coming, with one stakeholder committee meeting prior

To be posted on website

Website question (Emily) – interactive bike map tab at top of website – ArcGIS online map will be provided – can submit information via comments tab, but not uploading

No map to be provided until stakeholder committee and public involvement

Trying to collect the most recent data, still underway

- **Community Connectivity Program and Vendor In Place Program**

20+ projects (Towns) reviewed, 3 this week (RSA's)

1st report completed

Once Town's approve reports, then will be posted to website

Program through June 2017

Only one per Town

UCONN TT also does RSA's

In future, Community Connectivity will likely be grants, not requiring an RSA

Still being developed

Vendor In Place Program

All projects are considered in the RSA

Shown on DOT website showing all projects in a Town

VIP – once set, know the costs, signed of in January prior to summer paving

District planner ([Special Services and Planning Manager in each District](#)) have tentative future year paving lists – add to annual report for Towns to be aware of future paving

Every 10 years approximate paving

- **Highway Safety Plan**

Received comments from emphasis teams

DOT comments due 6-30 and will be incorporated and provided to Leidos (consultant)

Couple months for another draft

- **Posting of 2015 Annual Report**

Report is posted and revised links on DOT website

- **Project tracking/ process example**

Review next meeting

- **Other**

DOT update on sample project – postponed until full quorum of board

AMA report on LED lighting concerns noted by Rod

Complete Streets revisions to Highway Design Manual schedule – still underway, discussion on the potential of retaining consultant to assist

Bond commission status for funding for greenway gap to be determined

Putnam Bridge – moving through design as stated last month

2.3 Bike Walk CT Update

Advertised the vacant executive director position

CT Public service announcements with share the road message produced by Bike Walk CT as part of a CTDPH grant.

Bike Walk meeting with Commissioner (today)

3.1 Old Business

3.2 2015-2016 Annual Report Dissemination

Francis to print 30 copies, next month

3.3 2015-2016 Report Implementation/ Monitoring

Email to LTA's to include bicycle report link and link to Patrol Officer handout(Joe)

Meeting request for Commissioner status – pending response

We want to discuss how we can be most effective. It was noted that a couple of states have taken interesting approaches – NY \$110 million pedestrian safety initiative that includes several departments and initiatives including crash data analysis, engineering, education and enforcement. Delaware is using its state bike ped advisory board to help select local projects for funding to plan bike ped projects.

State Board of Education contact being researched – Emily

Francis is to reach out to MPOs

Al is to find a contact with the state police.

Regarding municipal recommendations, we have not determined the best way to reach out to municipalities, other than outreach to LTA's or to provide workshops, like the CCM workshop delivered last year.

Rod and Deb to draft letter to Transportation Committee discussing our legislative recommendations: legislation to change the crosswalk statute to require yielding when a ped is at the crosswalk *(currently says in the crosswalk) and to request that the Office of Legislative Research examine issues related to electric assist bicycles.

Page 8 of annual report on recommendations

Monitoring OSTA process – Joe to meet with OSTA to develop procedure to do this

State police/public safety contact – Al to provide

VU laws – Deb provided previously

DMV – hold off

Municipalities – CCM meeting?

Email to LTA's (Joe) - Point to pages in the report for municipality affected recommendations

3.4 2016 Work Plan

Question for CJ Strand on legislative issues affecting bike ped in the past or planned in future

Red light running cameras being considered in Stamford in school zone areas, we may want to include this as a recommendation in our next annual report. Emily will provide more information.

Consider additional issues for annual report for specific bike ped issues such as No Turn On Red at trail crossings, etc.

3.5 Distribution of Bicycle Laws Handout for Enforcement Officers

Sandy submitted to Farmington Chief and will be distributed to statewide list

Final version on website, will be put on Facebook

- 4.1 New Business**
- 4.2 Review of request for 10' lane policy**
Review of request for review of 10' lane width policy – will be discussed at next meeting
- 4.3 Review of possible presentation with CTASLA**
Will be discussed at next meeting
- 4.4 Annual Nomination of Officers and scheduling of vote for July**
no action taken due to lack of quorum
- 4.5 Annual Schedule/ Location of meetings (discussion)**
No action taken, due to lack of quorum, confirm meeting locations to be Conference Room B.
- 4.6 Bike Tag**
Board members present did not feel that there is a need to have a representative of this company attend a board meeting.
- 4.7 Letters of Recognition**
Letter to DOT recognizing Ray's trek along Route 1 and include findings

4.8 Open Discussion

July Board meeting considered for cancellation – Joe and Sandy will not be in attendance

Can the board communicate directly with OLR to request a review? No that request must come through a legislator

Bradley Overturf presentation to CRCOG and westernCOG– new Miovison system for traffic counting, is able to count bikes and pedestrians

Joe to confirm/clarify DOT counting of bikes and pedestrians for every count

Regular updates on number of bicycles on buses? Rod to confirm

Meeting ended 10:25am

**Tentative Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, July 26, 2016,
1st Floor Conference Room B
(Meeting to be confirmed by Chair)**

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