



## Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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### REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Tuesday September 27, 2016, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Room B

- 1.0 Preliminaries
- 1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

**Board Members:** Neil Pade, Sandy Fry, Deb Dauphinais, Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Al Sylvestre, Emily Provonsha (via phone), Joe Balskus (via phone)  
**Absent:** Francis Pickering, Tom Branchaud  
**DOT:** Colleen Kissane  
**Guests:** Bob Dickinson, Marcy Miller (FHI)
- 1.2 Report from DOT - the DOT report was moved up on the agenda because Colleen could not stay for the meeting. Community Connectivity program continues. Next month's meeting will have a presentation on tracking Complete streets through the DOT process. There is currently a hiring freeze so the Bike Ped Coordinator position will not be filled soon.
- 1.3 Minutes, August 23, 2016, the minutes were accepted with a change in Item 4.3 because officer nominations did not take place yet.
- 1.4 Input from Visitors (5 minutes): Bob Dickinson suggested that legislation related to dooring bicycles be considered. He also reiterated his support for the design manual update defining when 10 ft lanes are acceptable.
  
- 2.0 Reports
- 2.1 State Bike Plan Update (FHI)

Marcy Miller gave the board an update on the development of the new state bike ped plan. The last plan was adopted in 2009. Since then, much has changed and the plan will reflect that. Public meetings for the plan will be held in November, probably in 4 different locations. The vision has been fleshed out, the consultant is currently working on updating the goals for the plan. Marcy asked if the CTBPAB would see a role for itself in the implementation of the plan. Largely the board felt that it could have a role in monitoring the implementation of the plan, but not in actual implementation. We are a volunteer group and not capable of implementation, Bike Walk CT would be more appropriate for implementation tasks. The Board provided this input for the development of the plan:

  - there should be measurable objectives for all goals.
  - the board can help to develop performance metrics language.
  - we want to review the goals when they are drafted
- 2.2 DOT Projects and News  
See Item 1.2 above
- 2.2 Bike Walk CT Update  
The new executive director will begin work this month. The board agreed that we would like to see the executive director serve on the Bike Ped advisory



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### Board.

#### 3.0 Old Business

##### 3.1 2015-2016 Report Implementation/ Monitoring

Al will reach out to the state police

We discussed the recommendation related to ebikes and decided that since so much research has been done by People for Bikes on this topic, and that they are also drafting legislation for CT on this topic, that when we contact legislators, we should reference this work. An email to the legislators who have been most helpful in our work - Bye, Lamarr, Vahey-McCarthy - might be more effective than a letter. Deb will supply the Board with the suggested legislative language. We may want to update our ebike recommendation in our next report, so that we are actually supporting specific legislation.

COPIES OF 2015 REPORT: Francis has not sent these out yet. Unclear why this has not happened.

##### 3.2 2016 Report – recommendations/assignments

Sandy handed out a summary of the recommendations to be considered that surfaced at meetings this year, plus a listing of last year's recommendations. The list of new ideas is below.

- DOT hire a consultant to do design manual
- Board work related to estimating cost of school bus transportation
- State designate funding for SRTS
- Enforcement
- BRT on Route 1 needs better Bike walk access to be successful
- Red light cameras?
- Right turn yield to peds – require this at all trail crossings
- Items from ray's walk?
- Goal to have pedestrian and bike ways within x minutes of all households
- Sales tax dedicated to trails

Ray suggested that the following be added to the list: Every engineer/designer has to walk/bike/use a wheelchair in the project location prior to 30% design.

#### 4.0 New Business

##### 4.01 Election of Officers

On a motion by Deb, seconded by Sandy, the Board voted unanimously to add this item to the agenda. On a motion by Rod, second by Al, the Board voted unanimously in support of the nominated slate from the August meeting: Chair - Neil Pade; Vice Chair - Sandy Fry; Secretary - Joe Balskus.

##### 4.1 Review of possible presentation with CTASLA:

Neil will make this presentation in November

##### 4.2 Review of possible presentation with CT Main Street



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- Neil declined this invitation. If any other member of the Board would like to make the presentation, they should contact Neil
- 4.3 Annual Schedule/ Location of meetings (discussion)  
Tom Branchaud is having difficulty attending meetings on Tuesday's, the Board discussed changing our schedule next year to later in the week, generally there was more availability on fridays. This will be discussed at our next meeting
- 4.4 Letters of Recognition  
Not addressed.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am**

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, October 25, 2016, Room B