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REGULAR MEETING

Friday August 26, 2022 9 AM

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Joe Balskus, Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Tom Branchaud, Mark Moriarity, Neil Pade

Bill Veronesi, Harford resident
Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT
Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG
Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield
Charles Harlow, Fuss & O'Neill
Kim Bradley, CT Trails Program, UConn Extension
Doug Hausladen, New Haven Parking Authority
Kevin Sullivan, Wethersfield
Tony Cherolis
Mary Cockram, Bike Walk CT
Kate Rattan, SCCOG
Kimberley Lesay, CTDOT
Rob Bell, CTDOT
Anna Bergeron, CTDOT
Sara Radacsi, CTDOT
Craig Babowicz, CTDOT
Marlon Pena, CTDOT
William Champagne, CTDOT

1.1 Minutes, June 25 meeting Adopted

2.0 Reports/Presentations

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DOT Projects and News

Updates:

Chip seal – the new treatment has been used as a pilot on those roads chipsealed this year – Route 147 in Durham and Middlefield. Route 302 in Newtown is yet to be done this year. A few roads have been identified for chipsealing in 2023 and the 2024 list is under development.

Update of Active Transportation Plan online map –stakeholder group?
The agreement with the Consultant is not in place yet

Gold star bridge – progress with feas. anal. of improving ex.. pedway?
Southbound widening of the pedestrian way is still under study, there are structural implications. Will be finalized in a few months. Rob Bell reported that DOT has committed to improving the bike ped access on this bridge and if it is not feasible on the SB side, it will be done on the NB side. The state has applied for funding for a NB ped way as part of the Bridge Investment Program.

A question was raised as to how this relates to the I95 PEL (planning environmental linkages) study. The PEL is much broader, but does include this area. A PEL positions projects to move into the NEPA process.

Putnam Bridge on schedule, Fall 2023
Trail approaches being worked on
Update design for the walkway to be done this fall
Decking for walkway will need to be redone

Grant funding discussion – is there a role for the BPAB? It was agreed that the best approach is for the COGs to have a large role in coordinating applications for new federal funding and that at this time there is not a role for the BPAB.

SS4A funding – 35 opportunities on state roads that have come to COG's and CTDOT for review

Community Connectivity grant program, update
\$10 million committed every year
104 grants awarded, \$38 million
27 projects completed
22 in construction
6 waiting for bids – preconstruction
\$13 million spent to date
Norwalk bike lanes - \$6.2 miles on Route 136 long bike lane network on state roads
Beeline Trial New Britain Phase 2 soon

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Hartford – issued ntp for bike lane improvements on Homestead, Tower avenue and other city streets

Next round solicitation in January 2023 and allow more time for receipt of applications – 6 months deadline to submit

Program will be every other year? To be determined but appears to be continuing program

Boxer Square and Franklin Square roundabout awards

These funds could be used to match federal funds

Bulkeley Bridge progress
CTDOT traffic engineering has identified improvements and they are being implemented

Cancellations of bus service should be discussed next month – Anna will provide a report

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Review of Powerpoint, second half (see https://vhb-my.sharepoint.com/:f/p/jbalskus/EnMESmsNf7hKtPJ57tJW2oIBGnvqYCJAW0bZxjw_5uG5OQ?e=GWOE6s)

4.0 New Business

4.1 Discussion of pedestrian bicyclist safety relative to size of vehicles on the road. Can we recommend something to the legislature to address this?

Joe to provide source for recent study of SUV/pedestrian crashes.
Francis to suggest legislation idea for consideration requiring a study of this in CT.

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes) Bob Dickinson reported that the Hawk signal on Route 20 is now operational. Bob said he sees a use for a ppt that is reduced to 5 minutes. Could be shared in local government meetings where input must take no more than 5 minutes.

5.2 Kim Bradley, Greenways/trails Coordination at CTDOT. \$9 million is now available for greenways. The RFP will come out in the fall.

5.3 BikeWalk CT

Annual bike ride discover CT Sept 25 in New Britain

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5.4 Watch for Me CT

Helmets available

Vision Zero Council subcommittee on education – recommendation bike education as a policy for the fourth graders. Mary of Bike walk cT will provide Amy with more information on the 4th grade program developed by Bike Walk CT,

5.5 CT Trails Program- no report, no one appointed yet

5.6 Transport Hartford – No report

5.7 CT Rail Council – No report

Next Meeting – September 23, 2022, 9 AM

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