

CT Bike/Ped Advisory Committee Minutes for Sept 21,2012 meeting.

Members in attendance:

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Call to order at 1:05pm.

1.4) Bolton Notch Gap Design Study - presentation by Ahsan Saghir , Project Engineer. Also in attendance Pete Ellis, Project Engineer. Ahsan presented slides of the proposed design. Estimated construction cost is \$7 Million. Funding source has not been finalized as of yet. Public information meetings will take place in Nov/Dec time frame at the Bolton and Manchester town halls. Richard Stowe suggested a design change calling for substitution of a signalized intersection with a modern roundabout that has bike-ped trail placed under the roundabout.

2.1)DOT Report – Kate Rattan

- Old route 72 was slated for 11 ft lanes -small variations can take place during striping.
- VIP jobs – can't give a summary for lane markings
- M8 rail car bike racks – car 9108 is now in rotation – removed old design rack to install the newer prototype.
- Merritt Parkway – nothing to report.
- ECG – signage – Kate reviewed via computer and Kate/David will physically review before finalizing signage.
- MAP21 programs – continuing with new funding. Florida and Kansas opted out.
- Waterbury/Walmart – Walmart donated 150 bikes/helmets for kids.
- Highway Design Manual – internal committee formed to incorporate Complete Streets.
- Discussion on no right turn on red on roadways with intersecting trail crossings. Dangerous for trail users. We have to decide best way to proceed.

Curbing – Richard Stowe brought up the issue of curbing and the problems it can create for cyclists including improper drainage, narrowing of the bike lane.

Educating and connecting with LTA's - How best to reach out to them was discussed. Office of the State Traffic Commission (STC) is in contact with LTA's . Should STC push out complete

streets to the LTA's. Should local communities advise LTA's of local complete street policies or bike/ ped considerations in local POCD's when work along a state route is proposed? Also UCONN's Tech transfer may have courses for LTA's on traffic calming and complete streets - need to follow up with them.

West Hartford and New Britain efforts to become more bicycle friendly. West Hartford advisory committee has regrouped.

New facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/481797585166434/>) and Web page <http://www.bikewesthartford.org/> , Maps, planning documents, etc are posted on the "files" link on the facebook page. A problem seems to exist in getting the planning organization to incorporate complete streets, but we're working on that.

New Britain – Ray got a call from Mark Moriarty , head of Public Works. His team has decided to make New Britain more bicycle friendly. Maryellen Thibodeau and I met with their team. They have a well thought out plan. We recommended that they create an advisory committee of New Britain cyclists. They did this and our next meeting is Monday Oct 1st.

Helmets on the Rail Tails – Ask CROG if they have any interest in conducting a study.

Discussion on a state-wide survey to gauge bicycle and pedestrian interests. Question raised by NWCOG. 2005 Florida Study was provided as a reference. Decision to invite representative of NWCOG to attend future meeting to discuss the benefits, process, and costs of conducting a statewide survey.

CCM Newsletter – can we get something in their newsletter about complete streets?

Need more discussion on Francis Pickering's recommendations on proposed legislative amendments regarding off-site sidewalks.

ITE is looking for presentations on non-motorized transportation (like cycling) for The 2013 Northeastern District Annual Meeting Technical Program. Meeting will be held the week before memorial day 2013. End of October for submissions. Board members to consider ideas for presentations/ panel discussion that educate ITE members about complete streets.

Board Membership - We have at least 2 openings and many of the existing members have expired terms or will be expiring soon. We need new members if we expect to have an impact of bike/ped issues. Please submit names if you know of anyone that would be interested.

Richard Stowe announced that the September meeting would be his final as a CT bike-ped advisory board member and his resignation will become effective upon submittal of a resignation letter.

Richard was asked to share thoughts about his term; he pointed out progress on two of his major goals, establishing 11-foot lanes on State roads and design and installation of bike racks on M-8 trains. He also expressed concern about the Board's support of RLC legislation. The board passed a motion thanking Richard for his dedication and contributions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM

Charles Beristain – temporary recording secretary.