



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday August 25, 2015, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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

- 1.0 Preliminaries
- 1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call (Welcome New Member Emily Provonsha) – The meeting was called to order at 8:42 AM.
Board attendance: Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Francis Pickering, Neil Pade, Kelly Kennedy, Deb Dephinias, Sandy Fry, Emily Provonsha
Guests: Joe Merrit Bloomfield volunteer, Robert Dickinson Southwindsor volunteer.
DOT Staff: Hugh Hayward, Bill Grant, Colleen Kissane, Kevin Tedesco

Recent Gubernatorial appointee Emily Provonsha was introduced and gave a summary of her background and interests.
- 1.2 Minutes, July 28, 2015 – accepted with the following changes: deletion of the parenthetical reference on top of page 2; Correct spelling of Eric's last name, "Hammerling" 2.2.
- 1.3 Input from visitors:
Mr. Dickinson suggested removing the 1% requirement from the Complete Streets Law. Ms. Kissane explained the 1% documentation requirement has expired, regardless the Department is committed as a performance measure. There was consensus with the Board that the 1% was less than significant as most projects exceeded this requirement prior to the law being passed and since being documented has been exceeded each year.

Mr. Merrit expressed interests in East Coast Greenway, specifically the connection of the Greenway through Bloomfield to Tarrifville Gorge being of great importance and a solution to bike safely through the 189/ 187 area of Bloomfield. Would like to push DOT to move ahead on designing a way to go through the Gorge. Under the law one cannot walk or bike to Tarrifville on 189, yet cyclists go through there and are injured/ killed. Simsbury has committed to go through Tarrifville.
- 1.4 Guest – Hugh Hayward PE, CTDOT Division of Highway Design/ Local Roads Unit
Mr. Hayward expressed the Departments concurrence with Boards interpretation of the Complete Streets Policy in the June 29th letter sent to the Regions, however expressed concern that such messages are coordinated with staff prior to distribution. The Board concurred and it has the same expectation that staff is involved in these reviews.

Mr. Pade asked if the Department would be open to suggestions to amendments of the in LOTCIP Guidance Policy. Mr. Hayward explained revision for a 2.0 update is in the works presently, and it would be appropriate to submit comments within the next 3 months. Mr. Pade is to prepare a list of suggestion for review by the Board in September.

Mr. Pickering raised questions on possible design changes/ prohibitions on certain practices. The Board agreed to discuss this under Annual Report.

- 2.0 Old Business
- 2.1 LOTCIP Guidance Policy, Regional Policies, and DOT Complete Streets Policy (See 1.4)
- 2.2 Bicycle Laws Handout for Enforcement Officers - – Mrs. Fry is revising based on comments. Addition of language on Vulnerable User Law – Ms. Kennedy to help summarize. Draft should be ready in 1-2 weeks. Possible review and action next Month. Intent to distribute to regions, LTA ListServe, BikeWalkCT, and other routes of distribution
- 2.3 Review of Website Updates and Facebook - Discussion on updates of website and posting of content. Long term maintenance issue. Mrs. Fry to summarize changes to website. Ms. Provonsha to review our website and facebook page. Board focus to increase connectivity and dissemination of information to public. Add future discussion on monitoring/ guidelines for posting on facebook. One time offer of Ms. Kennedy to re-organize and set-up webpage with news feeder as a blog. People can subscribe to, and it can feed facebook.
- 2.4 DMV Driver's Manual Updates following adoption of Bike Bill (502) - Update in the fall – DMV to contact us – We will try to get in changes we tried last time and update for new laws.
- 2.5 Complete Streets Training, Workshop, Presentation, CCM-BPAB-DOT - CCM flyer edited and will go out this week. Board to distribute information. Presentation to occur in Glastonbury Town Hall on 9/22/15. Mr. Pade distributed sample materials that would be handed out and asked for comments – no concerns noted. The Board noted the conflict with this event and the regular BPAB meeting. The Board voted to cancel the 9/22/15 meeting and schedule a special meeting for 9/29/15 (Motion by: Secinded by: Vote – Unanimous)
- 2.6 Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan; Non-Motorized User Emphasis Area Panel Peer Exchange; Planning for Peer Exchange Panel - SHSP Summary provided from Mr. Tedesco. Planning for Peer Exchange - Intent to reduce serious and fatal injuries in the state. 0 tolerance for fatal injuries. September 1, Planning Panel; October 7-8, Peer Exchange.
- 2.7 2015-2016 Annual Report Development
- a. Progress with Implementation of 2014-2015 Recommendations
 - E-Bikes - E bikes – subcommittee to come up with a paragraph and summary of issues to be considered. Board to send subcommittee concerns/ comments on E-Bikes. Look to other states. Seek LAB OLR search to study this issue
 - DOT Monthly Progress – reported, to be summarized under 2.7.b in the report.
 - Other
 - b. Year in Review/DOT Section - Joe
 - c. Regional and Municipal Progress – Kelly/ Ray – Mr. Rauth's summary of regional and municipal to was distributed and is to be reviewed. Ms. Kennedy to work on Survey of Municipalities. Ms. Provonsha gave a summary of what is going on in Stamford. Bridgeport adopted CS ordinance West Hartford adopted CS ordinance.
 - d. Recommendations to Legislators – Deb - SRTS funding extended. Review of VU Bill
 - e. Recommendations to DOT – Sandy - Have a transparent process of awarding funds for trails development. Policy for access on limited access roadways.
 - f. Recommendations to other State agencies – Alan – No Report
 - g. Recommendations to Municipalities – Ray and Kelly – See 2.7.c.
 - h. Recommendations to Regions – Ray - See 2.7.c
 - i. Recommendations to Board – Neil - Kevin to request update of Implementation of CS policy procedures 1-7 and schedule of Meetings for Complete Streets Steering Committee.
 - j. Laws and Regulations progress – Sandy
 - k. Proof and format – Rod - Emily
- 2.8 Letters of Recognition
- 2.9 Officer Elections – Mr. Rauth made a motion to approve the slate of officers nominated in July. Mr. Parlee seconded, Vote unanimous.

- 3.0 New Business
- 3.1 Vulnerable User's Subcommittee – See 2.7
- 3.2 Bloomfield Greenway Multi-purpose Trail/ Bicycle Access on 187/189 in Bloomfield - Mrs. Fry explains the context of Route 189 relative to the location of the trail and cycling patterns through the area and how to make the connection without having to use a limited access roadway. Tunxis Avenue at Blue Hills is where 187/189 run coincident northward. Two options, 1 make highway safer, a long term project, 2, complete the trail.

Mr. Rauth – focus of the Board should be on larger issues, in this case, the larger issue is what to do with limited access roadways. Other stop heavy's like this are discussed, SR 384, SR 7 from Ridgefield to Danbury, SR 99 and SR 9 in Middletown mentioned as examples.

Focus should be on a means of safe passage through areas of limited/ non-access. (Stub highway problems)

Ms. Kennedy - If completing the East Coast Greenway is a state priority, then a list of priority trails should be defined/ available that is subject for bonding.

Issues to be considered for possible inclusion in Annual Report or drafting of a specific letter referencing the issue and a collection of projects.

- 4.0 Reports – No discussion
- 4.1 DOT Projects and News – No discussion
- 4.2 Bike Walk CT Update – No discussion

Adjournment 10:38 AM

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, September 29, 2015, Room 2141

Teleconference: recurring every 4th Tuesday 8:15-10:45AM Call In Number **877-417-2950** PASSCODE: **94833**