



## 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

Tuesday March 22, 2016, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM  
DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111,  
Room 2141

- 1.1 Preliminaries
- 1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call 834am

Sandy, Joe (phone), Deb (phone), Emily (phone), Rod, Ray, Kelly (phone)  
All arrived at 8:55am

Colleen Kissane, Kevin Tedesco DOT

Bob Dickinson, Guest

- 1.3 Minutes, January 12, 2016  
Accepted minutes from December and January

- 1.4 Input from visitors (5 minutes)  
Bob Dickinson discussed the presentation that Craig Della Penna gave in Bolton. Craig is a real estate agent with a strong interest in trails and has worked with land trusts and conservancies to purchase old rail right of way that has been lost, and then separate the ROW from the larger property so that it can be used for a rail trail. He also talked about the economic benefits of trails, particularly with respect to property values.

- 2.1 Old Business
- 2.2 2015-2016 Annual Report Dissemination

We may want to work at our distribution. We do know that the report went to at least one first selectman – in Fairfield, who shared the report with the state legislator for the area.

Sandy agreed to send the report to the state's MPOs.

Joe will send to LTAs – the DOT (Colleen) can provide us with a list of LTAs with email addresses

The cover emails that Sandy and Joe use will be distributed to the entire board as they may be useful for further distribution.

Francis offered to print some copies of the report, Sandy will follow up with him to see how many copies he can print. Colleen estimates that at most DOT can print a dozen. Print copies can be useful for handing out.

Each board member should consider how they can get the report out to their networks.

- 2.3 Bicycle Laws Handout for Enforcement Officers  
Edits made by Sandy based upon discussion at our last meeting. Kelly will send Sandy additional comments. One thing we need to resolve, what email address do we want to

use for the Board on this document? Sandy threw in a mock email address. The handout references a Share the Road brochure that is available from CTDOT. This will cover the current brochure or any updated brochures. Kelly will talk further with Kevin about getting copies of the new BWCT share the road brochure to the DOT. The patrol officer handout will be kept very plain, no graphics because it is not designed as a brochure for the general public. The share the Road brochure is intended for more general distribution, and BWCT has that covered.

### 3.0 New Business

- 3.1 2015-2016 Report Implementation/ Monitoring: We discussed the first few recommendations for the Board: 1) Monitor progress with CS implementation: Rod suggested that the DOT provide us with information on a single project so that we can see how the bike ped checklist was used, how decisions were made, in accordance with CS. He suggested a particular project in Bolton. Kevin and Colleen will investigate to determine if this would be a good project to track or if there might be a completed project that would help illuminate the application of CS. 2) Monitor the Vulnerable User Law: Kelly agreed to work with the legislature to see if she can get a legislator to request OLR review of the law. Deb said she would research VU laws in other states. Emily volunteered to look into enforcement of laws relative to pedestrian right of way, including red light cameras. 3) Bike Share programs – New Haven has an RFP out for bike share. Stamford recently had a good discussion of bike share, the Board will monitor these developments.
- 3.2 2016 Work Plan (see 3.2)
- 3.3 Letters of Recognition – none suggested at this time
- 3.4 Membership/ Appointment Status – those whose terms have expired were asked to contact their appointing authority. The governor would like to appoint someone to fill the mobility impaired slot. If anyone has a suggestion, they should send the information to Neil who has been working with the governors office on this.
- 3.5 Discussion on HB 5403 and 5185: 5185 is dead, 5403 just needs to go onto the calendar to be scheduled for a floor vote. Kelly is reaching out to legislators to try to get the bill amended to fix the “in crosswalk” changed back to “at crosswalk”. The committee discussed enforcement of violations of ped ROW and would be interested in seeing data on just how much enforcement is actually done today. The proposed bill allows police to assess higher fines (currently \$90, will be able to go to \$500), but does not impose the higher fines. This allayed some concerns of board members.
- 3.6 Discussion on Connecticut Greenways Council: the group decided that at this point there is not a need for a joint Greenways Council/BPAB meeting. The state bike ped plan, now under development, will bring together trail plans and CS efforts to create a complete statewide network.
- 3.7 2016 Step-It-Up Walkability Institute – this is an initiative of the Centers for Disease Control, CRCOG successfully applied to participate and next month Neil will be with the team in Atlanta for a workshop.
- 3.8 2016 Alliance Benchmarking Report – this is a great resource, compares all 50 states. It may give us some direction for recommendations next year.  
<http://www.bikewalkalliance.org/resources/benchmarking>

#### 4.0 Reports

##### 4.1 DOT Projects and News

- Colleen noted the department is down staff and cannot commit to attending our meetings going forward. She will be the attendee, if anyone attends, and would appreciate it if we can let her know just when in the meeting we need her. Going forward, members need to arrive on time, Sandy can use her pass to bring everyone upstairs, and Colleen can attend for the last 15 minutes to give the DOT update. She also asked that we be more timely with minutes and agendas for web posting.
- State Bike-Ped Plan – next stakeholder meeting will be in May, with public meetings following. Emily suggested that one of the public meetings be focused upon trials groups, that it would be helpful to get successful groups, and those that have not had much success in getting their trails built, together. This will be considered
- Community Connectivity Program – 82 towns submitted over 120 applications. Kevin will be on this project fulltime and will not be able to attend our meetings.
- Highway Safety Plan – this is moving along
- LAB is rethinking its state survey, may not rank the states as they have done in the past.

##### 4.2 Bike Walk CT Update

- Annual Summit will be Friday June 3 with Mark Fenton. The day before Mark will do an workshop on pedestrian assessments.
- Most of Kellys focus is on getting HB5403 passed.
- Kelly will be attending a meeting to discuss the Madison rail Trail

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, April 26, 2016, Room 2141