



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 MEETING NOTES

Tuesday April 26, 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**

Gathered at 833am

Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Ray Rauth, Deb Dauphinais, Rod Parlee, Francis Pickering, Al Sylvestre

Absent – Neil Pade (Chair)

Guests

Kevin Tedesco, DOT

Ken Shooshan- Stoller, FHWA (on the phone)

Visitors

Bob Dickinson

- 1.3 Input from Visitors: Bob Dickinson asked about sidewalk width standards – DOT has 5', do Towns have standards? Bob was referred to internet search for example municipalities

1.3 **Minutes, January (March) 12, 2016**

Accepted with minor text edits (spelling) - trails (trials) and noted that DOT was to provide example project and the following:

2.1 **Reports**

2.2 **DOT Projects and News**

- State Bike-Ped Plan

Moving forward. Steering committee meeting on May 5th in morning, outreach being scheduled (stakeholders),

Small, mid and large Towns (by population)

Meeting with bike advocacy group and greenways council

- Community Connectivity Program

Moving ahead – 5-6 RSA's completed (road safety audits)

Towns notified if they submitted (returned to the applicants), signed letter from Commissioner
81 Towns submitted RSA applications. Each town has been awarded an RSA, but no town will receive multiple RSA's.

- Strategic Highway Safety Plan

- Draft out to steering committee, comments to be provided by today at noon

Putnam Bridge approaches – DOT moving forward, initiated design, survey underway, starting design

\$3.2 million bonded, already being used for both Putnam Bridge and RSA projects underway now and the New Haven Cycle Track project. Per a Board member's question regarding a Senator asserting that funding for the Putnam Bridge approaches has been pulled back, DOT is unaware of this and is proceeding forward with the project.

Greenways council and Goodwin College submitted phase 1 and 2 for grant process to link up trails to Putnam Bridge

A Connecticut version of the Street Smarts booklet is not likely to be republished soon due to limited staffing. Draft text had been developed by staff and reviewed by the Board, but new text changes are needed for the 2015 statute changes.

DOT Bolton Gap bike path project funding questioned, will determine for next meeting

Bike path crosses intersection and no turn on red restrictions being mandatory discussion

Highway Design Manual: nothing to report.

2.3 **Bike Walk CT Update**

Sponsoring bike to work day in Hartford May 20; The Bike Walk CT website will announce bike to work events from around the state. Organizers can fill out a form on the BWCT website for this purpose. Stamford, Hartford and West Hartford events have posted.

BWCT is hosting a summit June 2 and 3. June 2 will be a walk audit training, accepting applications for participants in walkability audit in community

Friday session is June 3 at CCSU. Both days will feature Mark Fenton, a nationally known and inspiration speaker on the topic of walkability.

More details are at the BWCT website.

3.1 **Old Business**

3.2 **2015-2016 Annual Report Dissemination**

Sandy sent out to COGs and will provide cover letter to board

Joe to send out to LTA's (get list from Colleen Kissane) and send out cover letter to board
Sandy to confirm that the report will be posted on the DOT Bike Ped dashboard (where the 2014 report is posted).

Discussion of getting printed copies – DOT had said they might be able to print a dozen copies, but are now unable to do so. Francis can make some copies, we requested that he bring 30 copies to the next meeting.

3.3 **Bicycle Laws Handout for Enforcement Officers – FINALIZE**

Sandy provided final version with minor edits, and email address to be confirmed and then to be published

In addition, Drivers Manual update previously provided by Sandy in email, many edits included, more to come in future revisions (roundabouts)

3.4 **Discussion of Legislation – HB5403**

Passed the house, pending for senate. The Board will not take action on this as it does not align with any of our annual report recommendations.

4.1 **New Business**

4.2 **2015-2016 Report Implementation/ Monitoring**

Rod noted that he had raised an issue last month (see Item 3.1 in March Minutes) regarding tracking a project through the process at CTDOT to see how CS is applied. Sandy will reach out to Colleen and Kevin to remind them that they were going to report back to us on this.

4.3 **2016 Work Plan**

Draft chapter of the SHISP reviewed and initial comments by Sandy and Emily considered by the Board

Sandy to incorporate changes discussed by the Board and will submit to DOT on behalf of the Board

A few items were raised as future discussion items – can vehicle registration fees be used to improve safety (per the European model). Should the board discuss roundabouts at a future meeting? Should the state prohibit right turn on red at all trail crossings? Should there be a policy regarding marked crosswalks at all trail crossings (eg Keeney Street.)

4.4 **Letters of Recognition**

Ray to provide a recommendation to board at next month

Francis Pickering to propose draft letter for John Peterson, New England Mountain Biking Association. There was some discussion as to whether mountain bike trails are under the board's purview. More discussion to come next month

4.5 **Open Discussion**

As the Post Road has been identified as the most dangerous road for pedestrians in the state, Ray Rauth will walk along the Post Road from Greenwich to Westerly RI this summer. He will make note of safety issues and try to bring attention to the safety record of this road. Add to next month agenda.

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, May 24, 2016, Room 2141

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