



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Volunteer board members advising agencies of the state on policies, programs, and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.



2800 Berlin Turnpike - Newington, CT 06111-4113
ctbikepedboard@gmail.com

REGULAR MEETING DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Tuesday May 24, 2016, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Room 2141

1.1 Preliminaries

Called to order 834am.

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call

Neil Pade (Chair), Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Baskus (Secretary), Rod Parlee, Al Sylvestre, Ray Rauth, Francis Pickering, Deb Daphinaus, Emily Provonsha

DOT: Kevin Tedesco

Guests:

Bob Dickinson

Chris Squires

1.3 Minutes, April 26, 2016

Accepted by Board.

1.4 Input from visitors (5 minutes)

Chris Squires from Bike Walk Coalition inquired about the status of the Rentschler Field bike trail.

2.1 Reports

2.2 DOT Projects and News

- State Bike-Ped Plan

2nd steering committee reviewed vision and goals and refine overall vision of plan, then routing/mapping exercise and had outreach meeting, all minutes posted on www.bikepedplan.org website.

Map heading towards a planning document

Next meeting in midsummer

- Community Connectivity Program

Underway, DOT and Consultant reaching out to towns who applied, and all towns that applied will have at least one RSA completed, hoping to do 2-3 per week
General requests have been corridors and many on state routes, some are specific intersections

2nd part of program – meeting next week with steering committee (June 3), regions, towns and members of board and DOT staff in process to figure out how to move these towards construction projects

- Highway Safety Plan
Moving forward, steering committee from non-motorized users, consultant incorporated comments and has draft to be submitted shortly
- Posting of 2015 Annual Report
Colleen working with Commissioner on publishing of report on DOT website
Posted on CTBPAB website
Put link on our website
- Project tracking/ process example
DOT is working on this effort and will have an engineer come to next meeting to show complete streets process and how it works within DOT
Board requested a typical project showing how complete streets were considered, such as bridge/culvert project examples and a repaving project
- Other
Next month meeting – time for founder of bike tag, device attached to bicycle that links up with strava and similar things as app, crash detection, texting alerts and reporting of hazardous conditions, senses impacts and sends text to family. The Board asked that DOT provide us with a link to the company's website and the Board will consider next month if we want a presentation.

DOT has just begun thinking about this and it might become a small pilot?

Putnam Bridge moving forward, met with Goodwin College as a possible additional north route along the river to Charter Oak Bridge

Gap closure funding, no report, but all State funding at risk with funding situation

Rumble strips along State routes list – is DOT considering bike routes in the implementation? Kevin believes this is the case and expects that the rumble strips will be bike friendly designs. He will check into this.

Suggestion for DOT/OSTA to assess bike path crossings at intersections for restrictions of RTOR – the Board will consider this as a recommendation for our next annual report.

Leading pedestrian interval approved by OSTA Tresser at Washington Blvd in Stamford. This is the first LPI approved in the state.

2.3 Bike Walk CT Update

Bike Walk is looking to do more outreach and holding meetings in other Towns. Currently they are without an executive director, they expect to fill the position on a parttime basis. BikeWalk Summit – June 2 walkability workshop and June 3 at CCSU

Kelly and Tom Gutman are no longer serving on the CTBPAB, so 2 positions open on CTBPAB

Mobility impaired position needed to fill role on CT Bike Ped Board

3.1 Old Business

3.2 2015-2016 Annual Report Dissemination

- Need 30 copies to be provided (Francis)
- Send email to board for LTA (Joe)
- Discussion with DOT on recommendations from annual report
- Need to develop action plan to ensure implementation of the recommendations

3.3 2015-2016 Report Implementation/ Monitoring

Reviewed board members monitoring recommendation implementation

- Sandy to arrange meeting with DOT Commissioner and Bureau Chiefs to review annual report recommendations and implementation efforts
 - Emily to find contact at State BOE for consideration
 - Francis to reach out to MPO's
 - Rod/Deb to review legislative action recommendations and draft a letter to transportation committee members.
 - Monitor OSTA process (Joe)
 - Al will look for a contact at the state police for consideration
 - Deb has already located information on VU laws in other states
-
- Outreach to towns - Stamford developing Complete Streets Manual – hoping to adopt NACTO Manual, potentially would like a training similar to the session we presented to the CCM. Neil will send Emily a copy of that presentation so she can determine if it will meet her needs.

3.4 2016 Work Plan

3.5 Bicycle Laws Handout for Enforcement Officers – Distribution

Completed and emailed out to Board

Add to LTA email distribution on annual report, consider participating in future police chief conferences. Each board member should try to share the report with their Town's police chief.

3.6 Discussion of Legislation – HB5403

Passed by legislation, not yet signed, allows higher fines for violators

4.1 New Business

Safety Markings use of stripehog is desired in Stamford, however CTDOT not approved. Emily inquired who to contact at CTDOT. Joe to provide a contact to Emily.

Things for 2016 annual report to consider: red light cameras, leading pedestrian intervals, split phase traffic signaling, acceptable (desirable) levels of service

Ray reported on his planned Route 1 walk across CT starting in June 13.

DOT complete street recommendations, consider State bike plan provide demonstration projects

CT Transit employee newsletter showcases pedestrian safety

CTDEEP soliciting comments for green plan update – due June 1

WCCOG doing regional traffic counting program and will include bike and ped (summer 2016)

4.2 Letters of Recognition

John Peterson letter to be drafted by Francis

Town of Simsbury consideration as well

Unable to attend? You can still participate:

Using your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/900550389>

OR

You can also dial in using your phone:

United States +1 (312) 757-3121
Access Code: 900-550-389