



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 NOTES

Friday March 27, 2020 9 AM

This meeting was held over skype:

860.271.7040,,591488# (Connecticut)

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary),
Neil Pade, Susan Smith, Francis Pickering, Alan Sylvestre, Tom Branchaud, Rod Parlee, Ken

Messier

Guests

Bill Veronesi
Charles Tracy, CT Trails Census coordinator UCONN Extension
Laura Brown, CT Trails Census coordinator UCONN Extension
Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT
Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council

Robert Bell, CTDOT
Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT

1.2 Minutes

Board accepted the February meeting notes.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

DOT teleworking and using MS Office 365
Complete streets forum postponed from June

DOT sent Francis recommendations on bike shops as essential businesses to Governors office

Active Transportation Plan – Implementation/Metrics

Sent out to board members, should always have a copy available at meetings
Discussion on section 2.3 of plan, more attention should be paid to on road bicycle road network (reference to 2.4 and video log of state trails)
Spread sheet summary tracks the active plan as it was issued in 2019
On road bike route items are also in plan in other areas such as VIP paving

If want to add something to ATP matrix, we should keep a running tally of other places where we think is missing for the on road network to be enhanced and discuss with CTDOT in future

Robert reported that the DOT is proposing to use some federal funding to contribute to an online trail resource. If successful in obtaining the funds, the project would begin in FY21.

Gold Star Bridge

Feasibility analysis of pedestrian facility on northbound span – no update

CS committee Updates, Annual Report, Complete Streets Forum

No changes planned by CTDOT at this time. A sidewalk policy was mentioned in the annual report, but nothing has come out of the working groups on this yet.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Annual Report distribution status

Will be distributed to Board members

Need to consider other distributions such as LTA, Neil to provide list

Francis to distribute to COG's

Has been distributed to CTDOT executive team and responses to recommendations will be provided by CTDOT

3.2 Development of Powerpoint

Pending development by Chair, draft for April Board meeting

3.3 US Bike Route Designation – next steps

Bike ped board desires to be part of the committee with CTDOT with one member CTDOT hasn't set up the committee yet due to the teleworking still being set up for CTDOT employees

Send map file from Brian Kent to CTDOT Projectwise

3.4 Bicycle prohibition on non-limited access roadway segments

No update

4.0 New Business

4.1 No update

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

CT Greenways Council – Legislature as approved CT Rec Trails Bonding (\$3 million), RFP to be issued with new projects being considered, organizations looking for grants should consider applying

State Bonding Commission has yet to approve

CTDEEP Rec Trails website will be posting the RFP

East Coast Greenway has projects moving forward, New Haven Phase IV delayed and being rebid (removing Olive Street) due to all bids being overbudget

5.2 CT Trail census

Charlie Tracy – 3 updates

Released data reports on 2019 trail counts, survey findings, and impact of Hop River Trail connection to CT Greenway, available on website

Bike ped monitoring on and off road – New England meeting September 29

Webinar presentation on April 1, 1pm

Still River Trail closed because of popularity and social distancing requirements

New data visualization tool up and running

Reconnaissance being done for statewide trails website

5.3 Watch for Me CT Update

Still working for media push around Memorial Day

All events are cancelled, Yard Goats end of May pending

5.4 **Bike Walk CT Update**

Proposed house bill 5324 includes bundle of bike ped legislation, March 2 public hearing held, 10 legislators signed on as co-sponsors

56 submitted written testimonies

National Bike Summit (mid-March) canceled, virtual meetings and webinars held instead, March 17 participated in lobby day (US CT legislators participated)

Discover CT Bike Tours being rescheduled

April 1st Susan Smith is being furloughed due to financials

Rod - Sustainable CT encourages a complete street policy in your Town, should be included in powerpoint presentation

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am

Next Meeting – April 24, 2020, **9 AM**

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