



## Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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### REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday May 29, 2020 9 AM

This meeting will be held over skype:

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860.271.7040, 6330161# (Connecticut)

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

Guests

Bill Veronesi

Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT

Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council

Bill Champagne, CTDOT

Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT

Bill Young, BikeWalkCT

Jennifer Carrier, FHWA

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

#### 1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

#### 1.2 Minutes

March 23, 2020 minutes accepted

April Board meeting was cancelled

#### 2.0 Reports/Presentations

#### 2.1 DOT Projects and News

Active Transportation Plan – Implementation/Metrics

No report update, meetings being arranged

Gold Star Bridge – feasibility analysis of pedestrian facility on northbound span – No report, concern expressed by the Board that no updates have been provided and delays will extend past construction start

CS committee Updates

No information on next meeting, last met in March, expected to be this summer

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### Grant program

Community Connectivity grant – construction projects in the following Towns expected to go to construction:

- Tolland
- Bristol
- Meriden
- Simsbury
- West Hartford
- East Hartford
- Wolcott
- New Britain

### COVID related activities

Automatic pedestrian phase issues discussed for Albany Avenue and other locations

### 3.0 Old Business

- 3.1 Annual Report distribution status  
Forwarded to additional distribution lists
- 3.2 Development of Powerpoint  
Tabled to next meeting, Chair to resend
- 3.3 US Bike Route Designation – next steps  
Discussion of project champion and suggestion that CTDOT, SECCOG and East Coast Greenway meet to discuss. FHWA will support
- 3.4 Bicycle prohibition on limited access roadway segments (update of earlier 2017 discussion)  
Melanie to request update from Traffic

### 4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Discussion on congestion on bike paths and trails and potential closures.

### 5.0 Input

- 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)  
Bob Dickinson - 2.5 miles of side paths on Day Hill Road promote idea of not just talking sidewalks and multiuse side paths be considered whenever putting in infrastructure
- 5.2 CT Trail census  
No report
- 5.3 Watch for Me CT Update  
IPC/UCONN/CTDOT to analyze impact on roadway fatalities and

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speeds, pedestrian fatalities have decreased, but roadway fatalities have increased per VMT

### 5.4 Bike Walk CT Update

Bill Young – 2020 schedule of events being reconsidered with expected cancellations and postponements  
Working with UCONN extension service on possible video education projects  
Earlier start to work on the 2021 legislative agenda given event cancellations

BikeWalk Bolton – held a virtual trails day along the east coast greenway in Bolton; received feasibility study for lighting for I-384 tunnel from UCONN. CTDOT/CTDEEP agencies involved and will need to approve. Hoping that DOT will pay for ongoing lighting costs (some precedent for this)

BikeFriendly America – applications from South Windsor and Madison received

East Coast Greenway –  
7 Crossings project – on Airline Trail in Pomfret/Putnam – 3 culvert tunnels and 2 bridges and at grade crossings, \$5 million project, just started construction – Transportation Alternatives project funding

All events canceled for year including NYC to Philadelphia, rescheduled for 2021  
CT Ride the State canceled for June

FHWA –  
Starting in June kicking off STEP UP campaign  
Reducing fatalities under three categories:  
Dark conditions, Midblock Crossings and Vulnerable Pedestrians

Meeting adjourned at 10:14am

Next Meeting – June 26, 2020, **9 AM**

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