



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday May 28, 2021 9 AM

This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Guests

Aaron Budris, NVCOG
Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT
Kim Bradley, CT Trail Census Coordinator
Bruce Donald, Greenways Council
Marlon Pena, CTDOT
William Champagne, CTDOT
Dave Elder, CTDOT
Kate Rattan, SCCOG
Laura Baum, Interested citizen, Middletown Pedestrian committee
Bill Veronesi, Hartford
Bob Dickinson, South Windsor
Jennifer Carrier, FHWA
Doug Hausladen, New Haven

1.2 Minutes

April meeting notes accepted by the Board as presented.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

Update on Departmental reorganization and impact on bike ped coordination
Reorganization underway with more changes before 2022
OPM not necessarily refilling all vacated positions
Sustainability and resiliency unit formed
Research unit (Melanie Zimyeski leading this)

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Performance management unit
Congestion management unit
DOT Planning point of contact for Board will be Anna Bergeron going forward

Other Update Items

Maintenance chip sealing issue being reviewed by DOT and accumulating data from COG's and reviewing with maintenance districts to match up with on road bicycle networks to minimize chip sealing those roadways

On recently chip sealed roadways, shoulders have not become smoothed like the travel lanes, DOT still evaluating and considering smaller aggregates for shoulder areas

Also suggested was not chip sealing the shoulders, unlikely to be considered by DOT Maintenance

DOT is reviewing chokestone aggregate to be considered in future

Goldstar Bridge – no update

2.2 **City of Hartford**

Complete Streets Plan and Reimagining Main Street Project (S. Fry)

3.0 **Old Business**

3.1 Board initiatives for 2021

Letter in support of TCI – tabled. Board discussed their support for the concept but it does not address surface transportation fund (STF) problems.

3.2 Implementation of bicycle plan

3.3 HB 5429 – update

Awaiting signing by Governor, removed the speed camera pilot, recreates the Greenways program, Dooring, speed limits are inclusive in the bill

Awaiting signing by Governor, HB 6107 – reduction of parking minimums, commission on CT's future charged with model design guidelines for roads

CHEAPR bill - \$750 rebate for electric bicycles included in pending bill

Review of Annual report recommendations

3.4 Bulkeley Bridge crosswalks to pedestrian path

Update sketch from last meeting

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4.0 New Business

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

FHWA – asked if Hartford is considering a RAISE grant
MUTCD comments link provided

FHWA is moving to the Hartford federal building this fall.

Bob Dickinson – future of photo enforcement fines question. Keep the fines low - \$25 and have consequences for people who receive many fines

Doug New Haven - Columbus Avenue opening in New Haven with cycle tracks

5.2 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

Greenways program being established with CT bill this session

Pomfret Airline Trail project nearly complete

FCHT Plainville public hearing scheduled for June 22

5.3 CT Trail census

Moving toward launch of CT Trail finder website – Saturday June 5

40 approved trails systems, and DEEP's parks and forests

DEEP/DOT conference this Fall on CT Trail finder

2020 survey results published

Interactive portal updated with 2021 data

Rec trails program funding end this year – concern of future funding noted

5.4 Watch for Me CT Update – no report

5.5 Bike Walk CT Update - none

Next Meeting – June 25, 2021, 9 AM

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