



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING
Friday August 27, 2021 9 AM
This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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1.1 **Call to Order/Roll Call**

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

Aaron Budris, NVCOG
Kim Bradley, CT Trail Census Coordinator
Bill Veronesi, Hartford
Dimitri Koutoumba, CTDOT
Richard Donovan, NVCOG
Mike Cipriano (CRCOG_
Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT
Craig Babowicz, CTDOT
Laura Brown, CT Trailfinder,
Kim Bradley, UCONN Extension
Bill Champagne CTDOT

1.2 **Minutes**

June meeting minutes approved. (July meeting cancelled)

2.0 **Reports/Presentations**

2.1 **DOT Projects and News**

Craig Babowicz provided report for vacationing Anna Bergeron

Chip seal

CTDOT is mindful of the bike maps in the future of bike routes
Special provision for routes for certain treatments as needed, working with pavement management group

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HSIP Highway Safety Improvement Plan

DOT has commissioned a consultant to recommend a process for improving pedestrian safety on all roads in the state – local roads included.

Active Transportation Plan – implementation metrics – progress to date
EH Route 5 submitted to engineering for road diet and bike lanes, being reviewed by HMU to determine if feasible

Remaining 9 projects being discussed today internally

Bridgeport Route 1 – scoped by DOT for an RSA next month

Proposed in 2016 in active plan, most of the locations are on the Departments radar for high crashes or other needs and many parts have been addressed in some form in the past 5 years

Being moved up in priority due to incoming Federal funding, and are in the active transportation plan

Update of Active Transportation Plan online map – progress

Bike planning map – regions including significant routes into the map, DOT meeting with consultant next week to discuss how to show the routes, DOT to determine metrics and how to include routes
DOT requested and only three regions have submitted mapping to DOT to be considered

Gold star bridge – progress with feasibility study of improving existing ped way – in June reported that this would be completed in September.
Craig noted that Anna reached out to SCCOG to obtain more information

Community Connectivity grant program, update
90 grants awarded \$30 million
16 constructed, 17 about to be constructed
Rest are pending for various reasons
Towns have decided to delay construction until 2022

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Bulkeley bridge -

Intersection with crossing concerns now being reviewed by DOT

3.2 Board initiatives for 2021 – table until September meeting

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- 3.3 Implementation of bicycle plan – See above discussion
- 3.4 Legislation – update
Pedestrian safety legislation passed including crosswalk, dooring and speed management

Study just starting at CTDOT by consultant summarizing how this is going to be assembled, how to define a safety zone, etc.

Payment in lieu of sidewalks

Speed camera initiative – should include in agenda for discussion at September board meeting

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 Implementation of SB5429 – discussed above

5.0 Input

- 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)
- 5.2 CT Greenways Council/ECGA
Kim Bradley – recreational trail funds have been released, RFP

Grant submission deadline is Nov. 1, 2021

- 5.3 CT Trail census
Downloading data from last count
Next download in October
Airline state park trail master planning effort along with additional counts along trail and updated surveys for specific information on trail use
65 active trail systems in program
80 in progress for review for inclusion
DOH coordination and intersectionality of transportation, trail, public health and recreation
Working with recreational alliance
Integration of trailside services being developed for 2022 timeframe for interest in economic development aspects
Very actively adding trail system
Workshop being done with CT recreational and park association in October
trails@uconn.edu
Federal dollars coming in for tourism, will any of dollars be used for trails?

Laura Brown – one pot for block grant funding to state to designated marketing organization
Not clear yet where going, likely to CT Tourism – need to confirm

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Applications for federal funding for federal infrastructure dollar

Streetlight data discussion

Multistate trail connections discussions

5.4 Watch for Me CT Update

Pedestrian safety month in October – will be promoting
Words to live by commercials have been received well
Center street this weekend in West Hartford

5.5 Bike Walk CT Update – no report

6.0 Other discussion items

Francis – updates

Eversource discussion on potential to use utilities ROW as trails

Gas pipelines and electric distribution lines for consideration of opening up for trail uses, initial discussions

Laura Brown has had success on a separate project with Eversource

Avalonia ledyard track

Great oak greenway

Francis has been appointed to Commission on CTs future and land development and will consider bike routes

Rod –

Openstreetmap.org trails are shown that aren't necessarily public trails
concern regarding this information

Next Meeting – September 24, 2021, 9 AM

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