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REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday January 28, 2022 9 AM

This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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AGENDAS NEED TO BE UPDATED FOR THE CORRECT THE MS TEAMS MEETING

CTDOT TO UPDATE APPOINTMENT TO INCLUDE TELEPHONE NUMBER INFO

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry, Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Francis Pickering, Al Sylvestre, Joe Balskus (Secretary), Rod Parlee, Sue Smith, Neil Pade

Aaron Budris, NVCOG
Laura Baum, Middletown
Tony Cherolis, BICI Co
Richard Donovan, NVCOG
Mary McCarthy, UCONN T2
Kate Rattan, SECOG
Doug Hausladen, Park New Haven
Anna Bergeron, CTDOT
Bill Veronesi, Hartford
Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT
Kim Bradley, UCONN Extension
Bill Champagne, CTDOT
Bruce Donald, ECGA
Jennifer Carrier, FHWA
Marlon Pena, CTDOT
Kevin Sullivan Bikewalk Wethersfield
Tanner Thompson, Norwalk
Jim Jinks, Cheshire BWCT
Craig Babowicz, CTDOT
Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG
Mary Cockram

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1.2 Minutes

December notes revised to include Bruce Donald attendance and accepted by the Board.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

UCONN T2 center notifies LTA's regarding the new pedestrian laws

Vision zero council – No report

Chip seal – implementing the MA protocol? Being implemented in Spring 22

Active Transportation Plan – implementation metrics – progress to date
Update of Active Transportation Plan online map –stakeholder group status

Gold star bridge – progress with feasibility study of improving existing ped way – in June reported that this would be completed in September. Any updates? No update

Putnam Bridge scheduled for construction

Community Connectivity grant program, update provided by DOT

Bulkeley Bridge progress – DOT still reviewing, completed some minor improvements

OSTA question

Does OSTA review master plans for bike ped plans on state highways as part of OSTA applications?

Route 44 – Craig Babowicz

Wider shoulder and reduced narrower lanes, Town did not want to add bike symbols

Route is not part of CRCOG Complete Streets plan

VIP list is reviewed by CTDOT Traffic

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3.0 Old Business

3.1 Annual Report

Francis to provide summary of zoning reform bill and Infrastructure bill

Increases in trail usage should be documented

CTDOT to study and report on roundabout summary – Tony to provide

CRCOG Roundabout screening study - progress

Ebike blurb from Jim Jinks

Ebikes use 120 volt chargers

Making neighborhoods more walkable/WFH impacts- recommendation for US Route 1 more walkable

Ebikes on trails – Class 1 and 2 bikes are allowed on multiuse trails, limited 28mph, most multiuse trails – some communities to post speed limits on trails – ebikes are considered to be ADA compliant

Modify upper speed limits

FRCT has a 18mph limit

Kim Bradley – multi use paths allow ebikes – natural surface trails do not allow ebikes

Multi use paths with paved trails can allow ebikes

State parks issue

Funding support for micromobility – bike share/scooter share

Geofencing can limit ebikes on trail use

Rod and Francis Sandy Joe Sue Brian accepted the report revisions and directed Sandy to finalize and distribute

CT Watch for me CT – blurb by Amy for report

School districts getting funding for bike safety - Middletown

3.2 Speed camera initiative in work zones – how to build upon this?

Report on this next month from CTDOT

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- 3.3 Speed cameras in Hartford – possible?
City council resolution targeted to legislative caucus to propose traffic camera pilot

4.0 New Business

- 4.1 USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy
- 4.2 MPO Planning Emphasis Area Tackling the Climate Crisis, Equity and Justice 40, Complete Streets!, Public Involvement, Strategic Highway Network, Federal Lands Management Agency Coordination, Planning and Environment Linkages, and Data in Transportation Planning.
<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>
- 4.3 Mopeds versus eBikes
- 4.4 League of American Bicyclists - National Bike Summit March 27-30
Lobby Day (30th)
Need a State of CT coordinator – line up meetings with state representatives/senators –) – Virtual meeting
Can CTBPAB help and meet with senators Blumenthal and Murphy and 5 US Representatives – discussions on Federal funding – wonderful opportunity to impress importance of bikes and ped to legislators. Sue Smith will serve as coordinator.

5.0 Input

- 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)
Bill Veronesi – maintenance of trails for snow removal such as Fastrak bike path
- 5.2 Transport Hartford
Continue multimodal meet ups on Feb 17 – speakers on EV fleets and community car share

Next month – East Coast Greenway gaps and Charter Oak Greenway (East Hartford)

Hartford Open Streets Events May – October, 3rd Sundays of Month
- 5.3 CT Rail Council – (Bruce Donald report)
CTDOT legislation for railroad indemnity for trail users
MDC lawsuit and changes
RR concerns with trail conversion and liability
- 5.4 CT Greenways Council/ECGA
Rec Trails Grants to be announced soon
CTDEEP has shortlisted grantees – \$2.3million to be granted

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Receive 63 applications for \$22 million dollars in funding
CTDOT/CTDEEP projects are different

4 people hired to 15 for ECGA – Bruce is no longer NY/NJ, only
Southern New England

CRCOG Gap Closure Study – team selected with negotiations
underway, lots of excitement on start of project

- 5.5 CT Trails Program CT Trail census/CT Trail Finder projects –is the
new name to be used in future
Accomplishments 2021 report provided to CTDEEP and CTDOT as
funders
More public facing report to be generated
CT Trail Finder – 120 active trail systems on the website (launched in
6/21), 190 trail systems in process
Large EDA grant for bringing NE states for collection of trail use data
for economic development
Airline State park trail master planning group – evaluating use of long
distance multi use paths – recent launch of fee for service approach
How to better to serve trail managers
- 5.6 Watch for Me CT Update
Tallying the statistics for 2021 summary
7 pedestrian deaths in January 2022
Programming and usual campaign
Grant GHSA peer led bike safety priority training for Hartford
community organizations
Watch or Wave Campaign – not sure on timeline
Web address – pedestrian rules on WatchForMeCT website
- 5.7 Bike Walk CT Update

Next Meeting – February 25, 2022, 9 AM

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