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REGULAR MEETING

Friday February 25, 2022 9 AM

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Laura Baum, Middletown

Tony Cherolis, BICI Co

Doug Hausladen, Park New Haven

Anna Bergeron, CTDOT

Ali Bibi, CTDOT

Bill Veronesi, Harford

Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT

Kim Bradley, UCONN Extension

Jennifer Carrier, FHWA

Kevin Sullivan Bikewalk Wethersfield

Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG

Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield

Jay Strange, West Hartford

Gannon Long, Hartford

Thomas Lefebvre, BICI Co

Rob Bell, CTDOT

1.1 Minutes

Kevin Sullivan noted as BikeWalk Wethersfield

Minute accepted as revised.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

Vision zero council – draft interagency policy adopted and noted by board.
Secretary has submitted for subcommittee to the Vision Zero Council.

OSTA – how have they changed approach based upon 2021 legislation?
To be reviewed with OSTA. Suggestion to have OSTA participate in next

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meeting. Board to generate questions in advance for consideration.

Winter maintenance of trails – particularly CTfastrak.

Trail is not maintained in winter due to costs. Stations are maintained. Signs indicate non-maintenance in winter months.

CT River Bridges in Hartford do have winter maintenance, this took some pushing by individuals to the DOT.

CTfastrak MUP is a real transportation commuting path, Sandy to reach out to New Britain *Subsequently Sandy had a conversation with Mark Moriarty, DPW director of New Britain, about any perceived need that he saw for plowing of the trail in New Britain. Surprisingly he indicated that the trail immediately north of New Britain downtown station, is, in fact, plowed.*

Top 10 (12) safety priority corridors from ATP – all are moving forward, this should be kept as an update item.

Speed cameras in work zones report on progress

CTDOT working on a pilot for implementation next year, RFP is being developed, report due 12/31/22 for pilot status, with deployment in 2023

Chip seal – placeholder for reporting as repaving starts up

Pavement preservation meeting, resulting in using special shoulder treatment on all roadways with on road bike routes, minimum 4 foot width

Active Transportation Plan – implementation metrics – progress to date
Working on matrix, should have update next month

Update of Active Transportation Plan online map –DOT plans to bring FHI onboard to update this. Scoping is underway now, a stakeholder group will be created.

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 report. The Board stressed the importance of resolving the question of how to improve bike and ped access across the bridge (south bound or northbound side?) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Community Connectivity grant program, update

Round 4 went live, February 3rd. \$8.2 Million awarded to 17 communities.

Bulkeley Bridge progress: Traffic engineering is looking at pedestrian safety and accommodations with crosswalks. No update yet.

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3.0 Old Business

3.1 Annual Report – final version sent to Pam Sucato on 2/10/2022. DOT reported that the report went to Governor, Commissioner, and Transportation Committee on February 16. The report can now be distributed broadly. Will send to distribution list, posted to FB page, posted by DOT, and also on the watch for Me website.

3.2 Any update on March 27-30 Bike Summit?

Registration is open. Bikeleague.org

March 30 is lobby day with representatives/senators from US on capitol hill Sue Smith will run prep meetings for attendees from CT. Meetings with CT's Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill are planned on March 30 as part of this year's National Bike Summit's Lobby Day. So far 13 participants from CT plan to attend, including at least one person from each congressional district.

3.3 Ebike charging stations did not make it into annual report – any new info?

Don't need unique chargers, beyond 120v. More information needed.

3.4 Video presented and need to distribute to various social media site. Ideas needed on distribution such as CTDOT.

Powerpoint assembled and to be distributed and include Route 44 project as before and after

4.0 New Business

4.1 Should we request that the legislature appoint additional members? Suggestion – appointment by Legislative committee on aging of 65+ person, appointment by Black and Puerto Rican caucus of an individual who mostly travels by bike and on foot, appointment by Main Street Center of someone representing town centers.

Suggestion to have board seats filled first then consider revising the legislation.

Need to fill bike shop representative slot

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Add legislation to next agenda

SB4 EV incentive program – bikes to be included, public hearing on March 11, in transportation committees now

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HB 588 is in finance committee, ebike tax credit proposal (versus tax rebate at point of sale)

Another bill being considered regarding trails in RR ROW, questions on liability for RR in terms of federal law

South Windsor – Bob Dickinson, regarding sidewalks along development frontages making it a statewide requirements

AI noted that he is writing an article for the CT Economic Digest on roadway safety and he requested any input that those in the meeting would like to share.

5.2 Transport Hartford

Two walk audits were conducted (Berlin and Newington) and will be summarized next newsletter and DOT staff attended both sites and will hold follow up meetings with attendees

Bike life program – bike safety courses in April for youths 7-19
Multimodal happy hour at Carmines in East Hartford, March 23, 5-7pm
March membership campaign at BIClco
Planning an ebike ride and demo day week of March 14
DominGO Hartford Open Streets – Sundays once per month coming

5.3 CT Rail Council

Monthly meetings with annual report published recently
Support of Governors budget with improvements in rail
Possible new express trains Hartford to New York
It was noted that MTA to prepare and submit Dec 2022 a strategic bicycle plan for all train stations, looking for information from CT

5.4 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

No report, it was noted CT Rec Trails funding released recently. It provides some funding for the CT Trail Program
[DEEP Announces 3 Million in Trail Grants For 20 Projects Across the State](#)

5.5 CT Trail Program (formerly census) UCONN Extension

Uploaded all data for 2020 annual count information

Working on annual reports

CT Trail finder:

132 trail systems open to public

52 in development

32 in review

Next modules include connecting local trail systems with local economies

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Laura Brown received appointment position with New Haven City Plan
Interim person to be named for her vacancy

5.6 Watch for Me CT Update

Bike safety community outreach program being developed at YardGoats this year

Discussion of woman on Route 20 in Granby who is trying to have mailbox moved to other side of road because of safety issues in crossing the highway. Since this is US post office, board member suggested that she contact her congressman.

5.7 Bike Walk CT Update

No report.

5.8 It was noted that the Federal RAISE program directly addresses bicycle and pedestrian safety..

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