



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING

Friday April 22, 2022 9 AM

This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

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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, Rod Parlee, Tom Branchaud

Martha Conneely, Riverfront Recapture

Jennifer Carrier, FHWA

Tony Cherolis, BICI Co

Doug Hausladen, Park New Haven

Bill Veronesi, Harford

Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT

Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG

Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield

Kate Rattan, SCCOG

Aaron Budris, NVCOG

Laura Baum, Middletown

Sam Gold, RiverCOG

Mary Cockram, Hartford

Bibi Ali, CTDOT

Craig Babowicz, CTDOT

Robert Bell, CTDOT

Bill Champagne, CTDOT

Anna Bergeron, CTDOT

Marlon Pena, CTDOT

Sara Radacsi, CTDOT

Gary Sojka, CTDOT

Joseph Ouellette, OSTA

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1.1 Minutes, March 25 meeting

Clarify minutes regarding VIP program. DOT does not have capacity to design bike facilities, but if municipality does design, DOT will install and municipality has to maintain the bike facilities.

Minutes adopted with above revisions.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

DOT Projects and News

OSTA update

Executive Director Joseph Ouellette presentation on OSTA also responses to previously submitted questions:

Recently the major traffic generator checklist was updated, and the bike ped section was beefed up, in line with PA 21-28. Applicants are asked to indicate expected bike ped trips and to list bike ped accommodations.

OSTA does not have eminent domain authority, cannot require an applicant to acquire rights on other private property

Thresholds trigger the need for bicycle and pedestrian warrants are needed?

OSTA clarified all traffic generated is reviewed for impacts

OSTA requested assistance on bicycle lane thresholds (the Board recommended use of the FHWA bicycle facility selection guideline.)

OSTA is limited in review of bicycle and pedestrian traffic generation, the expectation is that ITE trip generation rates will have b/p added as the rates are updated.

Outdoor dining is outside OSTA jurisdiction unless through CTDOT.

OSTA review is limited to impacts upon the state highway system, municipal planning and zoning commissions would look at site design and circulation.

OSTA cannot mandate non-MUTCD requirements to municipalities.

VMT reduction target is being reviewed by CTDOT in developing strategies within DOT/OSTA control.

Municipal speed limit setting is detailed on website. Training sessions have been held. Only East Lyme has submitted request. Hartford is pending. OSTA must be notified but does not approve speed limit changes.

Modifying municipal signals to include LPI (leading pedestrian indicator). Modifications that are within a municipalities signal approval can be done without OSTA review but adding LPI will likely be outside this and require OSTA approval

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Updates:

Vision Zero subcommittees (Engineering, Enforcement, Equity) been set up and meetings being held. Next council meeting June 14.

Gold star bridge – progress with feasibility analysis of improving existing pedway? No decision has been made yet on the southbound walkway expansion or if a northbound walkway will be added. No consultant selected yet for NB. No decision on overall walkways on the bridge will be made until the SB feasibility study is complete.

Bulkeley Bridge progress- CTDOT staff is reviewing potential improvements to the intersection and pedestrian crossing.

Complete street policy update (Robert Bell is Co-Chair), requesting the Board to send materials to assist in the update by the next board meeting (May).

Limited access highway regulation: as soon as the legislative session is over, work can begin on putting the regulation in place (allowing DOT to designate that certain limited access highways may be used by bicycles. Sandy will compile a list of roads designated as limited access which are regularly used by cyclists and which don't feel like limited access roads.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Legislation updates

SB4 – see attached letter

Approved by Transportation and Finance Committees. Going to house/senate floor for voting

HB 5255 – trails bill, no action at this time

HB 5422 – support letter discussion, adopted by the Board (Neil voted against)

3.2 Recommendations for updated CS policy

Tabled to next meeting.

3.3 Project support letters

Grant applications requesting support from the Board. RAISE grant for Hartford and RiverCOG East Hampton Airline Trail gap letters signed by Chair.

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4.0 New Business

Doug Hausladen for support letter request for earmark for creation of a shared electric mobility program

5.0 Input

- 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes) - None
- 5.2 BikeWalk CT – No report, but Bike to Work day is May 20.
- 5.3 Watch for Me CT – Hartford peer to peer bike and ped safety, planning for bike rodeo and bike safety at Hartford Yardgoats
- 5.4 CT Trails Program – Aaron Budris (NVCOG), consults to CTDEEP, reporting on the CT Trail Census count report published and on website. Numbers down from 2020 peak but above 2019 levels. 800 surveys filled out. CT Trail Finder – 153 trail systems on the website, 29 under review, 69 under development, coordinating with CTDEEP to get them mapped in GIS
- 5.5 CT Rail Council – No report. Provided email on CT ebike (cargo) loan program.
- 5.6 CT Greenways Council/ECGA – No report.
- 5.7 Transport Hartford – BICI Co newsletter posted on chat. Breakfast coffee meet up on April 28 to review Hartford Main Street repave project which will include buffered bike lanes. Walk audit in Windsor TOD (Route 159). City of Hartford Open Streets events on Sundays beginning in June. Bike safety course scheduled for May 1.

Next Meeting – May 27, 2022, 9 AM

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