



## Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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### REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday September 23, 2022 9 AM

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#### 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Joe Balskus, Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Mark Moriarity, Neil Pade, Al Sylvestre,

Anna Bergeron, CTDOT

William Champagne, CTDOT

Craig Babowicz, CTDOT

Dimitri Koutoumbas, CTDOT, OSTA

Bill Veronesi, Harford resident

Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT

Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield

Charles Harlow, Fuss & O'Neill

Kim Bradley, DEEP CT Trails and Greenways Coordinator

Kate Rattan, SCCOG

Martha Coneely, Riverfront Recapture

Richard Donavan, NVCOG

Aaron Budris, NVCOG

Jennifer Carrier, FHWA

Richard Moll, Farmington

Bruce Donald, Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

Cindy Jacobs, Wethersfield

Jay Stange, Transport Hartford

Jacob Robison, New Haven Planning

#### 1.1 Minutes, August 26 meeting

Adopted by the Board with abbreviations clarified.

#### 2.0 Reports/Presentations

DOT Projects and News

Updates:

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Progress with new Complet Streets policy – No report other than CTDOT has reached out to MassDOT and internal review is ongoing. Board is expecting report next month.

Cancellations of bus service – report provided by CTDOT, cancellation of bus service was due to a doubling of absenteeism from 10% to 20%.

Federal grant opportunities – no report

Chip seal – any report on the new shoulder treatment? No update

Update of Active Transportation Plan online map –stakeholder group? Still working to finalize contract

Gold star bridge – progress with feasibility analysis of improving existing pedway? No report.

Community Connectivity grant program, new solicitation coming in January 2023

Bulkeley Bridge progress – No change from improvement being implemented at District level. Progress update next month.

### 3.0 Old Business

3.1 Discussion of pedestrian bicyclist safety relative to size of vehicles on the road. Review of draft information. Board discussed the advisability of requesting a legislative study committee or a study by the Office of Legislative Research. A legislative committee would have the resources of OLR at its disposal. The proposal will be forwarded by Anna Bergeron to Pam Sucato, as we would like this to be an ask that DOT supports also.

Powerpoint comments needed for next week via sub committee meeting to be set up

### 4.0 New Business

Rod asked about a situation in Vernon where the town has installed Hawk signals on town roads using grant funds, but they have had lengthy delays in getting similar signals placed on state roads.

From SCCOG:

Commuter rail council meeting summary on SLE study  
SCCOG support for bridge grant for CTDOT for Goldstar Bridge  
Mystic Bascule Bridge – bike accommodations concerns

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Groton – Complete Streets policy adopted  
SCCOG is inventorying bike-ped facilities for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan update  
LOTCIP projects in Norwich, Waterford and New London are providing new bike facilities

North Eagleville Road – Sandy received a concern regarding a pedestrian crash from a citizen who lives in Storrs. Joe said that his company has a project there and he can discuss further with Sandy.

### 5.0 Input

#### 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Rich Moll – commute from Farmington to East Hartford by bike  
Route 4 concerns with bike mobility, and recently joined the Farmington bike/ped committee. Route 4 is a barrier between UConn Health Center and the rest of Farmington. Joe suggested that he look at the CRCOG study that was completed for this area and that he reach out to his Local Traffic Authority (LTA).

Bill Veronesi - Russell Road Newington fenced off by State? Anna will look into this.

Richard Donovan CTDOT State Rail plan released last week, comments due soon, minimal mention of pedestrian and bike mobility

#### OSTA Complete Streets

Approved a Complete Streets checklist for the Administrative Decision reviews, asking for anticipated pedestrian and bicycle generation and accommodations proposed

Jay Stange – Center for Latino Progress, taking over for Thomas. Northeast multimodal summit will be November 21

Cindy Jacobs – interest in seeing edge lines placed on roads to create traffic calming

Jennifer FHWA – list of federal funding opportunities for bike ped – Sandy will share this link.

#### 5.2 Watch for Me CT

Amy Watkins – grant writing time, funding for program to continue. A new program this year was facilitated with DOT and provided a grass routes local person at Transport Hartford

Domingo Hartford this weekend with helmets- closing Park Street

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### 5.3 CT Trails Program

Aaron Budris – Kim has left program for CTDEEP, holding pattern awaiting a new contract between UCONN and CTDEEP  
Still collecting data from counters  
Airline State park management trail team report submitted

### 5.4 Transport Hartford

No report

### 5.5 CT Rail Council

No report

### 5.6 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

Kim Bradley – now coordinator for CTDEEP Trails (formerly Laurie Gionnatti)  
Subcommittee on grant evaluation metrics and applications for grant trails program  
\$9 million allocated to program, highest ever  
RFP for late October for rec trails program, webinar likely to be held  
Mike Lambert Keynote speaker on shoreline greenway meeting on Sunday

### East Coast Greenway Alliance

Bruce Donald – meeting with DOT on design status for projects and public hearing for Plainville (cancelled), Yarde Metals filed injunction on the project so it is on hold

ROW acquisitions for trail are being challenged. Legislation proposed last year might have avoided this problem.

CTDOT reviewing legalities of the injunction

New Haven Phase 4 to be complete this year, Yale to Long Wharf  
Federal TAP program may be funding shortfalls on existing projects due to price increases

Granite curbing availability has caused delays for some projects and bids are coming in high generally.

### 5.7 BikeWalk CT

No report

Next Meeting – October 28, 2022, 9 AM

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