



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING

Friday October 28, 2022 9 AM

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Joe Balskus, Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Mark Moriarity, Neil Pade, Al Sylvestre, Sue Smith, Tom Branchaud

Anna Bergeron, CTDOT

William Champagne, CTDOT

Craig Babowicz, CTDOT

Dimitri Koutoumbas, CTDOT, OSTA

Kathrine Hedberg, CTDOT

Sara Radasci, CTDOT

Robert Bell, CTDOT

Bill Veronesi, Harford resident

Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT

Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield

Charles Harlow, Fuss & O'Neill

Martha Coneely, Riverfront Recapture

Richard Donavan, NVCOG

Richard Moll, Farmington

Bruce Donald, East Coast Greenway Alliance; CT Trails and Greenways Council

Jay Stange, Transport Hartford

Chaz Foster, co chair Newtown bike and trail committee

Laura Baum

Doug Hausladen, New Haven Parking

Kevin Tedesco, AECOM

Kevin Sullivan, Wethersfield

1.1 Minutes, September 23 meeting, adopted with typos corrected and correction to Kim Bradley's position (she is CT Trails and Greenways Coordinator)

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2.0 Reports/Presentations

DOT Projects, News, Updates:

Complete Streets Academy grant – towns involved are Bristol, Middletown and Waterbury. Workshops will be held in the winter with quick build demos to follow in the spring.

Bulkeley Bridge west end intersection update, work underway for intersection improvements – pavement markings and signs.

Russell Road Closure – No update, research ongoing.

Progress with new CS policy

DOT held peer to peer meeting with MassDOT and incorporating many of the ideas into DOT policy

Bike ped needs assessment form to be revised to streamline it and make it more impactful. Then a new policy will be developed.

Categories may be emphasized, internal procedures need to be changed in alignment of policy

Chip seal – no report on the new shoulder treatment. A new list is being developed and will be reviewed to determine where the special shoulder treatment is needed.

Vulnerable road user safety assessment – due 11/15/23, a federal requirement of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs act (IIJA). The process is overseen by the safety engineering department and is data driven.

Katherine Hedberg – CTDOT ADA coordinator

Presentation on ADA coordinator role

Outreach to municipalities on ADA transition compliance

Virtual training sessions planned in November

ADA Technical Infeasibility Form (TIF)

State-wide curb ramp inventory. Question as to whether sidewalk gaps will also be identified. Katherine was not sure if this is required by ADA. She will investigate and report back. Neil noted that most Town transition plans are building focused, not public right of way focused. The Community Connectivity Grant program is a good funding program for filling sidewalk gaps.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Discussion of pedestrian bicyclist safety relative to size of vehicles on the road. Feedback from Pam Sucato's office: Pam suggested several ways to advance research on this topic without going to the legislature. It is better to do more research before going to the legislature. Francis will follow up with Eric Jackson. Joe noted that this topic came up at the WTS meeting and it

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appears that Eric does have data on the topic.

More research needed

Possible recommendation for annual report to do research with CT Crash Repository/CT Transportation Institute

3.2 Comment on State Rail Plan (comments due October 31)

Parking for cars addressed, not parking for bikes

Lacking specifics on encouraging more bike and ped access to rail stations

Board voted to authorize the Board chair to send comments based upon our discussion, draft will be sent to board members.

3.3 Board slide presentation

Board to convene on 11/20, 7 PM, for review of slides and revisions. Tom will send calendar invite.

3.4 Experience with 3 Towns and LTA's

Rod summarized previous experiences with problem locations in Manchester, Vernon and Mansfield, advised to coordinate with LTA's

4.0 New Business

4.1 Annual Report

What ideas should be considered going forward?

Executive order 21-3, should be part of recommendations

Vehicle speeds should be addressed and running of red lights (Does

Eric Jackson have data on redlight running?)

Vision Zero council endorsements (VZ recommendations will be finalized in December.)

Request for recommendations for annual report requested

DOT eminent domain for trail projects is being reviewed by DOT and currently impacting trail projects where ROW is needed

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from COG's

SS4A applications were submitted from most COG's

Metropolitan Transportation Plans underway

Lots of NOFO's

5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Ebikes presentation attended and classes of bikes were not discussed, so it would be possible for someone to buy a class 3 bike and not know that it is illegal to ride it on bike paths. Do Bike shops list class of ebikes they sell? There are issues with shoddy manufacturing of ebikes, have been fires. DEEP will be writing regs on what ebikes can receive rebates, we might be able to give input on this.

Rail w/trail legislation with DOT that passed recently. The legislation

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allows rail with trail to be considered on a case by case basis.

Riverfront Recapture will be sponsoring the national cyclocross December 6 to 11.

5.3 CT Greenways and Trails Program: 2023 Rec trails program applications to be initiated this month and due to be submitted end of January

5.4 Transport Hartford
Nov 21 multimodal transit summit being organized. It will be one track only.

5.5 CT Rail Council
CT Rail Plan
CT Shoreline East focus meeting held
Upcoming rail council meeting and requested presentation of annual report
Will be posting a legislative ask and are open to input.

5.6 East Coast Greenway Allied
CT Committee annual meeting on Nov 3

5.7 BikeWalk CT
No report

5.8 Watch for Me CT
Pedestrian safety month just finished in October
T2 center information on bus stop safety
Farmington Valley trails council annual meeting on Nov 11
DOT renewed WFMCT grant funding for coming year
If messaging needed, reach out to Amy

Next Meeting – November 18, 2022, 9 AM

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