



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday February 23, 2024 9 AM

Microsoft Teams meeting

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call
See attendance list.

1.1 Minutes, **January 26** meeting – approved as written

2.0 Reports/Presentations

DOT reports

Annual report was sent to CTDOT and distributed by CTDOT to the Governor, Commissioner and Transportation Committee.

Idaho stop legislation being reviewed, OSTA submitted white paper to legislature which lists pros and cons.

No blanket approval of RTOR, white paper submitted to legislature

Anna will find out if either of these white papers are public documents which can be shared. If yes, Sandy will distribute.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Annual Report – is now complete, we can plan distribution. Sandy will send the distribution list she has used to board members seeking more contacts. All are invited to share the Annual Report through their networks. Brian will get it posted to our website. Available here:

http://www.ctbikepedboard.org/uploads/7/8/7/9/78791402/ctbpab_report_to_state_2023.pdf

We should try to set up a meeting with the Transportation Committee next year – take a look at the CT Public Transportation Commission meeting with the TC this year: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECplwJh_fdl

3.2 In person meetings

2024 June Riverfront

October meeting at CTDOT

Waiting to learn when the New Haven room is available. Will consider whether we can have an in person meeting when the Putnam Bridge Path is opened/ribbon

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cutting.

3.3 Schedule invites for upcoming meetings
Safe Routes to School presentation, especially with a focus upon on bike in school education.

UCONN Eric Jackson Sidewalk inventory of all state roadways by UCONN (aerial data), plus crash data

CTDEEP GIS new portal

T2 Center to be invited

Update of Active transportation plan, progress

4.0 New Business

4.1 Anything happening with legislation?

5204 allow low speed vehicles on roads, 30mph or less

186 slight changes weight limits to increase by 50lbs for personal vehicles

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from COG's and Vision Zero Updates

NVCOG

TA solicitation open, applications due from communities

Active transportation plan underway at COG, public comment desired, survey available [here](#).

Developing traffic calming policy in Waterbury

CRCOG

Process vision zero task force being formed with partners

Update regional transportation safety plan

Berlin Tpke RAISE grant application, planning grant to focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety, DOT local match contribution

ECG project moving along, received approval on Simsbury alignment, East Hartford, Hartford and Bloomfield locations still being developed

Municipal services purchasing council may put out bids for contractors for automated enforcement of red light running and speed.

SCCOG

SS4A Grant for safety action plan update

LOTICIP solicitation for \$15 million in projects in March

TIP public outreach in April

MetroCOG

Scooter and bike programs update, on pause in Bridgeport working to address infrastructure issues. City allows sidewalk use by scooters and bikes.

TA solicitation, working with NVCOG and WestCOG

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SCRCOG

Regional bike plan will be developed
New hires, highway safety and planners being sought
Working on TIP
Section 5310 program underway
Municipal grant program coming
Social media push underway

5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Sharon Mierzwa City of Hartford Health and Services received 5 year renewal of its REACH grant to make physical activity safe for all

Emily Hultquist, CT Age Well Collaborative
Ageism and ableism, community planner
Multisector plan for aging for state

5.3 Watch for Me CT

New hire for assisting Amy
New campaign, Ghost Shoes, on pedestrian fatalities
Watch for me videos available here: <https://www.youtube.com/@watchformect>
Handout on using bike facilities for cyclists and drivers working with T2

5.4 Transport Hartford

Youth free fares for CT Transit proposed by CT Public Transportation Council and supported by Transport Hartford
HB 5213 fare free transportation 2 hours before and after schools
HB5188 K-12 free bus fare
West Hartford Draft bike facilities design update being reviewed, linking active transportation routes to neighboring communities
Expanding bike life program, one day festival June 9th with BICICO, bike giveaways
BICI path – providing bikes for Hartford residents and then working to get them involved in the Hartford bike community and teaching them to ride safely and how to choose safe routes
Walk and roll to school (May 8), bike to work (May 17th) day, need more statewide support
South branch trail project design completed, construction will be in 2025
Question asked about traffic calming on Park St., Traffic calming in the Parkville area – City doing

5.5 CT Trails Program

Data from 2023 trail census dashboard to be available next week, this will include short-term counts
More counts to be done on more trails

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UCONN contract from CTDEEP looking at streetlight/strava data to develop fuller picture of pedestrian and bicycle use across state

5.6 CT Public Transportation Council
Presentation to Legislative transportation committee
Council focusing on first and last mile
Payment in lieu of sidewalks, not just sidewalks

5.7 CT DEEP Trails and Greenways
Rec trails applications due March 11 to CTDEEP. Kim has office hours available for those who want to discuss the grant application process.
CTDOT is assisting with reviewing applications to coordinate with DOT programs
Ensure if funding is requested from a Town over a State land, must have coordination with DEEP land management
Trails Day will be held May 31 at Riverfront recapture
Greenways council planning for trails symposium, first weekend in October
RFI for public/private partnership in the State parks

5.8 CT Greenways Council/ECGA
Legislation conversations, idea to have a dedicated caucus of legislators for bike ped issues
ECG gap study – Recreational Trails money being pursued for Simsbury and Bloomfield
Farmington pursuing a rec trails grant to design side path, village and center, past UCONN medical center to WH border, based on prior older study

5.9 BikeWalk CT
BW CT board meeting discussing bike to work day

CTDEEP project Bolton tunnel lighting project being bid for construction this season

Next Meeting – **March 22**, 2024, 9 AM

VIA TEAMS

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12 MONTH ACTION PLAN Plan for 1 or 2 in person meetings

February 23, 2024 Distribute Annual Report, Strategize how to move recommendations forward.

In the following 4 months, set up presentations by T2 Center on their programs; update on GIS (sidewalks, crash data), update on progress with HSIP Implementation Plan for VU, update on Active Transportation Plan, Watch for Me, OTHERS?

March 22, 2024

April 26, 2024:

May 24, 2024

June 28, 2024

July 26, 2024

August 23, 2024

Election of officers

September 27, 2024

Layout legislative asks for following year. After meeting, request meeting with Anne Kleza

October 25, 2024

Layout recommendations for 2024 report, begin compilation of data for tables in report

November 22, 2024

Initial draft of report

December 20, 2024 (not the 4th Friday)

Draft final report

January 2025 – Distribute annual report

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Name	Affiliation	2/23/2024
Board Members		
Sandy Fry (Chair)		X
Brian Kent (Vice Chair)		X
Joe Balskus (Secretary)		X
Thomas Branchaud		X
Mark Moriarty		--
Keith Nappi		--
Rod Parlee		X
Neil Pade		--
Francis Pickering		X
Sue Smith		X
Al Sylvestre		x
GUESTS		
Craig Babowicz	CTDOT	X
Norm Berg		X
Anna Bergeron	CTDOT	X
Kim Bradley	CTDEEP	X
Aaron Budris	NVCOG	X
Bill Champagne	CTDOT	X
Paul Chenard	WCDOT	X
Devin Clarke	MetroCOG	X
Martha Conneely	CT Riverfront	X
Graham Curtis	CTDOT	X
Bruce Donald	CT Greenways	X
Richard Donovan	NVCOG	X
Nick Dostal	MetroCOG	X
Gabriel Filer	SCRCOG	X
Charles Harlow	F&O	X
Matt Hart	CRCOG	X
Jason Hughes	T2 Center	X
Lon Hultgren	Mansfield	X
Emily Hultquist	CT Agewell	X
Dimitri Kotoumbas	OSTA	X
Sharon Mierzwa	City of Hartford	X
Stuart Popper	Cromwell	X
Shayla Ranmal-Suppies	City of Hartford	X
Kate Rattan	SCCOG	X
Christopher Roberts	CTDOT	X
Jay Stange	BICO	X
Bryan Walsh	CT Rides	X
Amy Watkins	WatchForMeCT	X
Tabitha Wilson	Groton	X
Bruce Wittchen	OPM	X
Grace Yi	Hartford	X
Leslie	Hartford Smart !	X