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### REGULAR MEETING

Friday May 24, 2024 9 AM

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call  
See attached attendee list.

1.1 Minutes, **April 26**  
Accepted as presented

2.0 Reports/Presentations

**Mike Whaley, CTDOT and Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT:** Update on bicycle and pedestrian safety outreach. See presentation attached to these minutes, video can be accessed here: <https://vimeo.com/949374991/908e86ee5b> Watch for Me CT website: <https://watchformect.org/>

**DOT reports:** Update from Active Transportation Unit

HDR preparing the Active Transportation Plan, middle of June will be the kick off meeting for consultant and DOT, the project is expected to take 2 years. Anna can share the scope of work after the kick off meeting. As part of the plan the Consultant will organize and categorize roads based on surroundings (context sensitive classification). Committees will be created to guide the plan.

Charter Oak Greenway Trail cracks filled by DOT, and a section was repaved. A plan for repairs is being developed for the section by Manchester Community College.

Bissell Bridge project improvements to path within the project limits and South Windsor Town Engineer comments on the trail approaches. Anna will raise the issue regarding transverse cracks on the trail outside the project area. DOT is currently working on a maintenance plan for trails.

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### 3.0 Old Business

#### 3.1 Action steps from Annual Report:

DOT setting targets and goals as part of ATP update – timeline?  
Monitor progress with the DOT as ATP starts.

State funding for local match of federal grants – further thoughts?  
More discussion with legislators? The group agreed that it would be unwise to complicate LOTCIP by trying to tie it to local match. Francis and Mark will work to document the problem, to identify examples. Rich Donovan and Kate Rattan have input for this effort.

PILOS legislation – Subcommittee (Al, Neil, Francis) progress  
Draft legislation for PILOS will be provided for next month's meeting and Francis will develop a list of communities that allow this.

#### 3.2 Next steps – high vehicle grilles

Send to board members the latest research and disseminate to Vision Zero Council. We should also raise this with the Transportation Committee. The state does already charge a higher registration fee for gas guzzlers (Mustang mentioned). Chuck Harlow and Amy Watkins can share information with the VZ Engineering and Education committees (Sandy will send).

#### 3.3 Legislation update – 5330 passed

#### 3.4 People who bike and walk in CT

One page profile of people to make bike ped infrastructure real?  
Each Board member should find one person to profile.

#### 3.5 Keeping the momentum – letters to West Hartford and Manchester Acknowledged.

### 4.0 New Business

#### 4.1 HSIP, SHSP

Meetings recently held, Board members have attended

#### State Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/7ce949e7bdd341c689f2cee82d34f3f8> – upcoming meetings for public input May 31 and June 4

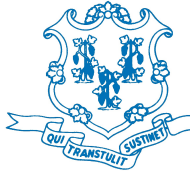
### 5.0 Input

#### 5.1 Input from COG's and Vision Zero Updates

#### SCCOG

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Gold Star bridge MUP meetings in future (southbound side is what has been deemed most feasible location for improved bike ped access) [Project 0094-0267 - Pedestrian-Improvements - VPIM](#)

Bridge on Route 215 over Amtrak rail line in Groton will have a buffered bike lane

### MetroCOG

Received two microgrants and implementing them  
Two SS4A planning grants- Fairfield and Bridgeport  
Also submitted planning grant this month  
CTDOT Safety Technical Advisory committee meeting to solicit feedback

CRCOG (via chat) good is being made on micromobilityRFP

5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

5.3 Transport Hartford

Safe Streets Hartford Campaign demonstration of traffic calming infrastructure (this weekend), Domingo (with street closures for bikes and peds to enjoy the streets) has been rebranded as Love Your Block.

Bike Life festival will be held June 9 on Park st. across from BiCi Co, all those who participated in safety training will receive refurbished bicycles

Intergenerational walk audit training with America Walks/AARP and Bikewalk CT June 17 at AARP, 12 to 5

5.4 CT Trails Program

No report.

5.5 CT Public Transportation Council

No Report.

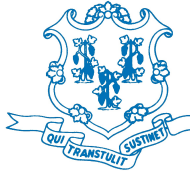
5.6 CT DEEP Trails and Greenways

Rec Trails Applications being reviewed by committee  
To be announced at 25<sup>th</sup> annual Greenways awards on May 31  
41 grants for \$10 million

Launch weekend for CTDEEP state parks

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### Seasonal workers still being hired

- 5.7 CT Greenways Council/ECGA  
No report.
- 5.8 BikeWalk CT  
No report.
- 5.9 Watch for Me CT  
See presentation.
- 5.10 T2 Center  
Thanks to Watch for Me CT for assistance  
Innovative intersections on 5/29 with FHWA  
Road Safety Assessment training
- 5.11 CT Age Well Collaborative  
No report.

Next Meeting – **June 28**, 2024, 9 AM, in person Riverfront Boathouse and 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.**

March 22, 2024: presentation on Safe Routes to Schools and the Idaho stop white paper

April 26, 2024: Presentation by Eric Jackson on UConn crash data base and gis sidewalk inventory

May 24, 2024: Presentation by Mike Whaley CTDOT and Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT on Bike Ped safety outreach programs

June 28, 2024, in person at Riverfront Boathouse, Hartford

Presentation by Riverfront on their bike/ped projects; T2 center on their bike ped programs. Followed by a tour of Riverfront's new park site, see description below:

Riverfront Recapture is transforming 60+ acres of inaccessible riverfront land into a community park, Garmany Cove, a regional trail system, and complementary commercial development. The creation of this healthy community asset will benefit the environment, link the region, boost economic development, and connect even more people with the Connecticut River. After our June 24 meeting, you can learn more about this [future park](#) via a walking tour.

The tour begins at 100 Meadow Road, Windsor, CT; free parking is available onsite. Plan for a 60-90 minute walk at a moderate pace. The ground is flat but uneven in some areas. Closed-toe walking shoes/sneakers are recommended. Taking public transportation? Our new park is just a three-minute walk from the bus stop at Windsor Ave & Meadow Road. Questions? Contact [Martha Conneely](#) at 860-713-3131 ext.316.

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, in person at CTDOT, Presentation by Natasha Fatu, CTDOT, Highway Safety Improvement Plan, annual Implementation Plan for Vulnerable Users

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday)**

**Draft final report**

January 2025 – Distribute annual report

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