

Minutes
Connecticut Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board
June 28, 2012 Meeting (Special Meeting)*

Meeting at DOT Headquarters
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111
Room 2324

1.0 Summary No motions were offered and no votes were taken

1.1 **Preliminaries**

1.2 Convened at 1: Board members in attendance: Tom Gutman, Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Neil Pade, Deb Dauphinais, Alan Sylvestre.

DOT staff: Kate Rattan, David Head

Visitors: John D. Pagini, Joseph C. Balskus, Kirsten Griebel, *MaryEllen* Thibodeau

1.3 Approval of minutes: Deferred for lack of quorum at start of meeting

1.4 Guest speaker: John D. Pagine, AICP, Former member of Governor Romney's Highway Design Manual Task Force, & MassHighway's TDM/TMA Review Committee.

Mr. Pagini came to discuss Recommendation # 6, Implementation through Cooperative Efforts with State Traffic Commission/Division of Traffic, and Recommendation # 13, Development of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs. His presentation was based on

2.0 Reports

2.1 DOT Projects and News, as reported by Kate Rattan

2012 June Trail Update

- CTBPAB –
- Eastern CT Trail - DEEP is conducting clearing on the Airline trail, once this is complete the DOT will review identified drainage problems
- RTP -

- Greenways Council -Awards ceremony Jun 1, see the video at http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/show_info2.asp?EventID=14673
- TE – DOT review still ongoing,
- American Great Outdoors – Ken Salizar was in CT for the CT Ri Blueway. Sam Gold of CNVCOG
- HDM – CS group to take over HDM update, other issues
- Merritt Parkway –
- M8 Bike Hooks MNR –
- ECG signage – moving along, traffic memos by the end of the month. Towns should be implementing their signage work now.
- Bolton Notch – Ahsan will give a presentation to the board upon request. He is unavailable this month on the scheduled day. He will be going out to the town's soon.
- Training Opportunity –
- Putnam Bridge – Final Design for the bridge with submission in July. The walkway project is in man hour negotiations
- Maintenance Issues –
- USBRS – NWCOG exploration
- VIP- 124 in New Canaan Yes, Darien restripe not allowed due to epoxy markings, RT5 S. Windsor no due to heavy trucks, continued work on policy is needed and will be part of the CS group

- a. General News (per Neil's working notes)
- b. DOT Standing Committee for Complete Streets, Development of Complete Streets Manual/ Design Standards (Recommendation #1)
- c. Modification to Highway Design Manual to specify 11' lanes (Recommendation #11) - *Great improvement to the HDM. Some practices recommend down to 10' minimum based on location in an urban center, anticipated truck traffic, un-interrupted flow, low speeds, etc.... Need to give this more thought in the future (2012 report). This is not a one size fits all application. This is a design question for engineers to solve. (Note – 12' lanes come from interstate requirements to carry "low-boy's" military vehicles).*

d. 2nd of Complete Streets Workshop held at DOT on June 21st (Recommendation #2, b, e, & f) *Very impressed with the leadership initiative of Tom Harley to work with Ted DeSantos of Fuss and O'Neill and John Simone of CT Main Street on this program. 3rd program to come, plus development of Municipal Guidance Manual and Peer to Peer Exchange. Very supportive work from Tom on changing the culture of the Department to think about Complete Streets.*

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- e. CT FastTrak
- f. NHHS High Speed Rail
- g. Share the Road Signs
- h. TIGER Grants

2.2 Reports from other Agencies (State, Regional, Local, Other) (10 minutes)

a. Bikes on Buses – Rod
b. AASHTO 2012 Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, released June, 2012.
http://news.transportation.org/press_release.aspx?Action=ViewNews&NewsID=444

c. AMTRAK – June 8th response to May 14th letter from Board (2011 Recommendation #11)

d. Recreational Trails (See June 13th e-mail from Laurie Giannotti)

e. Tri-State Transportation Campaign (Recommendation #4 Siting of Transit Infrastructure)

I was contacted by Ryan from TSTC about an advisory group working with DOT to provide additional input into the busway project. I've expressed the Board's comments issued in the 2011 Annual Report under Recommendation #4, and on Pages 12, 13, and 28. They are looking for input on access issues, including where pedestrian/bike infrastructure is nonexistent or insufficient to meet new demand, where existing access is unattractive or feels unsafe, and where way finding/"trailblazing" signage is needed. The context of input is supportive in nature, to identify and address these issues so that the project can be more successful.

At Monday's CRCOG Transportation Committee meeting it was acknowledged that quite a bit of work still needed to be done on bicycle and pedestrian connections to the transit. This is not untypical and it sounds like there are parties willing to do it.

c. Other