



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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MEETING NOTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday August
26, 2014

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Meeting at DOT Headquarters
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington,
CT 06111
Room 2141

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

In attendance: Chair Neil Pade, Vice Chair Sandy Fry (919am), Secretary Joe Balskus (841am), Kelly Kennedy, Francis Pickering, Ray Rauth, Rod Parlee, Deb Daphinuas
Staff: Melody Zimyeski

Guests: CTDOT Joe Ouellette, Hugh Hayward, Colleen Kissane, Tom Maziarz
Bob Dickinson, Tony Phillipon

1.2 Minutes

Accepted as corrected for next meeting date.

1.3 Input from visitors

Bob Dickinson asked if CTfastrak be used by bikes when not in use? It was noted there is a multiuse trail along half of fastrak and the fastrak is open 24 hours a day.

It was also note that DOT agreed to hold bike race in the future.

Cross walks at 30/83 in Vernon? Need sidewalk ramps

1.4 Presentation - Rewrite, State Highway Safety Plan, Joseph P. Ouellette, State Safety Engineer

Two programs - Safety Program and Strategic Highway Safety Plan
In 2010 rewrite of the plan. Seven areas of interest including peds and bikes. Emphasis areas - will likely be peds and bikes. His office tracks all fatal accidents - 154 total report - 28 peds and 3 cyclists. He noted that every emphasis area needs a champion - opportunity for this board to assume the role and be a champion for bike and peds in the rewrite of the

plan. Multifaceted board needed. It was also noted of the possibility to bring in enforcement member to the board? Someone from the governor's safety office?

Projects –

- DOT replaced all school signs on state highways, soon to do all local roads
- Recent paving projects – narrowing travel lanes
- Upgrading all cross walks on state highways – statewide program for state highways
- One road diet project – route 100 east haven, another one in east Hartford for Burnside avenue
- Retiming all DOT signals for clearances and pedestrians – bringing national standards
- Upgrading amenities for pedestrians, ADA
- New countdown pedestrian signals

Safety Circuit Rider Program – UCONN technology transfer center – if local community needs help on traffic, safety, call tech center

Extension of DOT staff, and is a National Program

Handout on peds and bikes in SHSP as currently written

Schedule for SHSP – outreach mode right now, decision in next couple of months by bike ped board

New focus on safety from DOT – want a system wide improvements to address safety

Joe needs help on the bike ped emphasis. Time commitments – every other month? Couple of hours?

In summary, CT Bike Ped Advisory Board to finalize discussions on involvement with the SHSP and advise DOT. This should be added to next agenda.

1.5 Presentation – LOTCIP, Review of Bike-Ped Needs Assessment Form Utilization, Hugh Hayward.

Most money federal aid program used STP funds

Historically regions used money with the towns

LOTICIP effective November 2013

Fewer requirements for the Towns and less resources from DOT

Shifting burden of scoping to RPA and Towns

No federal (is this correct? Should it read grant rather than federal?) Participation in design, but construction and possible ROW

All other costs - By Towns

Bike ped form – part of application - Working out well

Since 2013, there are \$36 million of commitments to Towns for projects under

design

Windsor and Groton first funded projects going to construction

Sidewalk, trail, bike ped related – 6 projects total

DOT trying to make it grass roots and less DOT dictating what they can do - Oversight at arms length by DOT

Bike ped form covers the needs at preliminary design level

Legislation for LOTCIP program – pledged to RPA, DOT is open to revising the program in future

September quarterly meeting on LOTCIP where they may make some small changes

Neil – implementation of the complete streets law the driver for the board

Sandy – Given the complete streets law, shouldn't granting of Federal state dollars for projects be predicated upon the inclusion of complete streets in all projects?

RPA – ranking of projects should include complete streets assessment

2.0 Old Business

2.1 2014 Initiatives

a. ConnDOT Complete Streets Policy – Status Report; Collaboration

Update provided last month from Kate Rattan.

1% statute is not effective – any comments?

DOT will share with Board before goes to legal department, before September Board meeting

b. Improvements to State Driver's Licensing Manual and Exam – Date of Annual Update; Exam Questions; Certified Instructor Training.

Sandy provided an update on status of discussions with DMV, and on revisions to manual, and letter to Commissioner and hope to be regularly involved with update process

Statutory initiatives to be pursued might include bike lane/cycle track information and CT motor vehicle laws (we need to decide which initiatives we will pursue).

c. Development of Bicycle Driver's Manual – Status Report, Subcommittee Report.

The state DOT is committed to modifying the Cycling street smarts book (by John Allen) and making it specific to CT. This will serve as a bicycle driver's manual. – no report from Kate (absent), hold separate conference call with her and subcommittee

d. Communications with Amtrak, allow bicycles on commuter trains

Ray provided update report via email prior to meeting.

2.2 Policy for support of grants, projects and other requests – Policy Document; Boards role and policy in applying for unallocated of highway safety funds; Subcommittee Report.

Highway safety funding available – discussed last month, is bike ped board willing to serve as a recipient of these funds? To be decided at next meeting.

Joe to get more information on this for next month. 402 funds

2.3 Statutory Initiatives (for consideration)

- a. Create bike appropriate fines
- b. Permit motorized vehicles to cross center line when passing bicycles
- c. Allow bicycles to not come to a complete stop at four way stops
- d. Permit bicycles to proceed through a non-triggered signal
- e. Add a fine to the Three Foot Law
- f. Add fourth exception to stay as far to the right as practicable
- g. Apply NACTO Polices to CT Laws
- h. Require a tail light on all bikes that ride at night?
- i. Cyclists be issued points on license for infractions? Clarified
- j. Regional or local level a bike ped coordinator be assigned/appointed for reviewing bike ped considerations
- k. Transit and pedestrian needs?

Board to review next meeting as the legislative session starts in January

2.4 Letters of Recognition – Bill O’Neil (to be determined), Commissioner Currey (to be revised), Charlie Bernstein (Neil)

2.5 Model Ordinances/ Policies/ Regulations for Municipalities

2.6 LOTCIP Design and Bike-Ped Needs Assessment Reviews

2.7 Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshops, Presentations – CCM- BPAB Workshop - Complete Street for Municipal Leaders; Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee – Kate, Neil, Kelly, Mike Norris, and Donna Shea

April 2015 training session on complete streets – generated by annual report and drill down. Need to formalize outline and what to be cover



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2.8 **2014 Initiatives – Other**

2.9 **2015 Annual Report**

Need to get going on for Fall

3.0 **New Business**

Mike Norris Survey monkey – quantitative elements to annual report? Complete streets case studies? Bike parking? model ordinances

3.1 **Election of Board Officers**

- a. Chair – Neil Pade
- b. Vice Chair – Sandy Fry
- c. Secretary – Joe Balskus

Board approved election of officers

4.0 **Reports (time permitting)**

Lacking mobility impaired person on the Board. Ray offered a suggestion?

Sept 10 and 13 for national bike survey

4.1 **DOT Projects and News**

Putnam bridge study has been published

4.2 **Member Reports**

Meeting adjourned at 1039am

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, September 23, 2014, Room 2141

Teleconference: recurring every 4th Tuesday 8:15-10:45AM

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