



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Volunteer board members advising agencies of the state on policies, programs, and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.

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REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Notes

Tuesday May 26, 2015

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Meeting at DOT Headquarters

2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

Room 2141

1.1 Preliminaries

1.2 Call to Order/Roll Call

Board members present assembled at 846am.

Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Rod Parlee, Ray Rauth, Alan Sylvestre, Kelly Kennedy, Deb Dauphinais

Board members absent:

Neil Pade (Chair), Francis Pickering

Guests

DOT – Kevin Tedesco

Bob Dickinson

1.3 Minutes, March 24, 2014

Adopted by Board.

1.4 Input from visitors

Bob Dickinson – reporting of bike crashes, since not all bike crashes are reported by the police, South Windsor is going to try to set up a self-reporting system. Bob will keep us updated on progress with this.

2.1 Old Business

None

2.2 2014-2015 Annual Report

- Progress with Implementation of the Board Recommendations
 - E-Bikes – the committee plans to meet in June and report back at the June or July meeting
 - Other

- Based on forthcoming passage of bike bill, we can eliminate several recommendations in our next annual report.

- DOT - Follow up with DOT on regular basis, Sandy will request on a monthly basis that DOT provide us with the status of progress on the list of recommendations in our annual report. This report will be distributed to the BPAB prior to each Board meeting (going forward). (Kevin to handle with Kate's forthcoming maternity leave)
- Website - NEED to review website – Sandy to email reminder)
 - Keep as an agenda item
 - Kelly - Who is our audience? Who are we trying to communicate with? Should have just one portal for information about CT BPAB, can also do a blog to post to site
 - (include links to website in meeting notes) <http://www.ctbikepedboard.org/>
<http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=3535&q=499566>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/CT-Bicycle-Pedestrian-Advisory-Board/188437584535625?ref=bookmarks>

2.3 **Letters of Recognition**

For Senator Beth Bye, Roland Lemar, and Kristen Vahey McCarthy representatives – 3 primary champions

Board members can send personal notes to bill co-sponsors
Sandy to send a list of cosponsors to Board and bill supporters/opposers

2.4 **Upcoming Complete Streets Training, Workshop, Presentation – CCM-BPAB Outline for Workshop - Complete Street for Municipal Leaders**

September 22nd CCM Training Session – Tuesday

Neil, Kevin and Sandy will be speakers
Neil - Intro to board, CS Law, Sandy on why and benefits, commission on aging summary (active transportation),
Kevin – tools, funding, etc.
Neil on tools that municipalities can use, sample CS ordinance, CS checklist, how Canton looks at transportation projects to meet CS

2.5 **Subcommittee Report BPAB/HSIP emphasis areas**

Tabled until next meeting

2.6 **Discussion – Legislative Bills of Interest (502, 1062, 6851 and others)**

502 – due for signature
6851 – moving through legislature, with watered down revisions
1062 – bond bill, but references old AASHTO requirements – references to 1999 – Kate and DEEP sponsoring – trail construction
Funding – 6840 Ramp up financing plan – finance committee reviewing, concern with final amount may be cutting bike/ped funding? Kelly will “alert the troops” when input is needed to preserve these funds.

2.7 **State Transportation Budget**

See notes in 2.6

2.8 **Review of Website Updates and Facebook**

See notes in 2.2

3.1 **New Business**

3.2 **Regional Policy Recommendations for use of LOTCIP funds**

Neil sent email summarizing issues in previous email to Board
CTDOT – LOTCIP program summary

Most regions had STP-Urban projects put into LOTCIP program
DOT – required CS checklist for projects submitted under LOTCIP

CRCOG LOTCIP selection process discussed – concerns with CS intent
100 points total – 12 points for CS out of 100

CTBPAB – send a letter to all regions clarifying the CS intent in LOTCIP process. Letter be drafted and circulated to Board and approved before sending out. Board approved motion to draft the letter.

4.1 **Reports**

4.2 **DOT Projects and News**

Add Kevin Tedesco to email distribution

CTDOT

Stamford bike ped plan – CTDOT and RPO – scoping with them and Kevin taking over for Kate and serving as technical advisor for Farmington Canal Trail Gap study in Plainville –

Own bike plan update underway at State level – the resulting plan will have an online interactive map and plan development may make use of *Strava* data , scoping underway now.

Gap closure – Bolton/Manchester greenway status – one is in final design? To be confirmed.

Streetlights on Complete Streets link has updates on progress with trails projects.

Putnam Bridge update – funding for Town approaches, DOT has begun discussing potential ideas on matching funding, recognizing that the towns cannot be expected to foot the local share for a project of regional significance.

Norwich RSA Route 82 - May 6 – RSA conducted, – corridor in Norwich – Route 82, from three rivers college to intermodal center by the bridge – will be roundabouts – 5

RSA for bike ped specific issues – analyzed entire 1.5 mile corridor – various officials walked the corridor – identified low, medium and high impact

Several low hanging items were able to be done immediately: Signs moved, pedestrian buttons upgrading, lights replaced, restriping crosswalks

Done as part of US DOT mayors challenge – another challenge at state level for RSA

Burnside Avenue – DOT pursuing HSIP grant for promotional/educational portion of project. Construction should begin this year.

4.3 **Bike Walk CT Update**

Update – bike bill passed, bike to work day (may 15), bike friendly states score card (18 to 22nd place for CT), sets bike walk CT agenda for year, (will shoot up if our ramp up funding is authorized)

Share the road/mode shift and mode share and boosting bike commuting population – CT is at half rate of US average

State level policy goals needed – and how to measure mode shift/share. There is resistance at the DOT to using mode shift as a goal or performance measure.

Discover tours – June 6 (Saturday) in West Hartford (also trails day, susan komen day), on bike walk website, New Britain – September 27- Sunday

Share the road campaign also starting up. There is not a lot of funding for getting the message out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary

Next Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, June 23, 2015, Room 2141

Teleconference: recurring every 4th Tuesday 8:15-10:45AM Call In Number **877-417-2950** **PASSCODE: 94833**