



## 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 NOTES**

Friday December 20, 2019, 9 AM  
DOT Headquarters  
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Conference B

#### **1.0 Preliminaries**

##### **1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call**

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary),  
Neil Pade, Susan Smith, Rod Parlee, Ken Messier, Francis Pickering

##### Guests

Melanie Zimyeski CTDOT  
Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT  
Bob Dickinson, South Windsor  
Robert Bell, CTDOT  
Pam Sucato, CTDOT  
Kate Rattan, SECOG (phone)  
Chris McArdle, Hartford

#### **1.2 Minutes**

November minutes approved by the Board

#### **2.0 Reports/Presentations**

##### **2.1 DOT Projects and News**

###### **CS Committee Updates**

Continuing to work on the complete streets forum/training with UConn/CT Main Street. Will be late spring timeframe – CCSU. Target is municipalities and training for complete streets, also including funding. Other matters are still being worked out by the CS Committee.

If there is an annual report will provide a copy

Meeting quarterly – each District is on the committee

Project Administration unit set up at CTDOT headed by Karen Rymer

Engineering/Construction Bureau, asset management team

ADA coordinating engineering Snow Peng

US Bike Route 7, had a meeting regarding signage. Will need to involve Districts 2 and 3 and probably will need encroachment permits. This will set the process for other such routes which have been designated by Adventure Cycling. The signs are being procured

Internal review of Highway Design Manual supplement for bike/ped design, comments due today. Bike ped board interested in providing review/comments on supplement

Traffic signal design manual – Ped chapter (which includes update for pedestrians and concurrent signals) is being circulated to staff and CS Committee.

Just announced yesterday, New Deputy Commissioner  
Garrett Eucalitto starting January 6, 2020

### **3.0 Old Business**

#### **3.1 Annual Report and recommendations and format**

Review of report letter draft

Also, updates from CTDOT progress with complete streets handed out. Melanie is continuing to get input for this section of the report

Long lead time for funding for VIP can increase lead time for notification of paving to Towns

Can CTDOT show which projects were done in 2019 for multiuse trails

Comm Connectivity Grant \$25 million for 80 projects have been assigned, not all expended, X have proceeded to construction

CT Pedestrian Safety Guide – safety tool for CT’s Vision for reducing pedestrian fatalities and injuries – 7 Towns were awarded enforcement through CT WatchForMe. Funding is unrelated to the Safety Guide

Goal is to increase enforcement to reduce rising number of ped crashes and deaths

Joe to revise wording on CTDOT concurrent pedestrian phasing

Sandy to incorporate pertinent CTDOT comments letter to Commissioner

Need to know miles for roadways restriped for wider shoulders

Recommendations to Commissioner review

Addition of “substantial commitments to investment in bike ped facilities in the long-range plan”

Revise training recommendation

Affordable housing recommendation – leave as is

Increase registration fees for heavier vehicles – remove from list, have CTDOT review in future

Complete Streets Committee letter

Move 2 to 1<sup>st</sup> position

Move 1 to 2<sup>nd</sup> position – remove comm conn program

Add CS committee to engineering design training for Districts

VIP training – continue to provide sufficient timing....

Incorporate bike ped review in routine maintenance work

Brian can write up section on spot improvements for bike/ped hazardous locations

Keep recommendation for just school zones

Keep 8, Delete 9

BikewalkCT –  
Recommendation 10 – revise

Op Ed to be revised

### **3.2 Web site**

No report.

### **3.3 Brochure, powerpoint, planning outreach**

No report.

## **4.0 New Business**

### **4.1 meeting schedule 2020**

Approved

### **4.2 CT Route 1A discussion, including I-95 Gold Star Bridge**

Goldstar bridge  
Northbound span design issue raised by SECOG

SB I95 span has insufficient sidewalk width for pedestrians and does not meet ADA for multimodal facility (6' max width)

CTDOT to review concerns raised by SECOG Kate Rattan multimodal access to bridge which is under design for improvements

Bike Route 7/State Route 7 (excluding freeway) and Western New England Greenway are the same – signage is now in process

Route 7 does not show up as national on road route on DOT's interactive bike road map

Rhode Island Moving Forward statewide bike plan (draft) recommends coordination with CTDOT for Bike Route 1A bike route

SECOG bike route plan maps a similar route between RI and Baldwin Bridge

How can bike ped board  
Begin a process for CTDOT to apply for this bike routing

Ask DOT to report on process for designating a National Bike Corridor in the state. RI is interested in linking to Route 1A in CT..Route 1A is a coastal corridor that would run from New Haven to Providence

### **4.3 HAWK signal, countdown issue**

Tabled until next meeting.

## 5.0 Input

### 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

### 5.2 Bike Walk CT Update

Legislative reception, old judiciary room State capitol

January 30 11-1pm

Hosted by Transportation committee co-chair

### 5.3 Watch For Me CT Update

Tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting – January 24, 2020, 9 AM

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