



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
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REGULAR MEETING NOTES

Friday November 20, 2020 9 AM
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1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Francis Pickering, Al Sylvestre, Neil Pade

Guests

Melanie Zimyeski, CTDOT

David Elder, CTDOT

William Champagne, CTDOT

Anna Kleza, CTDOT Legislative liaison

Laura Baum, Bike Walk CT

Bill Veronesi, Hartford

Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

Kim Bradley, CT Trail Census Coordinator

Laura Buam, Bike Walk CT

Sam Haiken, New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation

1.2 Minutes

October 23, 2020 notes approved by Board.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

2.1 DOT Projects and News

Community Connectivity grants – 50 received

Last year's annual report updated by CTDOT from last year with new DOT information provided. Attached to these minutes

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Scott Bushee award should be noted in the progress section of the annual report and he has been invited to December meeting for presentation on complete streets

Chip Seal issue – to be reviewed separately with CTDOT via a phone call.

Active Transportation Plan Implementation Matrix to be distributed to the Board

Gold Star Bridge – No update

Other

Trail mapping in the works, update forthcoming

Highway Design Manual supplement for bike/ped is near final, Board requests ability to review prior to publication

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Annual Report

Suggestions for new recommendations:

Discussion on bollards; this will be included in the recommendations to the complete streets committee

Economic benefits of trails – we want someone to compile this information, who how? Kim Bradley will check with UConn to find out what it would take to enable them to do this work

Safety study to find out if our supposition that larger passenger vehicles has led to higher injury and fatality rates – Francis will reach out to Eric Jackson of the UCONN Crash Data Repository to ask whether this is something they could research

Dooring concerns discussed – we should include a recommendation for education related to the “Dutch reach” Also include education regarding distracted driving.

Add a recommendation regarding the need for the on road bike planning map to be updated regularly with the incorporation of recommendations from the regions.

Discussion of affordable housing and need for bike ped network. Sandy will reach out to Sara Bronin to refine this one

Payment in lieu of sidewalks – Sandy will reach out to sara on this one also
Keep Police officer training recommendation – not held in 2020, but expected to pick up again

Keep bike and pedestrian safety training

Keep pilot school zone cameras to establish efficacy

Keep prioritization of top 10 corridors

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Complete streets demonstration program modifications
Great streets contest consideration that the CTBPAB runs?
CTDOT District person for training for complete streets
VIP recommendation to be revised to include chip seal discussion
Highway design manual recommendations to remain
CS Training recommendation should be retained
Add column D to show progress made year to year
Completion of draft final report drafted in December for Board review and then submit to DOT for final approval

3.2 Development of Powerpoint
Tabled

4.0 New Business

None

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)
Bob Dickinson discussion on South Windsor suggested zoning regulations changes for encouraging bike/ped amenities

5.2 CT Greenways Council/ECGA
No report

5.3 CT Trail census
Kim Bradley took over for Charlie Tracy, working with Laura Brown and UCONN Extension
Will review what UCONN can contribute on economic analysis of bike trails
Trail finder website being worked on, to be ready for June 2021
CT Trails Census can support groups in 2021 and continuing long term monitoring on trails, desire to include in report

5.4 Watch for Me CT Update
Tabled until December
Elderly and distracted driving initiatives ongoing

5.5 Bike Walk CT Update
No report

Next Meeting – December 18, 2020, 9 AM

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