



## Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
Friday November 19, 2021 9 AM  
This meeting will be held over TEAMS:

### Microsoft Teams meeting

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Phone Conference ID: 513 712 836#

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

Brian Kent (Vice Chair), Al Sylvestre, Joe Balskus (Secretary), Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Ken Messier

#### Guests

Aaron Budris, NVCOG  
Kim Bradley, CT Trail Census Coordinator  
Bill Veronesi, Hartford  
Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT  
Bill Champagne CTDOT  
Anna Bergeron, CTDOT  
Bruce Donald, CT Greenways  
Bob Dickinson, South Windsor  
Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG  
Kate Ratan, SCCOG  
Diane Palmer, DOT Deputy Commissioner Office  
Laura Baum, Middletown

#### 1.2 **Minutes**

September meeting notes approved by board.

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

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

Vision zero council

Next meeting on Monday, Secretary to provide update next month. Council is in beginning stages of initiative. Looking to have a subcommittee for public as the legislation does not have public on the council.

Top safety priority corridors from ATP

Elevated to the project development unit, still looking at the 12 corridors

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### Chip seal

DOT visited Massachusetts for chip seal considered for 2022 season  
Fog seal emulsion by recycled rubber particles

### Active Transportation Plan

Implementation metrics – progress to date  
No report on metrics

### Update of Active Transportation Plan online map

Stakeholder group status

Setting up a meeting subgroup to help/modify routes on the planning map for the Department to focus money on and prioritize funding, setting up in December

### Gold star bridge

Progress with feasibility study of improving existing ped way – in June reported that this would be completed in September. Any updates?  
\$300 million work being done by Consultant, managed by DOT Staff  
Copy of study on the south span feasibility was provided, consultant to prepare a new study on the north span, not yet available for review

### Community Connectivity grant program, update

16 projects completed, 19 in construction, 6 in preconstruction (bids), \$2 million pending

42 of 90 grants awarded to date, \$9 million

Many grant awardees are not yet moving forward after 3 years, DOT to reach out to them on these

### Bulkeley Bridge progress

Crosswalk concerns for EB on ramp from Morgan Street

Being reviewed by project development unit

## 3.0 Old Business

### 3.1 Bike Ped Data Collection and planning needs

No date.

### 3.2 Board initiatives for 2021

Review for December meeting such as video.

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### 3.3 Implementation of bicycle plan

DOT working with COG's on updating the plan

WestCOG, SCCOG, CRCOG have responded

Scope of review limited to these COG's

Add or modify the routes on the bike planning network

Concern that the critical areas of state that are excluded such as SCRCOG,

RiverCOG, MetroCOG, NVCOG interested in being involved and will be

contacted

Quarterly COG meeting this was discussed

Monthly teleconferences held

### 3.4 Speed camera initiative – ideas for moving this forward?

Red light camera legislation presented to Hartford City Council, consideration for support by Board? Requesting CT legislature involvement

### 3.5 New legislation – have PDs been informed?

How is this promulgated to police departments to be determine by DOT contacting OSTA

Also

DOT to review pedestrian safety zone and speed limits on local roads.

DOT has retained consultant to review community centers for implementing speed zones with OSTA guidelines

## 4.0 New Business

### 4.1 Annual report development

Annual meeting report is on website

Need to review for December meeting

Joe to send out reminder

## 5.0 Input

### 5.1 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

No input noted.

### 5.2 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

Received 33 grant applications, total in \$8.3 million only \$2.5 million available

Awarding a point count to applications, meeting 12/3 to review applications and announce winners Jan 2022

Rec trails program, 1<sup>st</sup> time in 3 years with money

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### 5.3 CT Trail census

Updated census survey is on line

[http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/ct\\_trail\\_census/visualizations.htm#ctc](http://clear.uconn.edu/projects/ct_trail_census/visualizations.htm#ctc)

Regional coordination on trail counting program

Multimodal summit, Laura Brown leading a panel on multiuse paths

National outdoor recreational conference pr

CT Conf of Municipalities presentation as well

93 active trail systems now on CT Trail finder website

120 in development now, 80-100 trails by end of year to be populated

Trail mapping underway with UCONN

CT Trail finder identifies trail surface

### 5.4 Watch for Me CT Update

No report however noted that Instagram posts are very frequent and informative

### 5.5 Bike Walk CT Update

Laura noted that the Middletown school district has received support from Bikewalk CT for training and bikes

Next Meeting – December 17, 2021, 9 AM

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