

REGULAR MEETING
Friday February 24, 2023 9 AM
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1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Brian Kent, Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Neil Pade, Al Sylvestre, Mark Moriarty, Tom Branchaud

Craig Babowicz, CTDOT
Bill Champagne, CTDOT
Robert Bell, CTDOT
Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT
Anna Bergeron, CTDOT
Dimitri Koutoumbas, OSTA
Amy Watkins, Watch For Me CT
Charles Harlow, Fuss & O'Neill
Bruce Donald, CT Greenways Council/EC Greenway
Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG
Doug Hausladen, Park New Haven
Martha Conneely, Riverfront Recapture, Hartford
Bill Veronesi, resident Hartford
Richard Donovan, NVCOG
Nicholas Marsand, Westport Fire Dept
Joanie Taylor, Westport
Kim Bradley, CTDEEP

1.1 Minutes, January 27 meeting
Board accepts minutes as presented.

2.0 Reports/Presentations

DOT Projects, News, Updates:

DOT to administer any RAISE grants? Most Towns will administer themselves. May have a MOU with CRCOG towns with a consultant providing administration.

Legislative update

HB 5917 – 18 recommendations from VZ Council, refer to website

Details and language of bill are provided

In transportation committee, discussion on potential revisions

March 7th VZ council

Update on Putnam Bridge project

Trail to be completed in Spring 2024

Bridge walkway surface retrofit is being reviewed expected to be completed by 2024 as well



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Progress with new CS policy

CTDOT taking a hard look at 2014 CS policy, making good progress within Department Bureaus, details to be released soon

Update of Active Transportation Plan online map –stakeholder group
On hold until CS policy internal review is completed, then will restart the process

CTDOT Community Connectivity Grant Program (CCGP)

Notice of funding opportunity released this week, due in July

[Community Connectivity Grant Program Funding Open for Connecticut Municipalities to Improve](#)

\$10 million available this round. DOT will consider notifying potential applicants that this round of applications may serve to feed an annual funding program over the next two years, alerting them to the importance of submitting an application for this round.

RSA program is ongoing and continuing, part of CCGP webpage

3.0 Old Business

3.1 In person meeting proposal:

June 23 Riverfront Boathouse, Hartford

September 22 New Haven Train Station or Canal Dock

On a motion by AI, seconded by Joe, this proposal was approved.

3.2 Outreach to Commissioner DMV Guerrera

Discussion on new legislation to be included in the driver manual. Sandy to draft a letter to Comm. Guerrera

3.2 Final Annual Report published and sent to addressees

Suggestion to distribute to media and others

Suggestion to start future reports in August/September

Consideration to run parallel to CTDOT Legislative ideas

Annual State HSIP report issued in late summer, consideration to include in future report

3.3 Crosswalks on 384 ramps at trail crossings: we discussed the need for DOT to give thought to the situation where trails cross highway ramps.

Rob Bell indicated that there are 2 categories for this issue: 1) new projects are getting a very close look. 2) Existing situations, each situation is site specific and unique. He asked that Sandy forward to he an Anna information on situations like this and they will look into them.

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3.4 Status of Slide Show

Final copy was sent out last week, any suggested edits to be provided by March 3

4.0 New Business

4.1 Vision zero – make this a regular update? Towns and GOGs active
Make an agenda item

NVCOG working on a VZ plan, 2060 no fatalities/serious injuries

Westport received Action Plan Grant SS4A, just starting process, community wide safety action plan, likely consistent with VZ

SS4A applications must endorse VZ

Micromobility considerations – Superpedestrian pilot in New Britain, similar to Hartford

Class 1 and 2 ebikes can use trails

Scooters are not legislated yet but are part of the active transportation mode.

4.2 VRU safety assessment, to be completed by year end

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from COG's

NVCOG working with City of Bristol on Downtown trail

March 8th public information meeting public library

5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

No reports.

5.3 CT Rail Council

No report. Tracking legislation.

5.4 CTDEEP Trails and Greenways:

Rec trail application deadline is March 1. Anyone is welcome to attend the monthly Greenways Council meetings.

5.5 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

CRCOG East Coast Greenway project kicked off, 18 month study. Website soon. Public involvement forthcoming.

5.6 BikeWalk CT

Bruce Donald has joined the board.

Events to be announced soon.

5.7 Watch for Me CT

Resource to Westport for Action plan, Bristol for Walk Audit.

Safety messages for trails crossing roadways, Avon and Farmington Valley

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trails council.

Has a Vision zero powerpoint, will share with Sandy for distribution. A good primer on Vision zero and the Safe Systems Approach.

5.8 CT Trails Program
No report.

5.9 Transport Hartford
No report.

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