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REGULAR MEETING

Friday March 24, 2023 9 AM

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1 **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Sandy Fry (Chair), Joe Balskus (Secretary), Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Neil Pade, Al Sylvestre, Tom Branchaud, Susan Smith

Dylan Reilly, Town of Farmington

Jennifer Lacker, Bike Stonington

Aaron Budris, NVCOG

Karen Svez, NVCOG

Craig Babowicz, CTDOT

Bill Champagne, CTDOT

Robert Bell, CTDOT

Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT

Anna Bergeron, CTDOT

Dimitri Koutoumbas, OSTA

Charles Harlow, Fuss & O'Neill

Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG

Martha Conneely, Riverfront Recapture, Hartford

Bill Veronesi, resident Hartford

Richard Donovan, NVCOG

Joanie Taylor, Westport

Kim Bradley, CTDEEP

Jennifer Carrier, FHWA

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

Bruce Wittchen, OPM

Kate Rattan, SCCOG

- 1.1 Minutes, February 24 meeting
Meeting notes adopted

- 1.2 TEAMS PLATFORM?? Remember to update if you use the Classic free version

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2.0 Reports/Presentations

DOT Projects, News, Updates:

Update on Complete Streets Academy

Complete streets grant from Smart Growth America, provides \$10,000 funding for temporary installations of pedestrian/bike improvements in these three towns: Waterbury Bristol and Middletown.

The program provides training to both DOT and town staff related to making improvements on state roads.

Held a walk in Bristol this week with NVCOG, plan is to remove parking, add more pedestrian space on the street and add crosswalks. Middletown involves pedestrian lighting. Waterbury: Grand St has been resurfaced but no markings put down yet.

Appears that 6500 sq ft of pavement can be dedicated for pedestrian use. Will implement as part of Make Music Day.

Projects will be implemented end of June or beginning of July.

DOT staff involved include planning, traffic engineering, and district (Districts 1 and 4).

CTDOT looking at District Encroachment Permit processes to expedite process for quick build projects

Municipalities taking over speed setting:

OSTA received requests from Lyme, Hartford and New Fairfield for local speed zone setting. Not clear if they have set any speeds yet

No progress on pedestrian safety zones, DOT is working on a pilot project.

Joanie of Westport will reach out to DOT regarding the pilot and whether they can be involved.

Gold star bridge –south side feasibility status?

Looking to expand the south side including potential lane drop, expect to have update at May board meeting

Legislative update

Interview with Roland Lemar on camera/speed enforcement showed some positive momentum but the ACLU website says that ACLU opposes it.

Vision zero bill status – no update, except it appears the ROW component will be removed from this bill and placed elsewhere before the end of the session.

Progress with new CS policy

Making great progress with the committee on the policy amendment, working on internal changes needed to implement, much internal work is still underway, so no updates can be provided.

Will improve complete streets components on future projects

Update of Active Transportation Plan online map –stakeholder group?

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Consultant (FHI) was hired as part of a larger project, schedule for the ATP update not set yet

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Final Annual Report, CTMirror article, other reactions: made connections with Bruce Wittchen of OPM, and individual suggested that our next report give more attention to roadway shoulders, since this is where many people walk and bike.

Additional media?
COG's included? in future dissemination
OPM next POCD being prepared

3.2 Crosswalks on 384 ramps at trail crossings, info is at DOT
DOT asked that the LTA contact them. Sandy to contact Manchester LTA to follow up.

3.3 Use of Slide Show
Will be put on website (next week)
CTDMV drivers manual has been updated

4.0 New Business

4.1 Vision zero – no discussion

4.2 Schedule for Committee's work over next 12 months
Schedule is accepted by the Board, will be included with each Agenda going forward
Review of recommendations
Additional funding for planning and design: There is \$15 M available for ped bike improvements at traffic signals and this does include design and construction. Town aid road funds can be used for design. Require more clarity on need.
VIP program to include bike facilities painting, VIP is strictly a maintenance program, we are asking that an allowance be included in the VIP program to cover painting of bike and ped facilities – which ought to be considered part of the road.
Discussion on bike/ped facilities on state roadways and responsibility
Payment in lieu of sidewalks versus state law, consider in State POCD?
Bruce W asked that we send him information on this issue.
Coordination with DOT, OPM on potential legislation for 2024

5.0 Input

5.1 Input from COG's.
NVCOG complete streets implementations projects underway. Would like rep of BPAB to attend rollout
SCCOG Meeting in Stonington regarding Route 1 with Town and DOT.

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There was a recent fatality
CRCOG workshops East Coast Greenway gap closure: Simsbury <https://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Simsbury-Flyer-3-30-23-Workshop.pdf> , , East Hartford <https://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/East-Hartford-Flyer-4-11-23-Workshop.pdf> .Hartford: <https://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Hartford-Flyer-4-18-23-Workshop.pdf> Bloomfield: <https://crcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Bloomfield-Flyer-4-26-23-Workshop.pdf>
Interactive map for input: <https://www.fhistudio-apps.com/ecg-map/#/>,

- 5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)
- 5.3 Transport Hartford no report
- 5.4 CT Rail Council no report
- 5.5 CTDEEP Trails and Greenways, Kim Bradley:
Rec trails grant round closed March 1, 97 applications!
6 projects from parks division, \$29.5 million for \$9 million funding
Subcommittee of greenways council reviewed applications
Recommendations by April 11, DOT will be reviewing
This funding can be used for planning and design
Greenway nominations forthcoming, reach out to Kim if questions.
- 5.6 CT Greenways Council/ECGA
No report
- 5.7 BikeWalk CT
March 30 Putnam Bridge meeting at Heirloom market in Old Wethersfield
- 5.8 Watch for Me CT
No report
- 5.9 CT Trails Program
Director position still open
Data dashboard for the trail counts being developed
Adding trails to trail finder

Meeting adjourned at 10:39am.

Next Meeting – **April 28**, 2023, 9 AM

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