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REGULAR MEETING Friday October 27, 2023 9 AM Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer or mobile app

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1 Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Grace Yi Hartford
Pat Padlo, OSTA
Charles Harlow, F&O
Bob Dickinson, Bloomfield
Bruce Donald, CT
Greenways
Karen Svez, NVCOG
Dimitri Kotoumbas, OSTA
Amy Watkins, WForMeCT

Christopher Roberts, CTDOT
Kristen Levesque, CTDOT
Mary Cockram, BWCT
Bruce Wittchen, OPM
Jane Dunbar, Intergovernmental affairs, CTDOT
Jason Hughes, T2 Center
Sylvia Ounpuu, Bolton
Karen Wilkinson, Marlborough
Aaron Budris, NVCOG

Zach Williams,
Superpedestrian
Karen Pakulis, Marlborough
Norm Berg
Kim Bradley, CTDEEP
Lon Hultgren, Mansfield
Cindy Jacobs, Wethersfield
Doug Hausladen, NHPA
Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG
Stuart Popper, Cromwell
Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT

Barbara Amododio, Bolton
Richard Donovan, NVCOG
Olivia Rizzuto
Jennifer Brady
Kate Rattan, SCCOG

1.1 Minutes, **September 22** meeting Meeting minutes accepted by the Board.

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2.0 Reports/Presentations

Superpedestrian Update, Zach Williams Scooter share/micromobility presentation (attached to these minutes)

CRCOG RFP allows renewal of micro-mobility contract
No cost to hosting community for the models proposed.

DOT Reports/Updates

New Complete Streets policy not in works presently

Complete Streets Design guidelines in place of the policy, Anna is lining up someone for the November meeting to discuss the guidelines with the Board.

Sandy will request questions regarding the policy prior to the meeting

State Safety Engineer Highway Safety Improvement Plan implementation plan to be presented also in November.

Putnam Bridge on schedule to be completed Spring 2024 – the paths and the sidewalk on the bridge itself.

Gold Star bridge – white paper on feasibility of improving the southbound side sidewalk not presented yet, briefing to SCCOG staff in October, confirmed that the multi-use path (MUP) on the SB side will be finished in line with the NB side 2026/7 work

MUP will take the SB operational lane on bridge! This is very significant and a victory for bicyclists and pedestrians for whom the bridge is the only crossing available.

Board discussion on vendor in place (VIP) paving program and opportunity for bike infrastructure improvements. It was suggested that COGS develop bike and pedestrian plans for state routes, so that they would be available when roads are put onto the VIP plan. Lack of plans has been a barrier for implementation of bike lanes and crosswalks as part of VIP. Though funding for this design work would probably be an issue.

AARP presentation on complete streets at Capitol was held on Wednesday. Mark M presented on the complete streets progress in New Britain. To see some of the good things happening with complete streets in CT see the CS Spotlights page hosted by the T2 center:

https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/Complete_Streets_Information_Exchange.asp

Bike shop owners to be solicited for membership on the Board.

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Legislative followup

PILOS – Board working on language

EBikes – information on other states – six require ebike operators to be over a specific age (14 in Alaska, 15 in Hawaii and 16 in the others.)

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- 3.2 Getting word out on CTBPAB – anything scheduled, cooking? No update
- 4.0 New Business
- 4.1 Support letter for RiverCOG Affordable Housing Project
Sandy provided letter (attached to these minutes)
- 4.2 Accessible Parking Advisory Council – not yet formed, but it may have some overlap with our work
- 4.3 Unspent Transportation Funds
Recent articles about unspent federal funds in CT misunderstood how federal funding works. The funds have been obligated, which means they will be spent. Accelerated innovation deployment and demonstration funding opportunity, new source of funding from USDOT
<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/bd3a0c81/w3aOujvbkWrYZ8XfhWhOw?u=http://www.grants.gov/>
- 4.2 Annual Report
Data – are their other data needs to be documented?
Progress – CS design criteria implementation
CTDOT \$20 million bus stop upgrade project coming
PA2307 should be considered (should be a state designated greenway)
- Recommendations
Need for local match of fundings (legislative ask)
Board members need to comment on recommendations
- Subcommittee to work on Annual Report: Al, Mark, Sue, Joe
- 5.0 Input
- 5.1 Input from COG's and Vision Zero Updates
NVCOG – Bristol/Waterbury SGA complete streets academy summaries. NVCOG VMT reduction strategy adopted. Strategy can be seen here:
<https://nvcogct.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/VMT-Reduction-Strategy-2023.pdf>
- CRCOG- drafting model ordinances for towns relative to PA2307 tax abatements for private property, ECG trail update, RFQ process to revisit complete streets plan, focus on key projects.
Working with BWCT to create a repository of plans/policies throughout the state... hopefully more of an update next time for you on that.

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WestCOG – regional highway design manual .pending FHWA approval. Will coordinate with CRCOG on model ordinance for 2307.

SCCOG – study underway for Norwich downtown mobility study, survey out now, update for safety study and SAP in short term

5.2 Input from Visitors (5 minutes)

Bike Walk Bolton comments: I384 project was to include a bike path on the northside of 384. This will correct the cutoff of access from north to south and across the notch when 384 was built. The 384 project is no longer a priority and they want to be sure the bike path proposal moves forward. We will reach out to CRCOG and DOT on this

5.3 BikeWalk CT

Bike Walk CT annual dinner is 11/2 in Hartford, featuring Bill Nesper of LAB. Register at <https://www.bikewalkct.org/2023-bwct-annual-dinner.html>

5.4 Watch for Me CT: World Day of Remembrance, Nov 19 in Bushnell Park. Sandy will send out information

5.5 Transport Hartford – no report

5.6 CT Trails Program – new dashboard for the trail count is now up: https://ctrails.uconn.edu/ct_trail_census/dashboard/

5.7 CT Public Transportation Council – no report

5.8 CT DEEP Trails and Greenways Trails Symposium in Torrington was successful. The Rec Trails app will be out soon and will have a similar schedule as last year. Anyone interested in getting a greenway designated in their town, reach out to Kim Bradley. Kimberly.Bradley@ct.gov

5.9 CT Greenways Council/ECGA

6.0 T2 Center Update

Putting information that we can use in our annual report. LTA 101 program underway

Next Meeting – **November 17**, 2023, 9 AM
VIA TEAMS

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12 MONTH ACTION PLAN

April 28, 2023: Presentation by Erik Jackson, re UConn Crash data

May 26, 2023

Status of our recommendations – progress, need to reach out?

June 23, 2023 At Riverfront boathouse, Hartford;

Presentation by Donna Shea of the T2 Center, T2 activities in BP

Presentation by Riverfront Recapture re their BP activities

July 28, 2023

Possible update from OPM on CT Conservation and Development Policies Plan for 2025-30 (check with Bruce, Rebecca to see if they are able to do this)

August 25, 2023

Election of officers

Presentation on CT HSIP Implementation plan which should be approved by local FHWA office by now

September 22, 2023, in New Haven

Layout legislative asks for following year. After meeting, request meeting with Anne Kleza

October 27, 2023

Layout recommendations for 2023 report, begin compilation of data for tables in report

November 17, 2023 (not the 4th Friday)

Initial draft of report

December 15, 2023 (not the 4th Friday)

Draft final report

January 2024

Finalize annual report and distribute

February 2024

Strategize how to move recommendations forward

March 2024

NOTE: we may want presentations from other groups to be sure our Annual Report includes their work:

Watch for Me CT; CT Age Well Collaborative; OTHERS?

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