



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Volunteer board members advising agencies of the state on policies, programs, and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 22, 2014

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Meeting at DOT Headquarters

2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

Room 2141

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call 852am

Board members in attendance:

Chairman Neil Pade, Secretary Joe Balskus, Charlie Beristain, Deb Dauphinais, Francis Pickering, Mike Norris

Guests in attendance:

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

Kate Rattan, CTDOT

Board Members Absent:

Vice Chair Sandy Fry, Alan Silvestre, Rod Parlee, Ray Rauth, Tom Gutman

1.2 Minutes

Meeting notes for April accepted with revision that they are meeting minutes.

1.3 Input from visitors

Bob Dickson of South Windsor - Concerned that DOT is not restriping all roadways to 11' lanes. DOT indicated they are not eradicating the existing pavement markings. They are only redoing where the roadways are being repaved/milled/overlaid. Town roadways may be different.

2.0 Old Business

Reviewed last month presentation on NV Greenway and Board provided support for the TIGER application with letter of support for TIGER application.

Discussed Farmington Heritage Trail – section in Southington and Plainville

CCRPA submitting a tiger grant application for engineering for designing the gaps in the trail in Southington and Plainville – separate funding pool for planning projects – not in direct competition with other projects.

Geographic distribution is a factor in the application process.

Previous studies were done but not satisfactory. Need some more creative thinking with the new plan.

Priorities for DOT support of pending TIGER applications – Naugatuck Greenway and Eastern CT Freight/Rail improvements, possibly linking Worcester and New London and colleges along the route. But not necessarily Plainville/Southington.

TIGER likes projects with “Ladders of opportunity”

The Board will draft a letter of support for the CCRPA pending application for inclusion in the application.

The Board discussed support for the eastern ct DOT application to TIGER as well.

The Board to review a policy for evaluating requests for letters of support for projects, applications, etc. Put on agenda for next month. Issues to consider – competitive funding and TIGER applications. Not programmed funded projects.

CMAQ – might benefit from Board support letters – traditionally bike and ped projects haven’t competed well against others.

2.1 Dissemination of Annual Report

a. Distribution list and distribution to date

Meeting with Commissioner to be scheduled for June.

**Sandy prepared a spread sheet for 169 towns committee listing.
Need to review the list and publish**

3.0 New Business

3.1 2014 Initiatives

a. Complete streets Training

Francis, Sandy and Kate met with T2 center on future training. T2 center to work on curriculum, for LTA and Road Scholar program in Fall 2014.

DOT to consider adopting course work for engineers.

Need to develop a list of communities that have adopted complete streets policies – New Haven, Bridgeport.

b. Other

Ray in contact with Amtrak on the bikes on train issue. Will report next month.

Board to consider a listserv for complete streets, review issues involved next month.

LTA listserv through T2 is one other avenue for getting information out

3.2 Letters of Recognition

Nominators should submit letter text to Neil so letters can be drafted.

4.0 Reports (time permitting)

4.1 DOT Projects and News

Bike to Work Day - May 16 Friday

DOT hosting an event at CTDOT, CTDEEP Commissioner participating

CT BikeWalk hosting events.

BikeWeek coincides with Transit Week this year

Melanie Zimyeski, Planner took over for Dave Head

CTDOT to have ribbon cutting for bike racks at CTDOT, 2pm. CTBPAB members to attend.

4.2 Member Reports

Discussion – winter maintenance on multi-use trails. Town responsibilities. How to encourage Towns to provide the maintenance to reopen the trails to bikers and pedestrians.

DOT GIS data shows availability of trails for use in winter, ie, snowshoes, etc.

Trails Council should consider issue as well.

Meeting adjourned at 1019am.

Next Meeting Time/Date, Agenda Items and Adjournment

Meeting 8:30 AM, DOT HQ, May 27, 2014, Room 2141

Goals

- 1) To advance the inclusion of non-motorized transportation design elements in state and municipal road building projects as well as in both public and private development and redevelopment projects
- 2) Support and encourage pedestrian and bicycle connections between neighborhoods, commercial areas, employment centers, schools, state and municipal parks, and other designations serving the community
- 3) Integrate and connect the pedestrian and bicycle system with other transportation systems (roads, rail, bus, etc)
- 4) Support government policies and funding initiatives that favor transit and non-motorized transportation
- 5) To facilitate the implementation of the Complete Streets Law

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