

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

TIME: 12:00pm

DATE: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

PLACE: Zoom Call

Name

Anna Stern

Eric Anderson

Grace Yi

Jason Scott

Jay Stange

John DiBiasi

Justin Russo

Lon Hultgren

Martha Conneely

Nathaniel Jarvie

Norm Berg

Owen Deutsch

Patrice Carson

Paul Ashworth

Stuart Popper

Affiliation

Watch for Me CT

Town of Andover CT

City of Hartford

Town of Rocky Hill

Transport Hartford

Town of Manchester

Town of South Windsor

Bike Mansfield

Riverfront Recapture

Town of Canton

Town of Southington

City of Hartford

Town of Bolton

CTDOT

Bike Walk New Britain

CRCOG Staff

Anaka Maher

Caitlin Palmer

Heidi Samokar

Mike Cipriano

Sonya Carrizales

Roll Call

1. **Roll Call (00:00)** Mike Cipriano asked that attendees introduce themselves either via chat, or verbally to the committee.

2. **Public Forum**

Mike invited any comments from the public.

3. **Approval of Minutes from the Meeting on May 14, 2024**

Mike asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2024 meeting.

4. **Presentation – CTDOT Active Transportation Unit (Paul Ashworth) (00:00)**

Paul informed the group of what Active Transportation is. Discussed the impacts that Income, Race, and Age have on people who walk, run, or bike.

CTDOT is updating the Active Transportation Plan. A tool is being developed that will help impact the decisions of roadway design going forward.

Discussed Safe Routes to School and Walk Audits.

He went over a Trail Conditions Analysis Pilot Study, modeled off a former study in Massachusetts.

Paul also brought up the Active Transportation Microgrant.

Paul then mentioned Quick Builds.

Eric Anderson said that it would be easier to have an automated process so the towns can communicate with CTDOT or CTDEEP about any issues on the Hop River Trail, for example, such as See Click Fix.

Jay Stange brought up the fact of people under 21 have lower fatalities compared to other age groups because they just aren't outside, because the infrastructure is so dangerous.

The microgrant program started due to some towns finding it not worth the time for a small grant, while others found the process to be very easy.

Active Transportation along the Manchester downtown project was discussed.

5. **Updates and News (57:00)**

Regional Shared Micromobility Program (57:05)

East Coast Greenway Feasibility Study (59:25)

CRCOG Bike and Pedestrian Priority Network Plan (1:01:00)

Active Transportation Microgrant (1:02:00)

Safety Action Plan / Vision Zero Task Force (1:03:00)

Walk Audits (1:05:10)

6. **What's New in My Town (1:08:35)**

- **Nathaniel Jarvie, Canton:** Nathaniel mentioned that Canton was awarded a \$200,000 SS4A grant for Complete Streets.
- **Eric Anderson, Andover:** Eric said they are installing 4 bike boxes and in the process of implementing an e-bike loaner program for residents. He also mentioned that they are in the design phase for a multi-use pathway that we had previously done a walk audit on. This would be a 2.5-mile, non-motorized loop.
- **Grace Yi, Hartford:** Have an ongoing partnership with Center for Latino Progress. Planning for Quick Builds and Traffic Calming. About to close the RFP for the Keney Park South. Looking to improve the interior trail network within Keney Park.
- **Anna Stern, Watch for Me CT:** Just finished Ghost Shoes documentary, and are in the process of remaking all their education materials.
- **Jay Stange, Transport Hartford:** Hartford Bike Jam #2 on August 22, trying to engage the community to discuss traffic calming. They will have a ride down Park Street and into West Hartford Center. Walk Audit in Northeast Hartford on August 28. Lastly, Jay gave a shout out to CTDOT for all of their work.

- **John DiBiasi, Manchester:** John also gave a shout out to CTDOT for the work on the Putnam Bridge, also really liked the AARP Walk Audit Toolkit.

7. **Other Business (1:20:00)**

Mike asked if anyone had any other business to discuss.

8. **Adjournment (1:22:40)**

Caitlin reminded any communities that if they have a topic or project they're especially interested in and want to present, that they're welcome to do so.