

Minutes
Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board
December 3, 2009
Department of Transportation
Newington, CT
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Charles Beristain, Debra Dauphinais, John Ferguson, Thomas Gutman, Gary Nicol, Rodney Parlee, Erin Pascale, Ray Rauth, and Richard Stowe.

Members Absent: none.

I. Call to Order

Deputy Commissioner Jeff Parker called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

II. Opening Comments

Deputy Commissioner Jeff Parker welcomed the new Board members and expressed his hope that CTDOT and the Board would work together collaboratively. DC Parker suggested one of the Board's focuses should be to define project priorities based on performance metrics so that we have a consistent strategy across the state to improve bicycle and pedestrian access. He noted that the first focus should be on the performance metrics before discussions turn to specific project initiatives.

Bureau Chief Jim Redeker also discussed the Board's role in assisting CTDOT with goal setting and priorities. He stressed the need for developing a framework to make decisions throughout the state and the importance of defining the metrics behind it.

Both DC Parker and BC Redeker noted the desire to work with the Board on both projects and policy approaches for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

III. Discussion of Transportation Funding

Tom Harley, Bureau Chief for Engineering and Construction reviewed the various types of state and federal funding sources for transportation projects and the programs under which bicycle and pedestrian accommodations fall under. Tom noted some of the different federal funding programs, such as Interstate Maintenance, National Highway System, Surface Transportation, and Transportation Enhancement, and noted the classes of roadways eligible for funds from each program. He also discussed the contents and process for compiling CTDOT's mandated report to the General Assembly on October 1, 2009 regarding transportation projects that contain bicycle and pedestrian access.

Mr. Harley also expressed a need to work with the Board. He stressed the importance of the Board's guidance in identifying and prioritizing

spines/locations throughout the state on which the Department should focus and concentrate.

Board member Ray Rauth asked CTDOT to provide documents to further explain the federal transportation programs.

IV. Public Act 09-154 Requirements

Board members individually introduced themselves and provided a brief background of their history and interest in bicycle and pedestrian issues.

By a show of hands, Board members elected the following officers as required by section 2(d) of PA 09-154:

Chairman: Ray Rauth
Vice Chairman: Erin Pasquale
Secretary: John Ferguson

Board members discussed the reporting requirement pursuant to section 2(h) of PA 09-154 by January 15, 2010 and agreed to submit the report without a request for extension by the deadline and appointed the following members to a subcommittee to draft the report:

Charlie Beristain
Erin Pasquale
Gary Nicol
Richard Stowe

V. Next Meeting

It was decided that the next Board meeting would be Thursday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Transportation Newington headquarters.

Chairman Rauth took suggestions for items to be included on the next meeting agenda.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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