

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting
241 Main Street, 4th Fl. Hartford, CT, CRCOG Large Conference Room
Thursday, March 29, 2018
12:00 p.m.

Name

Abby Kenyan
Lon Hultgren
Mary Ellen Thibodeau
Jahriq Knighton
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CJ Gandza
Ken Shooshan-Stoller
Michele Lipe
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Kevin Borrup
Bill O'Neill
Barbara Amodio

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Transport Hartford
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New Britain
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CRCOG Staff

Mike Cipriano
Mary Ellen Kowalewski
Tim Malone
Emily Hultquist
Caryn DeCrisanti

Roll Call

1. Call to Order: Tim Malone called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

2. Public Forum

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Meeting

Tim Malone requested a motion to approve the minutes.

Peter Gillespie made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting. CJ Gandza seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Patrice Carson Abstained.

4. Updates and News

Emily Hultquist gave an overview of recent news and updates in the region. These included Hartford's Bicycle Plan, the Regional Complete Streets Plan, and the Gap Closure Project.

5. Presentation on Watch for Me CT

Amy Watkins gave a presentation on the state's Watch for Me CT program. The program promotes safety and awareness of vulnerable users.

Committee members ask:

- Do you have any examples of coordination you've had with parks and recreation departments?
 - Amy responded that the City of Hartford has asked about doing outreach at city parks

Emily distributed an article about a recent

6. Updates on CRCOG Regional Complete Streets Plan

Emily Hultquist gave an overview of the progress the team has made on the Complete Streets Plan. She went over the public outreach events that were held in the Fall. She also discussed some of the themes that came out of the events and discussed an online public outreach tool that is available at: <http://www.crcogsurvey.com>

7. Presentation on Preliminary Data Analysis of the 2017 Regional Bike Ped Count & Active Transportation Audit

Tim Malone presented an overview of an analysis of the data from the 2017 bike/ped count. CRCOG is preparing a report on the data that will be presented in March.

8. What's New in My Town

Individuals used this time to update the committee on news in their town:

Lon Hultgren from Bike Mansfield reported that Mansfield got bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community status.

CJ Gandza from the City of New Britain reported that first phase of Stanley loop trail is going to bid next month. He also reported that the city will be designing the second phase soon, which will be 4 miles or so. They are looking to connect to CTfastrak next. Bike NB signed a lease to have a headquarters downtown.

Michele Lipe of the Town of South Windsor reported that the town adopted regulations requiring new developments to provide 5 feet wide sidewalks and to allow for 10 feet wide paths in industrial areas. The town is also requiring sidewalks as part of site plans.

Wendy LaMontagne from the Town of Suffield reported that the town is working on a project to connect schools in the central part of town.

Todd Dumais from the Town of West Hartford reported that the town has striped 3 lane miles of on-street bike lanes. They are working closely with the town's bike/ped committee on implementing recreational ride loops. They are also looking into signs and want to upgrade to silver status for bike friendly community. The town also fixed language in sidewalk policy that will allow them to fill gaps that existed.

Abby Kenyan from the Town of Windsor reported that the town is reconstructing Prospect Hill Road with sidewalk connectivity that will reach the park.

Kevin Borrup from Watch for Me CT reported that the Watch for Me CT campaign is based on a North Carolina campaign. The campaign coordinator is working out of Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Barbara Amodio from Bike/Walk Bolton and East Coast Greenway reported that CTDOT is requesting feedback on a plan in Bolton. She and Bill O'Neill went over the proposal and distributed comment forms that can be used to provide input.

Bill O'Neill from the East Coast Greenway reported that Manchester is working on "yellow bike" program. They are also working to repurpose bike lockers and find new locations. The town is working on last gap of Cheney Trail. He also asked if the committee could provide a resolution regarding the fix for the trail in Bolton. CRCOG staff reported that they could look into it.

Joshua Roman and Jahriq Knighton reported on activities at BiCiCo. They are looking at cyclist behavior on city streets at various intersections. They are also helping to plan a summit for next year. They also reported that BiCiCo will run a bike corral at the CT Convention Center for a February conference.

9. Other business

No other business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm