

## Capitol Region Council of Governments

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### Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting 241 Main Street, 4th Fl. Hartford, CT, CROCOG Large Conference Room Tuesday, June 11, 2019 12:00 p.m.

Name	Affiliation
<b>Rob Phillips</b>	Town of Southington
<b>Patrice Carson</b>	Town of Bolton <b>Amy</b>
<b>Watkins</b>	Watch for Me CT <b>Bruce</b>
<b>Cyr</b>	Town of Farmington <b>Todd</b>
<b>Sealy</b>	Town of Windsor <b>Alan</b>
<b>Blasenstein</b>	Transport Hartford
<b>Gannon Long</b>	Transport Hartford
<b>Gene Nichols</b>	Department of Public Health
<b>Michele Lipe</b>	Town of South Windsor
<b>Ginny Hole</b>	South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways
<b>Ken Shoosan-Stoller</b>	FHWA
<b>Susan Smith</b>	Bike/Walk CT
<b>Sandy Fry</b>	City of Hartford
<b>Todd Dumais (via phone)</b>	Town of West Hartford

#### CROCOG Staff

Tim Malone  
Emily Hultquist  
Mike Cipriano  
Regina Harlig  
Harry Zehner  
Rob Aloise

#### 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**  
Nobody chose to speak.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting**  
Tim Malone asked for a motion to approve the March minutes  
Motioned by Michele Lipe; Seconded by Patrice Carson  
Motion was approved.
4. **Updates and news**  
CROCOG Staff gave an overview of recent updates and news.

Updates included:

- An update on legislation related to bikes and walking
- Upcoming webinars
- Information on an upcoming summit regarding autonomous vehicles
- Information about the 2019 Multimodal and Transit Summit
- The upcoming 2019 bike/ped count
- Two events in New Britain
- The regional bike share RFP

#### 5. Presentation on the CRCOG/DPH Grant Project

Tim Malone gave an overview of a grant that was recently given to the Connecticut Department of Public Health. CRCOG will be working on the grant with DPH. While the grant covers a number of subjects, CRCOG will be focused on projects that encourage active transportation and living. CRCOG will be soliciting towns for potential demonstration projects soon. They will also be putting on a series of workshops. The project is being conducted statewide.

#### 6. What's New in My Town

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

- Bolton
  - Completed Route 6 project
    - Had the last public meeting and public hearings in each town (Bolton and Coventry)
    - Next steps are to put together an initial trail with some markers.
    - Would be willing to give a presentation at a future meeting.
- Southington
  - Starting a corridor study of Route 229
  - Continuing the process of completing the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail to the Plainville Town Line
- Watch for Me CT
  - Relaunching the campaign with new graphics
  - Launching a new website
  - Attended the Vision Zero Summit in New Haven
- Farmington
  - Working on the Route 10 main street area streetscape project with a connection to Route 4
  - The Town's bike committee is working with the highway department on painting sharrows
  - Began installing "bicycles may use full lane" signs
- Windsor
  - Working with the town DPW to develop trail maps
  - Planning trails for the recently acquired Mill Brook golf course, which is now being used for open space
- Manchester
  - Cheney rail trail improvements are being funded by a state grant
  - The Town is adding bike racks in downtown
- Transport Hartford
  - Held a walk audit at the June 22 Road to Zero event

- Have been keeping an eye on construction sites as they often present obstacles for pedestrians
  - Held a Transportation Equity event at the Hartford Public Library, which was well-attended
- Department of Public Health
  - Noted that the Centers for Disease Control is very focused on connectivity and safe walking projects
- South Windsor
  - Looking to do a traffic calming policy similar to the town's complete streets policy
  - Mass Transit and Highway Commission has an intern who is researching grants for a trolley
    - Would be a bus between various points in town
    - Possibly focused on tourism
- South Windsor (Walk and Wheel Ways)
  - Finalized contract for the Cross Town Trail
    - Hiring a designer to start mapping it out
    - Looking for information on what to expect from neighbors, of which there are about 6 to 7
    - Michele Lipe suggested doing a 8-24 referral
  - Hosting bike rides starting at the Connecticut Valley Brewing Company
    - Leisurely flat rides held every Thursday
    - Starting an adult learn to ride class
- Bike Walk CT
  - updating website
    - 18 local Connecticut advocacy groups represented
    - looking to make it as comprehensive as possible
    - will be looking at bike groups and bike shops
  - Did a bike rodeo in Southington
  - Bike/Walk CT had a request to build an off-bike curriculum to be done in a gym
    - taught 342 children
    - happy to offer it across Connecticut
  - rebuilt curriculum book for fourth graders
  - got some inquiries for offering the teach the PE teacher program again
  - July 19-21 hosting LCI seminar
  - Holding TS101 class on June 13 in Canton
  - Providing valet bike parking at Sail Fest in July
  - Annual dinner is Friday night November 8
  - Discover Connecticut ride in two weeks in Falls Village (June 23)
    - proceeds to go toward signage for Western New England Greenway Trail
  - Partnered with UConn on three bike education clinics in three different cities
- Hartford
  - Moving forward with implementing the bike plan
    - Trying to modify striping in repaving projects
  - Applying for funding to jumpstart development of bike boulevards
  - Working to extend the south branch of the Park River Trail using DEEP funding

- West Hartford
  - Trying to make a push on education but getting pushback from school administration
  - Mountain Rd and Route 44 went to the Town Council for a complete streets exception
    - A property owner objected to the project
  - Have funding through LOTCIP to do part of the Trout Brook Trail
  - Working on North Main Street
    - Waiting for DOT to release funds
    - Going to implement a road diet as a trial
- CRCOG Transportation Department
  - Route 75 in Windsor Locks getting sidewalks
    - had been many fatalities
  - Hoping to do another LOTCIP solicitation soon
  - Held a solicitation for TA set-a-side
    - Simsbury, New Britain, and Mansfield were awarded funds
  - CTDOT will be implementing more concurrent ped phasing
    - will be presenting at TC meeting on Monday
  - Regional Safety Plan is underway
  - Performance Measures
    - safety
      - looking at nonmotorized crashes
      - early indications are a mixed bag

**7. Other Business**

None

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.