

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting

TIME:NOON

DATE: **Tuesday March 9, 2021**

PLACE: Zoom Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
<b>Lon Hultgren</b>	Bike Mansfield
<b>Eric Anderson</b>	Town of Andover
<b>Bruce Donald</b>	East Coast Greenway
<b>Rob Phillips</b>	Town of Southington
<b>Renata Bertotti</b>	Town of Newington
<b>Patrice Carson</b>	Town of Bolton
<b>Chris Squires</b>	Resident, Granby
<b>Bob Dickinson</b>	Resident, Bloomfield
<b>John Dibiasi</b>	Town of Manchester
<b>Michele Lipe</b>	Town of South Windsor

## **CRCOG Staff**

Tim Malone  
Caitlin Palmer  
Mike Cipriano  
Ryan Faulkner

## **Roll Call**

1. **Call to Order:** Tim Malone called the meeting to order at 12:01pm. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.
2. **Public Forum**  
Nobody chose to speak.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting**  
Tim Malone asked for a motion to approve the minutes  
Motioned by Patrice Carson; Seconded by Lon Hultgren  
Motion was approved.
4. **Updates and news**  
CRCOG Staff gave an overview of recent updates and news.
5. **Bike/Ped Count Data Portal**  
Ryan Faulkner gave a presentation on a new data access portal for bike/ped counts and audits.
6. **What's New in My Town**  
Individuals used this time to update the committee on news in their town:
  - Southington
    - Town is working on their section of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail from Lazy Lane north; the project is currently in the right-of-way phase
  - East Coast Greenway
    - Bridge in Southington is nearing approval from DEEP

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- New Haven's project is proceeding
- Plainville Phase 1 is at 40% design
- Plainville Phase 3 will be next
- Coventry's last bridge (going into Willimantic) has been delayed
- The Guilford shoreline trail may be revived
- Newington
  - Town is looking to boost bicycle planning
  - Town is expecting more than 500 new housing units, all with limited pedestrian access
  - Interested in expansion of the CTfastrak trail toward West Hartford
- Mansfield (Bike Mansfield)
  - Rekindled efforts of creating a bicycle map for the town
  - Downtown partnership received a grant for bike racks that will be installed in the Spring
  - Have established tentative dates for the train the trainer program
- South Windsor
  - Received funding for a trail through the Eversource corridor
  - Town has a new recreation director
  - Trail at Evergreen Walk is soon to be completed
  - Housing development at Geisler Plaza will install sidewalks
  - Looking to develop a multi-use trail in the warehouse area of town
  - Working on getting sidewalks for the new elementary school
- Manchester
  - Finished the bridge on Hartford Road
  - Moving a section of the greenway off-road
  - Wrapping up intersection improvements at Buckland Street
  - DOT making progress with railroad crossing at Route 83; hoping to extend the Cheney trail
- Bloomfield (Bob Dickinson)
  - Town is working on a complete streets ordinance

## **7. Other Business**

Bruce Donald reported that DOT is moving forward with lighting for the Bolton tunnel

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.