

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting

TIME:NOON

DATE: **Tuesday June 8, 2021**

PLACE: Zoom Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Eric Anderson	Town of Andover
Amy Watkins	Watch for Me CT
Sandy Fry	City of Hartford
Chris Squires	East Coast Greenway
Peter Gillespie	Town of Weathersfield
Thomas Lefebvre	Transport Hartford
Bruce Cyr	Town of Farmington
Michele Lipe	Town of South Windsor
Kevin Sullivan	Bike Walk Wethersfield
Bob Dickinson	South Windsor Walk & Wheel Ways
Patrice Carson	Town of Bolton

CRCOG Staff

Michael Cipriano
Ryan Faulkner
Caitlin Palmer
Stephanie Camp
Anirea Ortiz
Chris Henchey
Tim Malone

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 March 9, 2021 meeting**
Tim Malone asked for a motion to approve the minutes
Motioned by Eric Anderson; Seconded by Patrice Carson
Motion was approved.
4. **Updates and news**
CRCOG Staff gave an overview of recent updates and news.
5. **Presentation: Reimagine Main Street**
Sandy Fry gave a presentation on the City of Hartford's Reimagine Main Street project.
6. **What's New in My Town**

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

- Eric Anderson (Andover)
 - Ready to sign contract for connectivity grant project at Route 6 and Long Hill
 - Installed a temporary small traffic circle on Lake Road to get feedback from residents
- Sandy Fry (Hartford)
 - This is her last meeting as she is retiring
 - Working to get Community Connectivity Grant Program project in place. Involves a lot of bike lanes
 - Complete streets plan will be adopted next week
 - Will be doing "slow streets" (formerly bike boulevards) on an additional three streets in the coming months
- Chris Squires
 - Need a transportation study on Main Street from Town Hall to Goodwin University
 - Mayor is looking for grants to do something with the multi-use trail system
- Michele Lipe (South Windsor)
 - Moving forward with cross town trail (power line corridor)
 - Working on design
 - Community connections sidewalk program along Clark Street and Pleasant Valley Road
 - Evergreen walk moving forward with projects and installing sidewalks
 - Seeing increased interest in sidewalks
- Patrice Carson (Bolton)
 - Working on Community Connectivity Grant Program: Bolton center road connects past town hall
- Bob Dickinson
 - Some reconstruction on Buckland Road. Hoping for some road calming.
- Peter Gillespie (Wethersfield)
 - Heritage way bike path was designated as a CT greenway
 - Initiated a new event in Old Wethersfield; bicycles on main street
 - Wrapping up negotiations for maintenance for the Putnam Bridge Trail
 - Finishing design on LOTCIP project on Wolcott Hill Road
 - Finalizing Community Connectivity Grant Program improvements in Old Wethersfield
- Thomas Lefebvre (Transport Hartford)
 - Took part in a walk audit in South Windsor
 - Transportation Climate Initiative was removed from budget talks
 - Pressing for legislation that would define e-bikes as e-vehicles for rebate purposes
 - Wethersfield bicycle swap event coming up this weekend or next weekend
- Amy Watkins (Watch for Me CT)
 - Working on two new major campaigns

- Older pedestrians; help drivers to be more aware of older pedestrians
 - DUI campaign they're hoping to get funding for
- Walk audit in Waterbury
- Bruce Cyr (Farmington)
 - Increased usage of trails
 - Funding for port-a-potties on the trail
 - Running a safety campaign reminding people regarding traffic laws
 - Looking to put together a formal signage plan to get people to businesses from the trail

7. Other Business

Caitlin

- a. CT Trail Finder website launched
- b. East Coast Greenway gap closure project will be starting soon

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.