

Active Transportation and Active Living Advisory Committee Meeting

TIME: 11am

DATE: **Monday, September 21, 2020**

PLACE: Online (zoom)

Attendees: Tim Malone, Caitlin Palmer, CRCOG; Shawna Kitzman, FHI; Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT; Christian Meyer, NVCOG; Rick Lynn, NHCOG; Bill Young, Bike Walk CT; Dan Daniska, City of Norwich; Sandy Fry, City of Hartford; Meghan Sloane, MetroCOG; Kristin Hadjstylianos, WestCOG; Hoween Flexer, NECCOG; Eugene Nichols, DPH; Jim Rode, SCRCOG; Sam Alexander, SCCOG; Carl Amento, SCRCOG; Sam Gold, RiverCOG; Sahar Amjad, Transport Hartford; Rebecca Andreucci, SCRCOG; Francis Pickering, WestCOG

1. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Public forum

No members of the public were present.

3. Purpose

Tim Malone reminded everyone of the purpose of the group.

4. Status update

Tim Malone gave an update on the status of year 1 and year 2 projects.

5. Requests for proposals for year 3

Tim Malone gave an overview of the draft requests for proposals for year 3. There are three categories: bike racks; demonstration/education projects; and “train the trainer” programs for educators.

Tim also gave an overview of propped ranking criteria and procedures.

The following is a list of questions and comments:

- Are you looking at crosswalks, such as installing the white stripes?
 - Tim answered that this could be part of a demonstration project.
- How many bike racks could a town apply for? It might not be worth it for a town to get just one.

- Tim responded that the project didn't want to devote too much money to bike racks, so only 20 will be given out each year. We can set a limit of 5 or 10.
- It was suggested that job density could be another criteria to look at.
- It was also suggested that connections to transit facilities should be looked at. Providing more bike infrastructure could help with the last mile issue.
- It was suggested that the "distressed municipalities" list may not be the best metric for equity. A better metric would probably be income levels or poverty.

Tim Malone asked the committee to help identify additional representative for the committee, preferably community members. Tim offered to send a description of how much of a commitment the committee is.

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