

Active Transportation and Active Living Advisory Committee Meeting

TIME: 10am

DATE: **Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

PLACE: CRCOG

241 Main Street

Third Floor

Hartford, CT

Attendees: Tim Malone, Emily Hultquist, Noah Greer, CRCOG; Shawna Kitzman, Mike Morehouse, FHI; Amy Watkins, Watch for Me CT; Christian Meyer, NVCOG; Rick Lynn, NHCOG; Susan Smith, Bike Walk CT; Dan Daniska, City of Norwich; Sandy Fry, City of Hartford; Meghan Sloane, Devin Clark, Wilhelmina Krahn, MetroCOG via phone; Kristin Hadjstylianos, WestCOG; Hoween Flexer, NECCOG; Eugene Nichols, DPH; Jim Rode, SCRCOG

Following group introductions and Tim Malone's recap of the project work completed, we discussed several key elements.

- CDC funding through Year 3.
- The current Fiscal Year 2 ends September 29, 2020.
- All COGs encouraged to submit project proposals, regardless of Year 1 initiatives.
- Several COGs provided additional detail on their proposed traffic calming demonstration projects, including NVCOG's in Ansonia or Watertown, and NHCOG for Cornwall Bridge. The team confirmed we will meet with CTDOT the week of March 1 to get clarity on demonstration projects on state roads.

We moved into discussing following concepts for advancing statewide active transportation.

- Safe Routes to School – reinstate or adopt elements of program, especially as communities are eliminating crossing guards
- Leverage Bike Walk CT "Teach the PE Teacher" Curriculum, with League of Certified Instructors (LCIs) facilitating
- Expand Bike to Work programming, advertising, distribution of kits, and swag for the month of May, or a concerted effort for Bike to Work Day on May 15, 2020
- Safety Villages or [Traffic Gardens](#); see Northampton, MA for example
- Expand procurement and install of bike racks in various communities. Focus on areas with 0-car ownership. Potential products:
 - U-Racks or Post-Ring
 - Corporate sponsored bike corrals
 - Rail lockers (see Burlington, VT)
 - Bike ports
 - Temp bike racks; requires bike valet. Would require transport.

- Partner with Bike Walk CT to sponsor [Bike-Friendly America \(BFA\)](#) to increase desire for bike racks and other amenities
- Bus amenities such as shelters, seating, lighting, heating, real-time information displays
 - Could advertising revenue offset costs?
 - Towns could sell the advertising
 - DOT does not manage bus shelters
- Education about how to coordinate better with CTDOT, especially with initiatives such as VIP roadway improvements
 - Laminated breast pocket card on questions to ask at project planning stage
 - Quick Build Guidebooks printing and provision
- Statewide TrailFinder, based on NHCOC database of trails. Coordinate with UCONN CLEAR. See [Maine TrailFinder](#) as example. Tool for recreation, economic development, conservation, etc.