

**Minutes**  
**Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board**  
**February 18, 2010**  
**Department of Transportation**  
**Newington, CT**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Charles Beristain, Thomas Gutman, Gary Nicol, Rodney Parlee, Ray Rauth, Al Sylvestre, Richard Stowe, Erin Pascale, Jason Stockman

**Members Absent:** Debra Dauphinais and John Ferguson

**Guests:** John Carey, CTCOT Traffic Engineering Manager, David Balzer, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator and \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Ray Rauth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Ray Rauth welcomed Jason Stockman, who was newly appointed to the Board. Before us remains the task of determining how to conduct business and what our business is.

1.2 Agenda approved by voice vote.

1.3 Minutes from 14 Jan 2010 approved by voice vote.

**2.0 Reports**

2.1 Bill O'Neill from the Greenways Council

Mr. O'Neill updated the board members on the status of several relevant projects and advocacy items:

1. The Greenway License Plate Program Mr. O'Neill requested that the Board authorize the chair to submit a letter to the Governor and the General Assembly Transportation Committee co-chairs requesting that the greenway license plate funds be rolled back into the greenway account. [S.B. 388 \(Section 8\)](#) An Act Concerning Connecticut's Economic and Environmental Future
2. Bonding for East Coast Greenway "Gap Closure": SB 1502 Mr. O'Neill requested that the Board authorize the chair to submit a letter to Governor requesting that she send this item to the bonding commission.
3. Merritt Parkway The Merritt Parkway greenway plan has been in the works for 70 years. The planning is over and action needs to be taken. Mr. O'Neill asked the Board to authorize the chair to submit a letter to CTDOT asking that they grant permission to

blaze a hiking trail adjacent to the Parkways and to request funding for the design of the first part of the greenway in Stamford.

Board voted unanimously to approve sending letters of support for these three items.

Action Item: Rod Parlee will draft these letters

## 2.2 DOT Traffic and Research groups

John F. Carey, P.E., Traffic Engineering Manager for CT DOT gave a presentation on pavement markings

Wet reflective performance of pavement marking is the 'holy grail' of pavement marking research. This is especially needed in the northern states where snowplows regularly scrape away reflective surfaces on pavement markings. The 'work horse' paint in CT is an epoxy paint with glass or ceramic beads added for retroreflectivity. A paint tape is used on the highways for the skip lines.

Rumble strips work well in wet conditions, but noise is a problem and experiments have been abandoned because of complaints by adjacent land owners.

Recessed pavement marking, where the paint (and beads) are located in a groove--about the thickness of a nickel--perform well and experiments with this technology are ongoing.

Other experiments are being done with low temperature paints and retroreflective beads made of different materials.

All of these treatments must be assessed relative to their cost/benefit analysis.

There are no specifications on frequency of refreshing/renewing markings.

Action Item: Tom Gutman will draft a letter about pavement markings and in-street signs.

## 3.0 Old Business

Passed on these items

## 4.0 New Business

4.1 Red Light Camera presentation by Erin Pascale.

With the exception of R.Parlee's abstain vote and R. Stowe's nay vote, the remainder of the board voted to support the proposed legislation.

Action Item: Erin Pascale will write a letter of support to be submitted on behalf of the Board

## 5.0 Other

Email discussions

- there has been a deluge of email messages

- include enough words in subject line to help people decide whether or not to read it

Richard Stowe discussed two letters written by Rail\*Trains\*Ecology\*Cycling appealing to Amtrak to permit bicycles aboard. One letter is addressed to the Amtrak management, and the other to Congress.

Charlie asked if Richard was compiling a list of supportive organizations; Richard replied that he has already received endorsements from half a dozen bike clubs, and counting.

Todd suggested having David Balzer ask Jeff Parker at CDOT about how bikes might be accommodated on Amtrak

The Board voted unanimously to endorse Richard's letters.

Motion to discuss CBPAB mission statement.

Idea: Send around one email thread per week discussing a goal for the Board.

Alternative idea: Spend 20 minutes of each CBPAB meeting discussing an aspect of the Board's mission.

CBPAB --> getting the word out

Todd suggested putting together a press release announcing the board's inception.

David Balzer is setting up a CBPAB website. In the meantime, it will be hosted by Charlie on CCBA's site. Send Charlie any materials that you would like posted.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Department of Transportation Newington headquarters

## **7.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Erin Pascale, with thanks to Jason Stockmann for completing the notes after my departure.