



Note: No August meeting. September meeting will be on 9/20 and not 9/27 (so you can attend the NYBC Summit on 9/27-19 – see below)

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Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

7/26/18 7:00 PM

LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center

391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203.

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Reports –

- **Transport Troy** (Pam) – On-street bikeway consisting of bicycle lanes, shared lanes, and cycle tracks, is complete save for an est. ½-mile gap. Collar City Ramble (9/22) will feature kayak rides, walks, and bicycle rides on the new bikeway. Troy moving ahead!
- **CDTA/BikeShare** – Usage increased over 2017 with 4,500 members and 350 bicycles. Bicycle stands are “everywhere!” BikeShare has tremendous first-time-ever data on ride routes, duration, pickup and drop-off points, etc. Will be invaluable in future planning of the City of Albany’s bicycle network. “How-to” classes held for new share members.
- **Treasurer’s Report** (David P.) – Report rendered. Working on NYS tax-exempt certificate.

Old Business

- **Trails Plan** – CDTC draft trails plan due this summer. Public meeting in September.
- **Freeman Road Project** – Town of Glenville project to add medians, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and turn lanes on 1.5 miles of this busy, mixed-use road.
- **Wheels to Waterford History Ride** – Sun, 8/5/18, 9:30 AM (Glenn, Lorenz) – Need road guides, sweep(s), etc. Several members signed up to help.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David P.) – Not done yet. Will continue follow up. Noted that some repairs may be planned or done in the Cohoes section.
- **Washington Ave. Fuller Rd. Flyover** – Hugh and Lorenz will suggest dates for a needed site visit.
- **6-Mile Signage** (Glenn, Lorenz) – Waiting installation.
- **Annual Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – (Ed, Rob) Sat, 10/20, 10 – 4, Doane Stuart, 199 Washington Ave, Rensselaer. ABC registered for a booth. Contact Ed or Rob to volunteer.
- **BikeAlbanyMap** – Does CDPHP Cycle! BikeShare link to it? Lorenz to follow up.
- **Bethlehem Magical History Bicycle Tour** – See info below. ABC to benefit from fund raising. Ride marshals needed. Contact John at 518-225-4209, hardworkinjohn@aol.com

New Business –

- **August Meeting** – None.
- **Transportation Subcommittee** (Lorenz) – Kick off/re-start meeting held. Many possible projects. Contact Sandy Misiewicz, smisiewicz@cdtcmpo.org. Info - <https://www.albanyny.gov/Government/Departments/SustainableCommunities/SAC.aspx>
- **Erie Canalway Trail Finish Line** (Pam, Brent, Lorenz) – 20th Anniversary ride led by PTNY. 650 riders (the youngest featured on ABC’s website) from 47 states and 5 countries. Great finish line event.
- **New Bike Lanes in Guilderland** – Western Ave. between the UA and Crossgates Mall. Not sure of end point. Next desired step – connect the new bicycle lanes in Guilderland with the new lanes on Madison Ave. Western Ave. is a too-wide, interurban-style road with little parking, a gap between the design and posted speeds, and relatively few traffic conflict points. Would be the area’s major bicycle route.

- **Capital Region Complete Streets** – Committee reactivated with plans to seek dedicated funding for complete streets projects with an emphasis on Albany’s bicycle network and pedestrian accommodations.

Upcoming – Rides/events/issues?

- **ABC Meeting** – No August Meeting. September meeting – 9/20 (not 9/27).
- **Capital District Transportation Committee-Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – Next meeting Tue, 8/14, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org, (518) 458-216. <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>, all welcome.
- **8/5 – Wheels to Waterford History Ride** – Sun, 8/5/18, 9:30 AM
- **TBA – Daily Grind-to-Daily Grind Sponsored Ride** – 11th Annual – Sat, 8/11, 10 AM
- **9/16 - Bethlehem Magical History Bicycle Tour** – Sun, 9:30 AM, Municipal Parking Lot, Kenwood Ave. “4 corners,” Delmar, 407 Kenwood Ave. 22-mile ride in Bethlehem and on the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail and back roads to the Hudson River waterfront. Ride returns to start. Registration required by 9/14/18, 518-225-4209 hardworkinjohn@aol.com, \$10 fee. Proceeds to benefit ABC. Helmet required. Bring water, lunch, a patch kit/spare tube, and clothing suitable for all weather. Info at – <http://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/events/ev-detail/bethlehems-magical-history-bicycle-tour>
- **9/20 (not 9/27) – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/> [This is a change.]
- **9/22 – Collar City Ramble** – Sat, 10-12 (TBA) – <https://www.transporttroy.com/>
- **9/27-29 - New York State (Bicycle Coalition) Bike Summit** – Thr-Sat, Gideon Putnam Hotel. Registration – https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-new-york-state-bike-summit-tickets-43711105092?mc_cid=b9a654ebbf&mc_eid=92c82907b9 Financial assistance – email Summit@nybc.net.
- **10/20 - Annual Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – Sat, 10/20, from 10 AM – 4 PM, Doane Stuart School, 199 Washington Ave, Rensselaer.

Attending Pam, John G., Glenn, Hugh, David P., Kirk, Ray, Mark, and Lorenz.

