



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

2/28/19 7:00 PM

LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center

391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203.

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Reports –

- **Six-Mile Trail** – Signage (Glenn, Lorenz) - Albany Department of Water and Water Supply staff did walk through for final sign placement. Results are superb. Waiting for spring thaw to plant posts and install signs and trail maps.
- **Albany-Colonie Connector** – Working on Complete Streets/Albany-Colonie Connector letter to Town of Colonie.
- **Albany-Bethlehem Connector** (Mark) – We may conduct “ride throughs” of possible routes as weather permits. Bethlehem has applied for a grant for Delaware Ave. traffic calming – which will lead to the city line and the Albany-Bethlehem Connector
- **New Scotland Ave. Traffic Calming** – (Ed) Waiting for spring public meeting #2 on the St. Peters Hospital area/upper New Scotland Ave. A spring public meeting will be held on modification to the commercial district extending from Quail to Ontario.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (Lorenz) – 2/12 –
 - Capital District Trails Plan - 2019 announced. Goal to add 10 miles each year of complete trails for a final mileage of 289 with an annual *increase of \$24 million in tourism spending*. GIS files available from CDTC. See final plan at – <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RbiNgiXK2XoZH1LAXktTGZJpgactLQz/view>
 - Cap Coexist Mini Grants – proposals for \$40,000; available \$20,000.
 - Bike to School 5/8 and Bike to Work 5/17.
 - TIP Set Aside – asked for \$5 million; \$6.5 million approved
 - Watervliet cycle track on Rt 32/Broadway *will have no Shared Lanes* – route has been found to have cycle track all the way. This will remove the single biggest barrier between Albany and Rotterdam Junction.
 - Level of Service – CDTC is updating guidelines.
 - Capital Roots – New bike rack program.
 - Albany County Department of Health has lending library for pop-up/bicycle lane projects.
- **Transportation Subcommittee** – 2/11 (Lorenz) – Working on City of Albany EV survey.
- **Town of Colonie Complete Streets** (John G.) – ABC presented its comments at the Comprehensive Plan public meeting and will send them in writing and to the website. The question arose: does the Town of Colonie have a Complete Streets resolution?
- **Capital Region Complete Streets** (Lorenz) – DGS meeting 2/26. Many steps being taken.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David P.) – Letter to D. McCoy. Waiting response.
- **Flyover-Washington Ave./Fuller Rd.** – (Hugh) DOT sign plan review.
- **Transport Troy** – (Pam) – working on the print and digital (non-interactive) map of the trails and bicycle lanes in Troy for the Collar City Ramble. Need volunteers to work on some of the trails. Note: Based on progress with the BikeAlbanyMap, we did briefly explore the long dreamed of feature of connecting the cities of Albany and Troy.

New Business –

- **Slingerlands Traffic Circle and Related Roadways** (Ed) – The project to traffic calm the Cherry Ave. 4-lane super highway connecting the traffic circle to Kenwood Ave. presents an opportunity to address Rt 85/New Scotland Rd. (a narrow, no-shoulder death trap) and to

address an entrance/exit to the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail which passes under Cherry Ave./Rt 140. Ed will investigate.

- **Schenectady Bicycle Coalition** – Art Clayman ~ artclayman@gmail.com (no report)
- **Planning for Earth Day Ride 2019** – (Glenn, All) Date firm – Sat. 4/27. Ideas included: the completed Madison Ave. bicycle lanes, Six-Mile Trail, and/or Rapp Rd. Anyone having a theme suggestion should refer it to Glenn.
- **Capital Roots Bicycle Racks** (Lorenz) – Have 12 racks for Albany in target neighborhoods. Volunteers for suggested rack locations: Arbor Hill – Ed, West Hill – Brent, South End – Mark, and Pine Hills - Hugh
- **Albany County and the Town of Colonie Grant Support** – (Ed) Letter of support sent to CDTC.
- **Guilderland-Crossgates Mall** (Albany-Colonie Connector) (Ed) – Crossgates Mall Letter of support sent conditioned on having bicycle lanes.
- **Mohawk-Hudson Cycling Club-ABC Coordination** (Rob) (no report)
- **BikeAlbanyMap** – (Glenn) Successful meeting with Parks & Trails New York staff. We are now able to update and expand the map as new routes are identified. The map is now up to date for Madison Ave. and the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail.

Upcoming – Rides/events/issues? (Go here - <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/resources/events/>)

- **3/12 – Capital District Transportation Committee-Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org, (518) 458-216. <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>, all welcome. (518) 458-216. <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>, all welcome.
- **3/18 – Trail Advocacy Day** – <https://www.ptny.org/events/empire-state-trail-advocacy-day>
- **3/28 – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>
- **4/9 – Capital District Transportation Committee-Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org, (518) 458-216. <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>, all welcome.
- **4/19-22 – Canal Clean Sweep** – <https://www.ptny.org/events/canal-clean-sweep>
- **4/20 - Earth Day Ride** – Sat. 4/27 tentatively 10:00 AM
- **4/25 – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>
- **5/4 – I Love My Park Day** – <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>
- **5/8 – Bike to School** - <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>
- **5/15 – Ride of Silence** – Two starting points – Albany Riverfront Park-Boat Launch area, 6:00 PM and W. Capitol Park & Washington Ave. & State St., 6:30 PM. <http://www.rideofsilence.org/main.php>
- **5/17 – Bike to Work** - <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>
- **7/7-14 Cycle the Erie Canal Bike Tour** - <https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal/annual-bike-tour> Registration now open.

Attending Hugh, Mark, Ed, Pam, Brent, Glenn, John, and Lorenz.