



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

4/25/19 7:00 PM

LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center

391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203.

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Reports –

- **Treasurer's Report** (David P.) – Report rendered. ABC is in its best financial shape ever.
- **Transport Troy** (Pam) – Ramble set for Sat, 9/28. There will be a promotional hike along the Wynantskill (which fed the water wheel that powered the iron works). Map progressing. Work on “river wall” trail progressing but still some right-of-way issues. Looking for Ramble event suggestions – send to Pam - auntmayor@aol.com Troy Bike Rescue plans to resume its weekly evening community rides.

Old Business –

- **Bethlehem-Albany Connector** (Mark) – The 4/25 *Times Union* reported “... \$2.9 million was awarded to Bethlehem for new pedestrian accessibility enhancements and re-channeling the road along the Delaware Ave. corridor.” While additional funding is needed for Delaware Avenue Traffic Calming project (running to the Normanskill), the project has support. Mark will reach out to Sandy M. at CDTC and the Bethlehem Planning Dept. to verify what part of the Delaware Ave. traffic calming project the DOT \$2.9 million will cover. During the summer, Mark will arrange riding tours to explore possible bicycle-friendly routes within the City of Albany from the Normanskill to bicycle facilities in Albany and that avoid the “Shared Lanes” on Delaware Ave.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (Lorenz) – A number of new events announced and are posted to ABC's events list. Other items included the following:
 - **Zim Smith Trail** – Construction commenced to complete the route toward Mechanicville.
 - **Empire State Trail** – Plans for EST areas near the Capital Region. Car-centric design for the Green Island Bridge/Albany St./Hudson Ave. Apparently, the long-awaited tunnel under the RR tracks in Rotterdam Junction will be installed. DOT has design authority for the on-road portions of the Empire State Trail. See https://www.ny.gov/sites/ny.gov/files/atoms/files/EST_NYSDOT_FinalReport_012518_Ir.pdf
 - **MHBHT Roots** – Many in the meeting agreed that finding out who is responsible for trail repairs and maintenance is difficult.
- **BikeAlbanyMap and BAM Public Event** (Glenn) 5/17, 7 PM, 140 New Scotland Ave. (refreshments at 6:30), Opalka Gallery “slide show” on the history and function of BikeAlbanyMap.com. Part of Opalka's “PechaKucha” event. ABC staff should attend and bring literature on cycling. The BikeAlbanyMap now includes the entire Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail as our first mapping venture outside of the city of Albany. With regard to route color coding, we will prepare a proposal to the Empire State Trail staff (who have not finalized a coding scheme) on how the BAM is coded supported by some failed coding exercises of major cities.
- **Capital Region Complete Streets** (Lorenz) – Supporters meeting held. Trying to finalize the Complete Streets Engineer/Capital Region Complete Streets duties to ensure that it is clear what is expected of engineering, Department of General Services, traffic safety/Albany Police Department, etc. ABC members encouraged to suggest their Complete Streets candidates (supported by a “write up” on (1) features of the street suggested, (2) current condition/status, and (3) suggested treatment).
- **Earth Day Ride 2019** (Glenn, All) – Ride set. Six-Mile Trail signs installed. “Ride and Learn” sites and speakers set. Weather looks “OK.” Have giveaways from CDTC. Rapp Rd. patched by DGS.
- **Flyover-Washington Ave./Fuller Rd.** – Called DOT on signs, and they are checking status.
- **MHBHT Root Damage** (David P.) – David shared a timeline of all the steps taken to date. Pam reported that some repair work was done in Cohoes but we do not know by whom - Albany County?

Lorenz called DOT where staff stated that DOT is NOT RESPONSIBLE for repairing trails. Next Step is to arrange meeting with the three or four representatives, Parks and Rec., Albany County, Empire State Trail, and others to settle this nagging issue of responsibility.

- **New Scotland Ave. Traffic Calming** (Ed, Hugh) – Waiting results from Creighton Manning/City of Albany. *Concern remains about traffic circles with more than one lane.*
- **Slow Roll-Albany** (Mark) – Aaron and Hugh offered to work with Mark on investigating the “slow roll – explore your community ride” concept with the ultimate objective of introducing the ride locally. See <https://slowrollbuffalo.org/> for info on “Slow Roll Buffalo.”
- **Town of Colonie Complete Streets and Comprehensive Plan** (John G., Others) – John submitted comments on the Comprehensive Plan that was released by the town on 4/4. Comments encouraged on the draft Comprehensive Plan, 4/4/19 – see: <http://coloniepedd.org/index.php?page=190> The public hearings continue Thr, 5/9, 7 p.m., Town Board meeting, Main Hearing Room, Memorial Town Hall, 534 Loudon Road (Route 9), Newtonville, NY 12128. ABC sent a letter to the supervisor again urging formation of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to guide and advise implementation of the plan and the Complete Streets concept.

New Business –

- **5/21 & 5/23 – Spring BIKE COUNT** – (Lorenz) Tue, 5/21 and Thr, 5/23. 7:00-9:00 AM and 3:30-5:30 PM each day. Email for volunteering - dgaffney@albanyny.gov
- **5/15 – Ride of Silence** – New leader identified – we will hold the ride. Two starting points: Boat Launch area, Albany Riverfront Park, 6:00 PM and (to avoid the hill) NYS Education Building, Washington Ave., 6:30 PM. <http://www.rideofsilence.org/main.php>.
- **6/8 – Village of Colonie Bicycle Safety Day** – Sat, 12:00-5:00 PM. (rain date – Sun, 6/9), Cook Park, off Lincoln Ave., Village of Colonie. Held in conjunction with Family Fun Day. ABC may have information table to display Bike Albany Map, Albany-Colonie Connector supporting trail, and membership/volunteer opportunities. Other volunteers needed for this event. Entry/exit for volunteer petrovehicles to/from the park will be limited during the event so plan to go by bicycle.

Attending – Pam, Ed, Hugh, David P., Mark, Glenn, Aaron, John G., and Lorenz.

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

- **5/4 – I Love My Park Day** – <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>
- **5/7 – Capital District Transportation Committee Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Drop In Meeting/Open House** – Tue, 4:00-7:00 PM, Town of Colonie Library. iceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **5/8 – Bike to School** – <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>
- **5/9 – Town of Colonie Comprehensive Plan Meeting** – Comments encouraged on the draft Comprehensive Plan, dated 4/4/19 – <http://coloniepedd.org/index.php?page=190> A public hearing on the plan will continue on Thr, 5/9, 7 PM, Town Board meeting, Main Hearing Room, Memorial Town Hall, 534 Loudon Road (Route 9), Newtonville, NY 12128.
- **5/11 – Troy Bike Rescue Annual Bike Fest** – Sat, 5:00-8:00 PM, \$20, Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave, Troy.
- **5/13 – Transportation Subcommittee of Albany’s Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting** – Mon, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, 2nd floor conference room, 200 Henry Johnson Blvd., parking in rear of building. sacalbanytransport@gmail.com .
- **5/14 – CDTC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – Tue, 9:00 AM, **Troy City Hall**, 433 River St. **NOTE CHANGE IN VENUE**. Bring your bicycle for the group “bike-around.” (Cross on Green Isl. Bridge and take King St. north to River St. City Hall on the corner at Hutton St.) iceponis@cdtcmpo.org
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of intersection of New Scotland Ave. and Lake Ave. Enter through the circular driveway – plenty of parking in back. <https://opalka.sage.edu/programs-events/>

- **5/17 – Bike to Work** – <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>
- **5/15 – CDTC Webinar “Maintaining Green Infrastructure: Hints for Success”** – Wed, 3-4 PM, Capital District Transportation Committee, Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series, Wolf Rd., 1 Park Place, free. iceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **5/18 – Bethlehem “Walk and Roll” Festival** – Sat, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 250 Delaware Ave. nowens@townofbethlehem.org
- **5/21 & 5/23 – Volunteers Needed ~ Spring BIKE COUNT** – Tue, 5/21 and Thr, 5/23. ~ 7:00-9:00 AM and 3:30-5:30 PM each day. dgaffney@albanygov.com
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- **6/11 – Capital District Transportation Committee-Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: iceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **6/27 – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany. <http://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>

