



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting
7/25/19 7:00 PM

LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center
391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203

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Reports –

- **Transport Troy (Pam)** – Uncle Sam Trail downtown portion and “promenade” under construction. May be finished this year or spring 2020 at the latest. Path around the bar-b-que restaurant developed (this is currently a pedestrian-cycling bottleneck). Collar City Ramble is all set – many events and modes.
 - **BikeAlbanyMap Enhancements and Crossing Routes** (Glenn – with post-meeting updates) – The BikeAlbanyMap now reaches beyond the city limits on its way to being a regional, interactive route finder for visitors and traffic-cautious riders. We added 12 new routes so far in 2019. We discussed two options for accessing the Town of Colonie Crossings Park from the City of Albany. The Crossings is a key recreational destination with extensive facilities. Both routes have their merits and are added to the map. Both routes begin at Six Mile Waterworks Park: the west route ends at Ciccotti Center Recreation Center (<https://www.ciccotticenter.org/>) and the east route ends at the far eastern multiuse path at Maria Dr. In each case, while there are hazardous crossings at Central Ave., they are highlighted by "caution" triangle icons (merely click on icons to see detailed safety instructions). While we recognize that heavy traffic routes can serve as barriers for people on bicycles, we also believe that there are safe methods for crossing these barriers to expand one’s riding horizons.
 - Recent additions include:
 - **Rt 378 Bridge into South Troy** – Bike lanes, cycle tracks, and shared lanes to downtown Troy and Uncle Sam trail to Lansingburgh.
 - **Rt 32 from Mohawk Hudson Trail and North to Bike Path Over Black Bridge** – To Peebles Island.
 - **From Green Island to Cohoes** – Terminus of Mohawk Hudson Bike Hike Trail.
 - **Delmar Bike Routes** – Winnie Rd., Darroch Rd., bike path around high school. Connects north to Orchard St. route to Five Rivers.
 - **Bethlehem Library to Henry Hudson Town Park on Hudson River** – Murray Ave., various local streets, Wemple Rd., Weisheit Rd., Clapper Rd. (total distance 10 miles).
 - **Sidewalks Are Now Shown As Brown Dotted Lines** (walk bikes where mandated and yield to pedestrians) – Sidewalks must be used when bikes are not permitted in automobile lanes and no bicycle path exists (e.g., Dunn Memorial Bridge; Rt. 378 Troy-Menands bridge), or when high-speed roadways are unsafe (Central Ave. on route to The Crossings).
 - **Ten Restroom Icons Have Been Added To The Map** – Point out facilities in public parks and visitor centers.
- **Business Items –**

- **Slow Roll Albany** (Mark) – We were pleased to have **Barbara** join us as a spokesperson for Buffalo Slow Roll. Features of this ride include the following: first held in 2013, now sponsored under GoBike Buffalo (<https://gobikebuffalo.org/>), held weekly on Mondays until October from 6:30-8:30, different route each time, entertainment and “meet up” afterwards, 2,000 riders, provisions for visually impaired (“ride buddies”), not all riders are from Buffalo proper, many different types of bicycles, 10 uniformed police escort riders/cars, 40 volunteers, bike shop tech support (air/tires, minor adjustments). We were not clear on who finances the police presence although it appears that there is substantial municipal support for this ride. Enthusiasm is such that 87 riders showed up and rode during a torrential downpour (photos shown). Lengthy discussion followed with an eye toward initiating Slow Roll in the capital region. Mark will follow-up with the Slow Roll Buffalo manager. Slow Roll URL is – <https://slowrollbuffalo.org/>
- **Western Ave. Traffic Calming** – (All) Discussion postponed until Augusts.
- **Ride Around Cohoes** (All) – We agreed that Lorenz would re-negotiate as a 2020 event. (Robyn King, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning, City of Cohoes, 97 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY 12047, 518-233-2130 ext. 130, rreynolds@ci.cohoes.ny.us, Ride would involve a major site in Cohoes, a visit to the Bike Barn, and tour of Erie Canal sites.
- **Flyover Signage** (Lorenz) – All are encouraged to visit site to check adequacy of signage. <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/2019/06/23/bicycle-warning-signs-at-washington-ave-and-fuller-rd/>
- **8/10 - ABC Picnic** – Sat, 12-4 PM, Six-Mile Trail Park. Need to know attendees and “pot luck” contribution.
- **8/17 (or 24) – Daily Grind-to-Daily Grind Ride** – Sat, 8/17. Rain date – Sat, 8/24. Lorenz will set up.
- **9/22 - Underground Railroad Bike Tour** – Those wanting to go on test ride should contact Ed. Details: Sun, meet - 194 Livingston Ave., Albany, 9:30 AM, ride, 10:00 AM. Info – <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>. and <https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/events/ev-detail/the-underground-railroad-bicycle-tour>
- **11/16 – Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – Those wanting to staff ABC booth should contact Ed with preferred work hours. Sat, 11/16, 10 AM – 4 PM, [Armory at Sage College](#), 130 New Scotland Ave, Albany. Register [here](#). (Rob will staff.)
- **Town of Colonie Complete Streets** – John G. will give special report at next meeting on ABC aspects of the now-approved Town of Colonie Long Range Plan. Great opportunities for people on bicycles.)
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – No July meeting.
- **Champlain Canal Trail Ride** – Some confusion on this ride. Will resolve and add to calendar.

Attending – Glenn, Barbara, Mark, John G., Ed, Pam, and Lorenz.

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

- **8/13 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Capital District Transportation Committee – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: iceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **8/18 - Champlain Canalway Tour** – Sun. Check-in, registration and inspection - 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM. <http://www.adkultracycling.com/challenge/cct.htm> Begins and ends at Hudson Crossing Park, Schuylerville. Ride goes south along completed sections of the Champlain Canalway Trail as well the Empire State Trail and NY Bike Route 9 to Stillwater (28 miles) or

Waterford (55 miles). Upon returning to Hudson Crossing Park, riders will have the option to take a 90-minute cruise on the Hudson River with [Mohawk Maiden Cruises](#), starting at 2 PM. Non-riding friends and family may register for the cruise. First 25 riders to register receive a free t-shirt. Event held rain or shine. Entry fees are non-refundable. Info - John Ceceri, john@adkultracycling.com .

- **8/21 – CDTC Webinar “Getting the Green Light: Improving Actuation and Detection for Cyclists & Pedestrians”** – Wed, 3-4 PM, Capital District Transportation Committee, Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series, Wolf Rd., 1 Park Place, free. jceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **8/29 – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany. <http://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>
- <https://www.mohawkhudsoncyclingclub.org/calendar/events/2019/09/07/2019-mhcc-century-weekend> Register here – <https://www.bikereg.com/mhcc-century> Open to the public. [Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club](#), **CONTACT:** Chet Lasell cdlasell@gmail.com
- **9/9 – 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 .
- **9/10 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Capital District Transportation Committee – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **9/18 – CDTC Webinar “Can We Talk About the Street? Building Support for Controversial Projects”** – Wed, 3-4 PM, Capital District Transportation Committee, Bicycle & Pedestrian Education Series, Wolf Rd., 1 Park Place, free. jceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **9/21 – Parking Day in Troy** –Transport Troy is Partnering with the City of Troy, the Arts Center of the Capital Region, and the Troy Downtown Business Improvement District to offer up 10 parking spots for temporary installations to be active from 9/21 to 10/6. – <https://www.transporttroy.com/>
- **9/22 – Underground Railroad Bike Tour** – Sun, meet – 9:30 AM; ride – 10:00 AM, 194 Livingston Ave., Albany – Ride begins and ends at the [Historic Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence](#). Stops at other pertinent sites. The ride from Albany to Troy will be approximately 16 to 20 miles. Helmets required. \$25 supports the Underground Railroad History Project and the Albany Bicycle Coalition. Refreshments at the end of the tour. Info – <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>. and <https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/events/ev-detail/the-underground-railroad-bicycle-tour>
- **9/26 – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany. <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>
- **9/28 – Collar City Ramble** – “It’s time to RAMBLE!” Tour Troy’s urban trails by foot, bicycle, water, or whatever alternate transportation. Discover places you have never seen. The Collar City Ramble covers Troy in ways that anyone can find to enjoy. <https://www.transporttroy.com/>
- **9/28 – Albany-Peebles Island State Park Ride** – Sat, 10:00 AM, Albany Riverfront Park Boat Launch, Colonie and Water Sts. underneath I-787. Moderate 10-12 mph paced of ride of 10.5 miles in each direction, 21-mile roundtrip on paved surface. Walking tour of the park by members of the Friends of Peebles Island State Park. (Prepare for ticks.) Event is part of the [Hudson River Valley Ramble](#). Free but *must register here* – <https://www.ptny.org/events/pedal-peebles> Parks and Trails NY contact – Dylan Carey, dcarey@ptny.org
- **9/28 – Bikeatoga Ciclismo Classico’s Bike Travel Film Festival** – Sat. Ticketed happy hour 5:30 PM. Doors open 6:30. Films start 7:00. Skidmore College, Gannett Auditorium,

Palamountain Hall, 815 N Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Info and tickets – <http://www.bikeatoga.org/news/2019ciclismobicycletravelfilmfestival/>

