



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting
12/19/19 7:00 PM

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

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Happy Holidays Everyone! CDTC is pleased to announce two transportation safety related items:

1) We have completed our regional [Local Road Safety Action Plan](#). The Plan analyzed crash data between 2011 and 2016 for local roads in our four county region (Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady). With specific attention paid to the most serious fatal and injury crashes, the data identified six emphasis areas or crash types needing particular focus in our region including Intersections, Road User Behavior, Age Related (younger and older drivers), Vulnerable Users (pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists), Lane Departure and Speed. A variety of engineering, education and enforcement related strategies and actions were also identified for each emphasis area. There are a variety of ways we can all work together to improve transportation safety and we hope this document provides the information you need to focus your resources on the types of crashes that are occurring most often and causing the greatest number of fatalities and serious injuries. For more information on CDTC's overall safety program visit <https://www.cdtcmpo.org/what-we-do/safety>.

2) CDTC has made \$25,000 available for [small-scale bicycle and pedestrian safety education projects](#). Eligible applicants may apply for up to \$5,000, there is a 25% match requirement. The program [solicitation](#) and [application](#) form are both attached but can also be downloaded from the CDTC website. CDTC has also created a "[Mini-Grant Guide](#)" to provide examples of previously funded project types and inspire creativity in project development.

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Food for thought: "Sharrows are what cities that have no commitment to bike lanes do," author/speaker Jeff Speck, TU, 5/14/13.

<http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Saving-Albany-one-step-at-a-time-4512748.php> – the full quote: "Mention that Albany has begun installing shared bike

lane arrows, known as Sharrows, along some streets, and Speck is again dismissive. 'A sharrow is barely a bike lane,' he said. 'Sharrows are what cities that have no commitment to bike lanes do.'"

Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – Report rendered.
- **Transport Troy** (Pam) – Transport Troy conducted its year-end review and forward planning session. Using a new meeting location at Hedley Bldg. Sidewalk assessment completed

(what's this mean?) Will continue with Parking Day with possibly a longer period. Considering moveable ramps for businesses with a single step up from sidewalk level and working with the organization "stopgap" (See - https://www.facebook.com/pg/StopGapFoundation/photos/?ref=page_internal) The "Collar City Ramble" map is at bit.ly/troytrailsmap - <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1P88YCIldaZ5LhLaqas7LVSDQ6Fq6ikma&ll=42.740443733532885%2C-73.70674379771532&z=12>

Old Business –

- **South End Bikeway Connector** (Lorenz) – No project updates. ABC's latest info is on the website.
- **Patroon Greenway Project** (Rob, Ed, Mark, Shelly, John G.) – We discussed the opportunities and challenges at length.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David) – No progress by Albany County. Letter to County Exec received by his office 11/29. David will re-send his Times Union letter as if it had not ever been submitted. Lorenz will follow up with Albany County.
- **Membership Characteristics** (Ed, All) – Lorenz to set up meeting with Albany County Health on this issue.
- **Membership Drive** (David, Lorenz, Ed) – David will draft two emails – an initial call and a follow-up reminder. Will go out to both our "bicycle people" and "energy advocate" e-lists. We are interested primarily in recruiting members who will work on projects but also seeking financial support. We are going forward with tabling at two Albany City events in 2020 this year at a projected cost of \$80 for both. One at Tulip Fest and one to be determined (e.g., Alive At 5). We will look for volunteers to staff the tables.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – (Lorenz) **2020 Capital Coexist Mini Grants** – Deadline 1/31/20. Submit application by 5:00 PM, on January 31, 2020 to jceponis@cdtcmpo.org. CDTC will notify grants by April 1, 2020. Application – [ahttps://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/bike_ped/capcoexist/AmbassadorApplicationForm.pdf](https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/bike_ped/capcoexist/AmbassadorApplicationForm.pdf) Solicitation – https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/bike_ped/capcoexist/DraftCapCoAmbassdor2020docx.pdf
- **Saratoga Henry St Pilot Project** – tina.carton@saratoga-spring.org / <http://www.saratoga-springs.org/> - Two-week trail done in September. Ties into overall trails plan and links to State Parks. One-way, 10-foot motor vehicle travel lane, 9-foot (!) parking lane, and with 2-lane cycle track with 1-foot buffer. **CDPHP Cycle! BikeShare** – LindseyG@cdta.org Third season, 41,578 rides and 12,000 members. CDTA has more data ("heat maps"). "Even if you DON'T build it, they will come." New Visions 2050 Bicycle & Pedestrian Action Plan – See https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/advisorycommittees/bikeped/DraftNV2050BP_10-29.pdf Last chance, but comments still welcome at jceponis@cdtcmpo.org . **Empire State Trail** – Much construction scheduled for 2020.
- **New Scotland Ave. Traffic Study** (Ed, all) – We continue to be disappointed in the proposal put forth by Creighton Manning on behalf of the City of Albany and St. Peters Hospital. Where would people on bicycles go to access the city and Bethlehem/Slingerlands? Ed to work on Times Union letter and Lorenz to work on second mayor letter.

New Business –

- **Town of Colonie** – (John G.) – Grant application submitted to a Sand Creek Rd. study. This is a major route for people walking and riding.

- **Meeting Dates** – ABC meets the last [not the 4th] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 1/30/20, 2/27, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19 (not 26), and 12/17 (not 24).

Attending – David, Ed, Shelly, Pam, John G., and Lorenz.

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

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- **1/14 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Capital District Transportation Committee – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org

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