



Meeting Notes Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

2/27/20

7:00 PM – LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center,
391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203.

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☹️ *We began the meeting by noting that one of our key members was injured in a bicycle crash with only a few details available. We all signed a “get well” card. 😊*

Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – Report rendered. See hard copy. Henceforth, we will post dues paid on or after 9/1 to the following year. Issues with IRS being resolved. Members requested a report on 2019 revenues and expenses. David will author.
- **Transport Troy** (Pam) - Transport Troy meeting held 2/16. Troy Bike Rescue Bike Fest 5/9, Sat. Details to follow. <https://troybikerescue.com/>. Will do street paint at Monument Square. “StopGap” (the ramp program) ramp installed at Troy Bike Rescue. Work has continued on the Waterfront multiuse path throughout the winter. Hope expressed that more community members will attend meetings.

Old Business –

- **Liaison with Albany Running Exchange** – Continue as needed.
- **Earth Day Ride 2020** – 1:00 PM Sat, 4/18. RADIX all set. Looking for an on-route home composting site. Need to send letters to the Mayor and Department of General Services on the visit to DGS facilities. Concerns about ride-ability of the South End Bikeway Connector. Route test ride – Sat, 3/28.
- **Tabling at Albany City Events** (Ed) – Looking at two city-chosen “Alive-At-Five” events. Tables for non-for-profits are \$50 each night. Hip Hop Night is June 18th. Tulip Fest possible for 2 days 5/9 and 10 at \$90. Need more investigating. Albany Special Events Office said they would have complete schedule of genre nights by April. We will need to recruit tabling staff find who fit with the particular event genre.
- **Patroon Greenway Project** (Rob, Ed, Mark, Shelly, John G.) – Next step is to study project maps to identify property issues with the proposed Olsen Route and to study the tax maps. A suggestion was to open the Hudson River to Tivoli Preserve segment first as an on-street route using the Clinton Ave. bicycle lanes. We will test this at the Northern Blvd.-Patroon Creek-Hudson Ride (Rob) set for early April with meetup at Memorial Hospital. For reference, the Patroon Greenway Project Documents are as follows: Existing Conditions, Opportunities and Constraints - https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/pg-Existing-Conds-Assessment.pdf , Regional Impact Report - https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/pg-Regional-Impact-Analysis.pdf , and Refinement of Cost Estimates and Funding Opportunities - https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/pg-Cost-and-Funding-Options.pdf
- **MHBHT Roots** (David) – TU seems to have declined our letter(s) on the issue. County Exec and his office continue to “stone wall” the issue. Working with ADK on the FOIL request, one element of which is the reported MOU between New York State Department of Transportation and Albany County on responsibility for the trail. Other documents are emails and other internal communications within Albany County on ABC’s efforts to get attention to trail repairs.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – No report.

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- **New Scotland Ave. Traffic Study** (Ed, all) – Demonstration ride on 3/17. Meet at Stewarts at 8:30 AM for a ride toward downtown on New Scotland Ave. We noted that three different City of Albany officials at three different occasions mentioned the goal of getting *people on bicycles off New Scotland Ave.* We remain concerned at this attitude which flies in the face of safety, environment, equity, traffic congestion, and walkability/livability.

New Business –

- **Anti-Divisive Ramble Ride (Proposed)** (Ed) - Albany historic places of worship with split donations with Capital City Rescue Mission. Reach out to those riders served by the mission. Possible stops include St. Sophia's, one Temple on White Hall, the City Mission, Dutch Reformed ("First Church), St. Mary's (RC), St. Peter's or Cathedral of All Saints (Episcopal), and a mosque. At each stop, there would be a very brief presentation on the church and, as appropriate, its social outreach programs. This is part of ABC's effort to include "invisible bicycle riders" in the bicycle movement in the City of Albany some of whom maybe involved with these outreach ministries.
- **VT 2020 Walk Bike Summit – CapitalNYBikeMap Proposal** (Glenn) – Submitted proposal for presentation. Awaiting word from Vermont.
- **5/20 – Ride of Silence 2020** (John G.) – Wed. 5/20, 2020. John is ride leader. Discussion and early planning. Looking at new "rider friendly" route. Margaret arranging replacement Richichi ghost bike. Last year's ride – <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/2019/05/29/albany-ride-of-silence-5-15-19/> See also – <http://www.rideofsilence.org/main.php>
- **Meeting Dates** – ABC meets the last [not the 4th] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 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 –Ed, Glenn, David P., Pam, John G., and Lorenz.

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

- **Early April - Northern Blvd.-Patroon Creek-Hudson Ride** – Meetup at Memorial Hospital. For reference, the Patroon Greenway Project Documents are as follows: Existing Conditions, Opportunities and Constraints - https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/pg-Existing-Conds-Assessment.pdf , Regional Impact Report - https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/pg-Regional-Impact-Analysis.pdf , and Refinement of Cost Estimates and Funding Opportunities - https://www.cdtcmpo.org/images/linkage_program/AlbCoFinal/pg-Cost-and-Funding-Options.pdf
- **3/16 Trails Advocacy Day - Parks & Trails New York** - Mon, 3/16. Join PTNY and trails advocates from around the state in pushing for the allocation of \$200 million for multi-use trails out of the proposed \$3 billion Environmental Bond Act, for supportive policies that make cycling safer and more accessible including, and for adopting a 3-foot passing standard. Sign up at www.ptny.org/events/trails-advocacy-day, Contact - dcarey@ptny.org
- **3/17 – Demonstration Ride on New Scotland Ave.** – Tue, 8:30 AM, meet at Stewarts. Ride toward downtown on New Scotland Ave.
- **4/18 or 19 Earth Day Ride 2020** – Start and return at Washington Park Lake House. Sat, 1:00 PM.
- **5/1-31 – Bike Month**
 - 5/9 – Troy Bike Rescue Bike Fest
 - 5/20 - Ride of Silence
 - 5/28 - ABC Meeting