



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

9/24/20

7:00 PM – via Zoom

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Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – Report rendered electronically. Short discussion on generosity of our supporters.
- **Transport Troy Update** (Pam) – There will be no Ramble Ride. It was combined with the Troy Bike Rescue monthly “Troy Night Out Community Ride,” a moderate paced ride from Riverfront Park to Peebles Island and back to raise funds for Transport Troy. Most other Ramble events are virtual, except for kayaking at Ingalls Ave. launch site and a guided walk at the Frear Park nature trails. See - <https://collarcityramble.com/2019-collar-city-ramble/> Design work is continuing on furniture for the parklets downtown, recognizing it won't be possible to complete and deploy them this season, but that they will probably still be needed in 2021. There was more discussion of the possibility of restoring the stairs on Peoples Ave. They are currently technically blocked off but are still used by pedestrians. We are assured there will be a roll-out of the trails map.

Old Business –

- **Albany Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan** (Ed, all) Letter sent to city already on observations from the neighborhood meetings. Lorenz will send draft body of letter for Core review and comment. Core members are to identify the specific projects they want ABC to promote and put them in priority order.
- **CapitalNYBikeMap Enhancements** (Glenn) – Post release activity very exciting. Graphs show activity and growth in interest based on ABC's promotion and TV coverage. Very impressive statistics! Open discussion on trails and connections in the area and widening the map's coverage. Cemetery connection to be added. A promotional idea is to get a link on various websites such as the City of Albany's. Pam noted that people riding through the area (tourists) should be made aware of the CapitalNYBikeMap. Core asked to send contacts to Glenn. Some concern expressed about the amount of work becoming excessive for one person.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David) – No report.
- **Patroon Ride** (Ed and Riders) – 8/30 - Tivoli-Hudson River Patroon Greenway Project ride project write up. Ride went very well and demonstrated that there are feasible (and affordable) routes that could be implemented. Next Steps – Get Water Department, Capitalize Albany, and Parks and Recreation on board. Capitalize Albany might be a fund source. Build on our prior activity at Six-Mile Trail with the Water Department. Add signage.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (John) – Looking for volunteers for trail counts. 2050 Plan released and is on ABC website. Project on safe routes to school. CDPHP Cycle! BikeShare adding more bikes. Next meeting Tue, 10/13, 9:00 am. Register - <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpfu-trjMsHdeXYIxzQv8Mw1MBoNnfpmVr>

New Business –

- **City of Albany 9/22 Meeting on Connector** – (Mark) Meeting run by Land Studio from Boston on the under-787 portion (Linear Park) of the South End Connector. South End residents attended. Break-out groups asked to describe the area, what excites them about the area, and

what is the most important idea that should be implemented? Safety expressed as a major concern. City has \$400,000 grant for the project. Design group will come back in October with ideas for citizen comments followed by a final meeting in November. Construction in summer 2021 to complete by year end. The safety issue at Broadway/Quay was proposed by ABC. Glenn suggested that this area of the multiuse path be painted green (like the Corning Riverfront Park path) to enhance its visibility to people in cars.

- **List of Connector Enhancements (9/17 email)** – The Broadway/Quay may be addressed under linear park project. Lorenz and Mark will work to send items to Albany Common Council Ward 1 Rep. Sonja Fredrick and others who are supportive of a community-level asset.
- **City of Albany Popup Demos** – Results? Observations? We were not clear on the underlying purpose for the popup as Melrose Ave. is already a fine street for cycling and Brevator will be a race track until it receives Traffic Calming (e.g., with protected bicycle lanes).
- **Crash Reporting (APD)** – Discussion. Concern expressed about APD conduct. Lorenz looking for APD guidance on its procedures and options or crash victims.
- **Western Ave. Traffic Calming** (Lorenz) – Next steps? No response from City of Albany.

Meeting Dates – ABC meets the last [not the 4th] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 10/29, 11/19 (not 26), and 12/17 (not 24).

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

Zoomees – Mark, Ed, Pam, Glenn, John G., and Lorenz.

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