



## Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

6/28/18 7:00 PM

LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center

391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203.

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### Old Business/Reports –

- **Transport Troy** (Pam) – Working on the Collar City Ramble (9/22)
- **Treasurer's Report** (David) – Report rendered. David will coordinate with Mark on 501(c)3 reporting requirements and on obtaining a NYS tax exempt number.
- **6-Mile Signage** (Glenn, Lorenz) – Water Dept. and DGS apparently coordinating on the Rapp Rd. signs. We will review latest Water Dept. email.
- **Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center Ride** – (Lorenz) – No date set yet. Waiting on Museum.
- **Albany Bike Rescue** (Brent) – Grant from CDTC to set up “bicycle voucher program” under Trinity Institute umbrella to provide bicycles for those who need them for transportation (i.e., “transit cyclists”). Pleased with results so far.
- **CDPHP Cycle! BikeShare Cycling Classes** (Brent) – Grant from CDTC to host safe cycling classes for (potential) BikeShare users. Class also covers how to set up a BikeShare account and how check bicycles in and out. Graduates of the daylong, free program get a helmet and a 1-month BikeShare account. Albany class had good attendance even through it rained. Classes scheduled for Schenectady (7/7), Saratoga (8/18), and Troy (TBA)
- **Madison Ave. Bicycle Lane Ride** – Since the lanes are done, as are most of the pavement markings, we concluded that a celebratory ride in late September was anticlimactic and rather pointless. Lorenz will re-check on need for the ride with the Upper Madison Avenue Street Fair people.
- **Other Reports?**

### New Business –

- **August Meeting** – No August meeting (8/30).
- **Annual Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – (Ed, Rob) We will run booth as we did with success in 2017. Ed will arrange for fee (\$25) payment. Ed and Rob will staff, but we will need more volunteers.
- **Washington Ave. “Fly Over”** – (Lorenz, All) On going issue with the “flyover” crossing Fuller Rd. Task force formed – Aaron, Rob, Hugh, Phil (Hansen), Lorenz. Others? We will try to tie our recommended changes in with the Washington Ave. Corridor Study. Our first task is an on-site assessment to determine possible solutions. (Lorenz will schedule).
- **Western Ave. & Guilderland** – We once again found ourselves short on factual knowledge of what is planned for Western Ave. east of Fuller Rd. and from Fuller Rd. to Crossgates Mall. Ed noted that one map shows the project area extending west to Church Rd. We need to study.
- **Summer ABC Info Booth** – Ed proposed that we postpone an earlier idea for a trail cleanup and replace it with an ABC promo and info booth set up on the rail trail or another trail. We would have a giveaway (e.g., a bell), membership forms, business cards, bicycle resources fact sheet, (maybe) t-shirts, etc. One suggestion was to tie our event in with the actual or official opening of fully-paved trail
- **Hudson Valley Ramble Ride** – John offered ABC the option of a rail trail/Albany Riverfront Park “history” ride to be held on 9/22 at \$10 per rider. We noted the conflict with the Upper Madison Street Fair ride but see above.

## Upcoming – Rides/events/issues?

- **Capital District Transportation Committee-Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee –** Next meeting Tue, 7/10, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org, (518) 458-216. <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>, all welcome.
- **ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7/26, 7:00 PM
- **8/11 – Daily Grind-to-Daily Grind Sponsored Ride** – 11th Annual – TBA, 10 AM
- **8/30** - No August ABC meeting.
- **9/22 – Collar City Ramble** – Sat, 10-12 (TBA) – <https://www.transporttroy.com/>
- **9/23 - Upper Madison Street Fair and Ride** – Sun, 9/23/18, 12 – 5 PM, Madison between West Lawrence and Allen with Madison Avenue bicycle lane celebration ride. [info@uppermadison.org](mailto:info@uppermadison.org)
- **9/27-29 - New York State (Bicycle Coalition) Bike Summit** – Thr-Sat, Gideon Putnam Hotel. Registration – [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-new-york-state-bike-summit-tickets-43711105092?mc\\_cid=b9a654ebbf&mc\\_eid=92c82907b9](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-new-york-state-bike-summit-tickets-43711105092?mc_cid=b9a654ebbf&mc_eid=92c82907b9) For financial assistance, email [Summit@nybc.net](mailto:Summit@nybc.net).
- **10/20 - Annual Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – Sat, 10/20, from 10 AM – 4 PM, Doane Stuart School, 199 Washington Ave, Rensselaer. \$25 for not-for profit groups and \$150 for businesses that register before 8/1 (\$35 and \$200 after 8/1. Registration at [Google Form](#) and payment [here](#). Contact – Becky Meier, 1409 County Rt. Five, Canaan, NY 12029, 518-781-4686- home, 518-929-4664- mobile.

**Attending** Pam, John V, Ed, Glenn, Rob, Aaron, David P, Brent, and Lorenz.

