



## Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

9/20/18 7:00 PM

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

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**Pre-Meeting Demo – One Up Bicycle Rack (David S. – Guest Presenter)** – We were pleased to have a complete installation and use demo of the One Up bicycle carrier. See <https://www.1up-usa.com/>. This made-in-USA carrier is trailer hitch mounted and can carry bicycles weighing as much as 75 lbs. The carrier with loaded bicycle tips to allow trunk access, can have as many as three additional “add on” racks, and is made of cast and stamped aluminum (to reduce weight and eliminate corrosion).

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### Reports –

- **Treasurer's Report** (David P.) – Report rendered. Received NYS tax-exempt certificate. Mark and David will continue to coordinate on 501(c)3, reporting, tax exempt, and other treasury matters. John G. agreed for any donation by an active or retired GE employee or spouse to be matched up to \$5,000. Mark is working out the system. John will develop a statement for our “donate” area on our homepage.
- **Trail Meeting** – (9/13) (Ed, John G.) – “Core” trails of 280+ miles are envisioned with an annual projected build of 10 miles. The CDTC Capital District Trails Draft Plan, public meeting materials, and video are at [www.cdtcmo.org/trails](http://www.cdtcmo.org/trails). Send comments to [trails@cdtc.org](mailto:trails@cdtc.org) by October 15.
- **Transportation Subcommittee** – (9/10) (Ed, Lorenz) The poll conducted prior to the meeting indicated that Western Ave. and New Scotland Ave. were identified as roads urgently in need of bicycle accommodations. One design for Western Ave. (which is a very wide road with essentially no curbside parking and with obvious connections to both the bicycle lanes on Madison Ave. and to the re-paved bicycle lane west of the University at Albany in Guilderland) could consist of two motor vehicle travel lanes, two bicycle lanes, and one central turn lane. Interest also was shown for N-S connections, as most plans seem to favor E-W connections. John G. will try to set up a meeting with ABC and the Guilderland supervisor.
- **Flyover** (Rob, Hugh, Lorenz) – Letter sent to New York State Department of Transportation, Reg. #1. Need follow-up on response.
- **Colonie Village Connector** – (Ed, John G., Lorenz) Letter sent. It was reported that there is some consternation in the village related to the proposal. Village's response being sent. John stated that he met with a village official who noted that drainage crates in the Clark Industrial Park at below standard and could be used to preclude installing full bicycle lanes. John intends to join the village safety committee.
- **Rapp Rd.** (Ed) – View book printed. We agreed to use a recent donation to offset the cost (~ \$10/book). We will send the book along with a cover letter to selected officials to promote an Albany-Colonie Connector.
- **Albany-Shaker Rd. Study** (John G.) – John and Hugh attended and are preparing a response to the project engineer, Creighton Manning. Accommodations for both people on bicycles and pedestrians seem totally lacking. We noted the \$80,000 study called for addressing these two areas.
- **Bethlehem History Ride** (John V.) – Six or seven attended and all but two were active ABC members. Several who registered failed to show (and pay) so some costs were not covered.
- **CDTC-BPAC** – (John G., Lorenz) – Cohoes Blvd. and New York State Department of Transportation. DOT addressed the (infamous and deadly) “Cohoes Blvd.” with a re-working of the

portion within the city. It will feature a 2-way cycle track/multiuse path on the river (east) side, medians, crossing enhancements, raised intersections, and horizontal lane shifts.

- **Transport Troy** – All efforts are on the Collar City Ramble.
- **Design Ride** (Ed) – This ride guided about 25 participants around the Albany Riverfront Park area to study various design elements including the green multiuse path, the ESP's "building 13" (pump station), and other features of the park. The ride ended with a social event.
- **CDTA/BikeShare** – No Updates
- **Rensselaer Esplanade** (Ed) – The portion immediately in front of the development is open for riding/walking. The entry way requires a bit of searching. The plan is to continue to the Livingston Avenue Bridge. There were, of course, many question about what would happen to the path where it intersects the RR tracks at the bridge.

#### Old Business

- **MHBHT Roots** (David P.)
- **6-Mile Signage** (Glenn, Lorenz) – Department of Water has installed one of the requested signs. Others in production (as of 9/).
- **Annual Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – (Ed, Rob) Sat, 10/20, from 10 AM – 4 PM, Doane Stuart School, 199 Washington Ave, Rensselaer. \$25 for not-for profit groups. Staffing

#### New Business –

- **Bethlehem-Albany Connector** (Mark, et al.) – In a post meeting discussion, we agreed that we would seek some insight from a CDTC rep before proposing a solution to the gap between Madison Ave./Lark St./Delaware Ave. and the terminus of the Bethlehem Delaware Ave. traffic calming planned project (which ends at the Bethlehem side of the Normanskill).
- **Transportation Subcommittee** (Ed, Lorenz) – second meeting held.
- **Other New Business?**

Attending Ed, Mark, John G., Glenn, Hugh, David P., and Lorenz with David S. as presenter.