

ABC Meeting Notes – 12/20/18

*Attendees – Julie Farrar (new), John G, Ed B, David P, Aaron C, Rob C, Pam (Troy Rescue), Lornez

*Discussion regarding Region 1 DOT response to our (Lorenz's) letter

*CDTC trails map being released soon

*Treasurer's Report (David P.) – two accounts - \$980.87 \$1201.14 \$5.22 (Paypal)

- Annual dues (\$25) are due on 1/1/19

- State AG's office has been a challenge for David to negotiate, but is all set now.

*Discussion, briefly, about Bethlehem-Albany Connector to find a safer route other than Delaware Ave. into Albany – ideas welcome.

*New Scotland/St. Peter's study – 2nd meeting scheduled for spring(?) 2019

*CDTC Bike/Ped Advisory meeting

- *Presentation on mini-grants:

- John G.'s bike rodeo on Locust Ave in Colonie

- Trinity/Albany Bike Rescue

- Saratoga

- *Discussion of future bikeway to Green Island

- *Discussion of creating a Complete Streets Guide

*Town of Colonie update to their Comp Plan from 2005 (John G and Aaron C attended)

- 14-member committee

- variety of opinions on this committee

- one member stood out amongst all others regarding her advocacy for Complete Streets, etc.

- 9 months have gone into creating a 50+ page draft

- Town Board to review

- There will then be a 30-day comment period and ONE public meeting

- of note, they are suggesting a development liaison to help guide the process more easily

*Mohawk-Hudson Bikeway – Rt. 7 connector

- near Cumberland Farms

- *City of Albany – Mayor has decided to put many of the functions related to Complete Streets into Engineering Department. We believe the person charged with these duties is named John and he is a PE.
There was a brief discussion and seeming consensus upon the notion that many of the other functions related to Complete Streets should be within the Planning Department.
- *Hudson section of bikeway – ongoing roots/uneven pavement problem (David P)
As usual, nobody really wants to claim ownership for maintenance so it's a challenge making any headway.
-It was suggested that a letter be drafted to Dan McCoy to inquire about what needs to be done to fix the trail.
- *Washington Ave flyover
 - Determining who's responsible for what is a major challenge here as well...some of this was discussed, but not all details are noted here.
 - Sam Zhou (County?) – responsible for ramps to and from flyover and willing to provide signage at multiple locations. Consensus was “Yes, thank you...that is a good start.
 - Aaron C. also suggested sharrows on the roadway so cars recognize that bikes could in fact be using an entire lane of traffic since the shoulders are too narrow and the pathways are impractical for bikes.
 - Some crosswalks extremely dangerous because of design/location (Ed B.)
 - Lorenz suggests that we shall cogitate upon this for now.
- *New Business
 - New guest joining us – Julie Farrar – to discuss mobility issues and how they relate to bicycle issues (i.e. Complete Streets).
 - Julie has been impressed with our presence and level of organization and wants to see how we can mobilize collectively on transportation-related issues and all modalities.
 - Julie shared her knowledge of how the Denver protests of 1978 ultimately led to the ADA.
 - It was suggested that cities should promote themselves as Complete Streets communities.
 - Transport Troy (Pam)
 - Sept ramble
 - James Rath (Capital Roots) is preparing a Troy trails map
 - 1/23 meeting – 1517 3rd St. @ 2pm - workshop