



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

6/27/19 7:00 PM

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

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Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – Report rendered.
- **Transport Troy** – See new website - <https://www.transporttroy.com/>

Old Business –

- **Bethlehem-Albany Connector** (Mark) – Key linkage to the bicycle lane on Madison Ave. and the Albany Riverfront Park/MHBHT/EST. Waiting response from Bethlehem Planning Office. Town has \$2,000,000 from NYS for the Elsmere Ave.-Normanskill Bridge traffic calming/road diet project. Not clear from where all the construction funds will come. Will follow-up.
- **BikeAlbanyMap** – (Glenn) – BikeAlbanyMap 2019 Enhancements. The new routes in production 7/3/19. See <https://bikealbanymap.com/> and https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hasaxuy5h3559n1/AABaXCPM_XEDQylhairZ1vQLa?dl=0&preview=BikeAlbanyMap_new_routes_7-2-2019.pdf. Added numerous Caution (triangle) and Direction (blue compass) icons where needed. Added the bike/ped ramp-and-walkway/multiuse path over the Dunn Memorial Bridge. It is hard to find from the Albany side. People need BAM to show them the way. Now that we have the brown "sidewalk" color code available, used it the D M Bridge. It is easy to distinguish the brown from purple (light traffic) and from red (heavy traffic). Will add the three new bike shops soon. New routes are:
 - **Rt 378 Bridge into South Troy** – Bike lanes, cycle tracks, and shared lanes to downtown Troy and Uncle Sam rail trail to Lansingburgh.
 - **Rt 32 from Mohawk Hudson trail, north to bike path over Black Bridge** – To Peebles Island.
 - **From Green Island to Cohoes** – Terminus of Mohawk Hudson Bike Hike Trail.
 - **Delmar Bike Routes**: Winnie Rd., Darroch Rd., bike path around high school. Connects north to Orchard St. route to Five Rivers.
 - **Bethlehem library to Henry Hudson Town Park on Hudson River**: Murray Ave., various local streets, Wemple Rd., Weisheit Rd., Clapper Rd. (total distance 10 miles).
- **Flyover Signage** (Lorenz) – Members should look at <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/2019/06/23/bicycle-warning-signs-at-washington-ave-and-fuller-rd/> and then visit site to check adequacy of signage.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David P.) – Frustration continues. Following up with Assemblymember Steck's office from where response is overdue. *It was suggested that Albany County look into "pilot project funding" restripe and re-sign the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail when repaved to indicate on which side to ride and walk/jog. This will reduce conflicts between people on bicycles and on foot and may enhance chances of funding.*
- **Slow Roll-Albany** (Mark) – Will contact the Buffalo Slow Roll representative. Idea on corporate sponsorship put forth for a weekly ride in Albany during the riding season.
- **Town of Colonie Complete Streets** (John G.) – No report.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (Lorenz)
 - **Bike to Work** – The sixth year. Initiatives: Troy bike ride and ride buddy matching. Increase in registrants and teams. After-ride survey said event should be continued with more outreach to get more participation, and more opportunities to engage with other riders.
 - **Transportation Improvement Program** – Policy Board approved the Transportation Improvement Program projects.
 - **Capital Coexist Mini-Grants** – Schenectady County planning four concurrent bike rodeos on 7/13. On 6/22, Niskayuna will close Grand Boulevard for a demonstration project and a rodeo with giveaways. Goal to extend the bicycle lanes out of Schenectady. Bethlehem's Walk and Roll fest 5/18 had 70 children in attendance. Capital Roots worked with Cohoes and Rensselaer high schoolers to produce educational materials that will be at the Albany and Cohoes Park Playhouse locations.
 - **Level of Service (LOS) Evaluation Subcommittee** – Made significant progress evaluating the multiple options.
 - **Regional Safety Action Plan Update** – Public meeting 6/12. Plan available online. Comment by 7/12

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- **Complete Streets Advisory Committee** – Carrie noted that four recently documented projects completed. Workplan here – https://www.cdtcmo.org/images/compstreets/CSAC_Work_Plan.pdf
- **Pedestrian Safety Action Plan** – A new mid-block PSA is out. From 6/14 to 6/27, there will be an enforcement campaign. This will be the third year. Patrols are based on each community's problem areas. The PSA's are all available at www.ny.gov/pedsafety.
- **Linkage Updates** – Staff working on the scope of work for the Albany Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Schenectady's Craig-Main project held a four-day design and planning conference in May. Troy's Hoosick Street scheduled an Advisory Committee meeting.
- **Local Program Updates**
 - "See! Be Seen!" Materials are up to 15 translations, now including simplified Chinese and Hindi. Expected completion of a Vehicle and Traffic Law video on pedestrian issues in September.
 - Niskayuna updating the transportation chapter of its comprehensive plan. Niskayuna School District is planning a \$100M building plan to consolidate school locations, thereby decreasing the walkability for many students.
 - Electric City Bike Rescue will be holding a bike fix-it on 6/15.
 - Village of Colonie Safety Day held at Cook Park on 6/15. Gave out 77 helmets. Volunteers conducted a survey asking people how safe they feel walking in the Village and near Locust Park.
 - Bethlehem Bike/Ped Committee is putting together a bicycle/pedestrian and crosswalk safety campaign.

- **CDTC Draft Local Road Safety Action Plan** – COMMENT DEADLINE IS 7/12.

http://www.cdtcmo.org/images/safety/Draft_Report_June_2019_PR.pdf

is available for review and you may find it as well as a copy of the Open House Presentation and Open House Boards on our [Local Safety Plan Webpage](#). A 30-day comment ends 7/12. Comment by email to: safety@cdtc.org or mail to: CDTC, One Park Place, Suite #100, Albany, NY 12205. Based on a detailed crash data analysis, the plan targets the following six emphasis areas: Intersections, Lane Departure, Vulnerable Users, Age-Related, Road User Behavior, and Speed.

New Business –

- **Transportation Improvement Program** (Lorenz) – Projects approved. Concern expressed about response to ABC's submitted comments.
- **Ride Around Cohoes** – Possibly do in fall. Similar to Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center ride of 2018. Could feature many Erie Canalway sites in Cohoes and a visit to the Bike Barn. Contact - Robyn King, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning, City of Cohoes, 97 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY 12047, 518-233-2130 ext. 130, rreynolds@ci.cohoes.ny.us, <http://www.ci.cohoes.ny.us>
- **11/16 – Renewable Energy and Sustainable Living Fair** – Sat, 11/16, 10 AM – 4 PM, [Armory at Sage College](#), 130 New Scotland Ave, Albany. Register [here](#). – Ed will head up. Rob, Glenn, Mark, and Hugh indicated their desire to staff. We need to promote ABC issues aggressively – member sign ups, reports on our activities, an outside demo (e.g., "how to dress and ride in winter"), etc. We will feature the expanded BikeAlbanyMap and perhaps have a "slide show" of our projects or members' rides.
- **9/22 - Underground Railroad Bike Tour** – Sun, meet - 9:30 AM and ride - 10:00 AM, 194 Livingston Ave., Albany. Ride begins and ends at the Historic Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence. Stops at other pertinent sites. Ride from Albany to Watervliet and Troy. Approximately 16 to 20 miles. Helmets required. \$25 supports the Underground Railroad History Project and the Albany Bicycle Coalition. Refreshments at the end of the tour. Info –<https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>. and <https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/events/ev-detail/the-underground-railroad-bicycle-tour>
- **Daily Grind-to-Daily Grind Ride** – 12th Anniversary ride following our standard ride formula. Preferred date is **Sat, 8/17** with rain date **Sat, 8/24**.
- **ABC Picnic** – Margaret will head up the effort. Date is **Sat, 8/10**. Possible locations are the Six-Mile Trail Park and the Ciccotti Center., <https://www.ciccotticenter.org/> .
- **6/29 - Safety Awareness Day for Military Families** – 10 AM-2 PM. Hands-on bicycle safety tips, Watervliet Arsenal – Will not do event.

East Coast Tour Slide Presentation (Ed) – We all enjoyed a narrated description of Ed's ride from Calais ME to Philadelphia PA.

Attending –Glenn, Hugh, Gail, Mark, Ray, Andrew, John M., David P., Ed, and Lorenz.

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