



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

1/30/20 7:00 PM

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

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Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – See hard copy. Prepared Federal 990 EZ return.
- **Transport Troy** (Pam) - Transport Troy met 1/8 on plans for 2020. The Trails Map back on track and seeking a grant for it. StopGap (the ramp program) is likely to be part of the Parking Day focus this year. Work on particular events or projects (e.g., Parking Day, Ramble) will occur in committees rather than at the monthly meeting. Considering using the monthly meeting for seeking input or sharing info with members of the public so they can participate and get involved.

Special Session - Patroon Greenway - Liaison with Albany Running Exchange

(<http://www.albanyrunningexchange.org/m1/index.php> - Michelle, Josh, and David) – Based on ABC's attempts to rekindle the Patroon Greenway Project, the Albany Running Exchange and ABC decided to explore our common interests. Paramount amongst these was the expansion and maintenance of the area's off-road multiuse paths since people on bicycles and people running (to say nothing of walkers, joggers, and the wheel chair bound) all use these facilities. We noted that ABC is attempting to resolve questions about land use/right of way with CDTC (email sent to CDTC).

Peter, of Friends of the Rail Trail and South End Bikeway Link Task Force, briefed us on the sad state of Albany County's interest in maintaining the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail – a lack with which ABC is very familiar by virtue of our 2-year effort to get repairs done on Albany County's portion of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail.

We also noted the proposed Northern Blvd.-Patroon Creek-Hudson exploratory ride planned for early April with meetup at Memorial Hospital. As a valuable aside, we learned that our Earth Day Ride 2020 and an Albany Running Exchange event could have a space conflict at the Albany Riverfront Park.

We agreed that we have many areas of commonality and elected to re-meet in a month to explore these further.

Old Business –

- **South End Bikeway Connector** (Lorenz) – S. Pearl St. and Frontage road is rideable.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David) – No word from TU on second MHBHT roots damage letter. ADK are working on the issue (FOIL). Contact with Alison MacLaine from Steck's office – no results. Called County Exec on 1/24 RE: non-response to 1/27 letter (which was received by County 11/29).
- **Membership Drive** (David) – Good activity in PayPal resulting from membership drive.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – (Lorenz) No Jan meeting held.
- **New Scotland Ave. Traffic Study** (Ed, all) – We discussed demonstration rides to illustrate that the street is used by people on bicycles. We are still frustrated by the City of Albany's disregard of ABC's position and its apparent embrace of the Creighton Manning "all cars/all the time" approach particularly since Strava and CDPHP Cycle! BikeShare data and the City of Albany bike counts (a long-standing project now discontinued by the City of Albany in fall

2019) show that New Scotland Ave. is a major bicycle route (as identified in the 2009 Albany Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan and by observation).

New Business –

- **VT 2020 Walk Bike Summit – CapitalRegionBikeMap Proposal** (Glenn) – Proposal submitted or as session at this conference.
- **Grants** – Grants submitted for CapitalRegionBikeMap, Schenectady-Albany Ride, and Village of Colonie Family Day.
- **4/18 or 19 – Earth Day Ride 2020 – The Compost Tour** – Sat, 4/18 or rain date Sun., 4/19. **Earth Day's 50th Anniversary.** See - <https://www.earthday.org/countdown-to-2020-and-the-50th-anniversary-of-earth-day> Details to follow. <http://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>. We noted possible conflict with an Albany Running Exchange event and Earth Day Ride 2020 at the Albany Riverfront Park.
- **HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/BIKETRAILSHUB** – Facebook link from Peter Thomas, South End Bikeway Connector advocate. Margaret to explore.
- **Meeting Dates** – ABC meets the last [not the 4th] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 2/27, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19 (not 26), and 12/17 (not 24). Issues getting on the calendar at LaSalle School.

Attending –Michelle, Josh and David (Albany Running Exchange) and David D., Ed, Glenn, Mark, Hugh, Matt (Albany Bike Rescue), Peter (Friends of the Rail Trail and South End Bikeway Link Task Force), unnamed guest, and Lorenz.

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

- **2/11 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – Capital District Transportation Committee – Tue, 9:00 AM, 1 Park Place, Wolf Rd. Contact: jceponis@cdtcmpo.org
- **2/14 – Winter Bike Love Strike ~ Save Winter ~ Ride With Us** (Winter Bike to Work Day + Winter Bike to School Day) – Fri, 2/14 – Alert cyclist Rebecca provided the attached link to motivate you to join her riding to and from work year around. See <https://www.winterbiketoworkday.org/>
- **2/27 – ABC Meeting** – Thr, 7:00 PM, LaSalle School, George E. Hanner Center, 391 Western Ave., Albany. <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/>
- **3/16 Trails Advocacy Day – Parks & Trails New York** – Mon, 3/16. PTNY will push for dedicated funding for enhancement of existing trail networks to provide additional amenities and enhanced access and connectivity. We will also be pushing for supportive policies that make cycling safer and more accessible including legalizing e-Bikes along the lines of the Executive Budget, closing the complete streets loophole, and adopting a 3-foot passing standard. Sign up at www.ptny.org/events/trails-advocacy-day, Contact for questions – Dylan Carey, dcarey@ptny.org