



## Meeting Notes

# Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting (Email Meeting)

3/26/20

7:00 PM – LaSalle School – George E. Hanner Center,  
391 Western Ave., Albany, 12203.

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**Pending resolution of the COVID-19 prohibitions, we will continue to post events. Please check here <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/upcoming-events/> and/or with the event's host/contact for updates.**

### Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – Report rendered.
- **Transport Troy** (Pam) – Breakthrough on the Uncle Sam Trail - see <https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Troy-seeks-bids-to-build-long-delay-South-Troy-15159761.php>

### Old Business –

- **5/20 – Ride of Silence 2020** (John) – Wed. 5/20. Need recommendations on proposed route from Russell and Fuller Rds. to avoid busy corridors and shoulders of Western and Central Avenues. There was discussion on cutting through the UA campus. Will conduct trial ride as soon as the COVID-19 virus situation allows.
- **POSTPONED - Earth Day Ride 2020** – Mayor, Department of General Services, and RADIX all set. Looking for an on-route home composting site. Concerns about ride-ability of the South End Bikeway Connector.
- **Tabling at Albany City Events** (Ed) – Not sure that there will be any Albany City Events to table. We will need to wait and see.
- **Bike to Work Rest Spot on MHBHT** (John) – Fri, 6/5, 7:30 to 9:30 AM. Hand out refreshments/food and promote ABC. Need volunteers from the ABC to staff table on the MHBHT at Lions Park. We can promote the ABC advocacy with smiles.
- **Patroon Greenway Project** (Rob, Ed, Mark, Shelly, John) – Next step – study project maps to identify property issues with the proposed Olsen Route and to study the tax maps. A suggestion was to open the Hudson River to Tivoli Preserve trail segment first as an on-street route using the Clinton Ave. bicycle lanes. We will test this at the Northern Blvd.- Patroon Creek-Hudson Ride (Rob) set for early April with meetup at Memorial Hospital.
- **MHBHT Roots** (David) – Plan is to work with ADK to FOIL Albany County documents. On hold pending the COVID -19.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (John) – The meeting was primarily on reviewing the "Draft New Visions 2050 Survey and Public Response Workbook." CDTC is requests to this survey at [www.cdtcmppo.org/nv2050](http://www.cdtcmppo.org/nv2050). CDTC also invites any organization, group, etc. to present responses. This in personal option cannot take place until COVID-19 virus restrictions are lifted. Contact community outreach staff at [NewVisions@CDTCMPO.org](mailto:NewVisions@CDTCMPO.org) or (518) 458-2161. Other meeting highlights were the following: CRPC seminar on 5/27 at HVCC. Tara Quackenbush from Capital Roots is heading local community food distribution as the new "Healthy Streets Coordinator." Nate Owens mentioned that the Bethlehem "Walk and Roll Event" is on 5/16. The Town of Bethlehem is looking at better markings of crosswalks. I suggested that the Town of Bethlehem should conduct a casual ride on the Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail to the Albany Riverfront Park when the City of Albany completes the South End Bikeway

Connector/Pearl Street improvements. Nate mentioned that the Bethlehem Bike and Pedestrian Committee would be the right organization to contact. Will follow-up with Nate on a name. Trish Bulatao, Albany County Department of Health, mentioned that the Complete Streets lending library is underutilized. Jen Ceponis mentioned that future BPAC meetings held at CDTC might change the time to late afternoon (4:30 PM) to accommodate cycling and advocacy groups etc.

- **Unity Ramble (Proposed)** (Ed) – Nothing definite yet. Have had initial positive contacts with 1) St. Peter's on State St. 2), Dutch Reformed 1st Church on North Pearl, and the 3) City Mission on South Pearl. Have had a few non-callbacks. Preference is for in-person introduction to the project, but that is impossible at the current time. Hoping for a day off soon to make some 'phone calls. We still have plenty of time to pull this together.
- **POSTPONED - Demonstration Ride on New Scotland Ave** – Meet at Capital Hills Golf Course parking lot, end of O'Neil Rd., Albany (off New Scotland). Rain date – TBA. Is New Scotland Ave. "bicycle friendly?" Are recent changes and proposed changes making it better or worse? Join other concerned cyclists on a ride toward downtown on this core route for Albany Cyclists.
- **VT 2020 Walk Bike Summit** – CapitalNYBikeMap Proposal (Glenn) – Not approved.

#### **New Business –**

- **Updates on CDTC Coexist Mini-Grant Applications** (John) – Village of Colonie Bike Safety Day (6/6, 12:00 to 5:00 PM) awarded. Twin Cities (Schenectady/Albany) Bike Ride rejected, but ABC/Cycle Schenectady intends to conduct this event. Bike Albany Map rejected. Looking into rationale for this decision.
- **Meeting Dates** – ABC meets the last [not the 4<sup>th</sup>] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 4/30, 5/28, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19 (not 26), and 12/17 (not 24).

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

- **Postponed - Northern Blvd.-Patroon Creek-Hudson Ride** – Meetup at Memorial Hospital.
- **4/14 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** – Capital District Transportation Committee – 4/14, Tue, 9:00 AM, One Park Place Albany – <http://www.cdtcmpo.org/>
- **4/26 – ABC Meeting** – May use teleconferencing if COVID-19 virus restrictions are in force
- **5/1-31 – Bike Month** (all dates tentative)
  - 5/9 – Troy Bike Rescue Bike Fest
  - 5/12 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
  - 5/16 - Albany Rural Cemetery Casual Bike Ride - Postponed
  - 5/16 - Bethlehem Walk and Roll Event –
  - 5/20 – Ride of Silence
  - 5/28 – ABC Meeting
  - 6/5 – Bike to Work

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