



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Meeting

12/17/20

7:00 PM – via Zoom

C:\Users\Lorenz M. Worden\Documents\Bicycle!\Meetings\1-2020\ABC Meeting Notes ZOOM 11-19-20.docx

Reports –

- **Treasurer Report** (David P.) – Three reports presented – treasurer's, year-to-year comparison, and membership activity. ABC is in good financial condition thanks to our supporters.
- **Transport Troy Update** (Pam) – Transport Troy meeting on 12/9.

Old Business –

- **Albany Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan** (Ed, all) – Ed and Glenn submitted extensive comments. Lorenz will do likewise (and include some additional items from Ed, Aaron, and Hugh) and will combine all of these into an ABC record of what we submitted.
- **CapitalNYBikeMap Enhancements** (Glenn) – The 12/8 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting presentation went well. We reviewed the last three slides in the presentation and looked at potential map updates for 2021. We noted the importance of the CDTC Trails Plan ([Capital District Trails Plan - Home \(weebly.com\)](http://Capital District Trails Plan - Home (weebly.com))) for an effective region-wide bike network as it would fill in several strategic gaps. The informative PowerPoint PDF on the map is here CapitalNYBikeMap_CDTC_12-8-20 150ppi.pptx.
- **MHBHT Root Damage** (David) – Sent email to *Times Union* sports writer Gillian Scott with photos and timeline. No response so far. Pam commented that perhaps the reason was that this topic is not timely. No one is interested in a biking issue in December. Albany county has been non responsive to our FOIL requests. FOIL request to DOT (submitted in May). This has met with constant relays. Current response is due 12/31/20. Next Steps are letters to Assembly Members, Fahy, Steck, and McDonald to be followed with a request for a meeting. Will also send emails with photos and timeline. Intent is to request that the Assembly Members sponsor a member item earmarked for the trail repairs to be done by DOT.
- **Patroon Greenway Project** (All) – No response from Jasmine on her inquiry to ABC. Ed will contact Lauren Alpert at Albany Planning on (1) public input, (2) RFP for \$100,000 grant, and (3) on our advising on the project
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (John) – Update. CDPHP Cycle! BikeShare closed for season, greenway public forum, Mini grants up to \$5,000 from a pool of \$25,000. Deadline is 1/29. Next meeting 1/12, Tue, 9:00 am.
- **Western Ave. Traffic Calming** – Lorenz will bring together and submit for clarification all the many outstanding issues with the city administration: South End Connector proposed changes, Western Ave. Traffic Calming, Clinton Ave. road marking refreshment, closing a Washington Park road, Albany-Colonie Connector and the need to re-do Rapp Rd., and general bicycle issues. It was suggested that we might call for a meeting with the mayor.
- **Connector Enhancements** – Sent items by USPS and email to Ward 1 and 2 Albany Common Council members, Sonia Frederick and Derek Johnson. We will follow-up. May meet with them and others for support for safety-related issues with the South End Connector. Glenn provided an additional item for “the South End Connector list” as follows: “Bicyclists coming south on the waterfront bike lanes can't see the SEC, since it's diagonally across the intersection under I-787. Prominent wayfinding signs, a map, and green pavement markings would guide riders from the waterfront to SEC without riding in the street.” We will add this item to our list.
- **MHCC Gravel Gobbler** –Virtual Gravel Gobbler raised \$2,600 for the Regional Food Bank.

- **Walking-Riding Collaboration** – (Ed, Lorenz) – Ed and John to coordinate on setting up Zoom with Walkers. Ed will propose some possible dates/times.

New Business –

- **Albany-Shaker Rd. and the Wolf Rd. Gap** (John) – Investigation continues.
- **Albany-Colonie Connector** – (Lorenz, John) Letter with map and routes to P. Mahan and village/town staff, 12/11. Next steps are to push for a meeting with the town planning staff one of whom has already contracted us about the ACC proposal.
- **Grants (Ride, Bike Day)** (John) – The Village of Colonie Bike Safety Day will carry over from 2020. John will revise and resubmit the “unity ride” with Cycle Schenectady for 2021 funding. The ride will feature the Albany-Colonie Connector for which we may purchase temporary wayfinding signage.
- **Greenway Trails Plan Meeting Report** (John) 12/ 3. There a number people who supported connectivity. Who was NOT there? Utilization data presented.

Meeting Dates – ABC meets the last [not the 4th] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29

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

- **1/12 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting** – 1/12, Tue, 9:00 am.

Zoomers – David, Mark, Hugh, Ed, Pam, Glenn, John, and Lorenz.

+++++