

Poughkeepsie-Dutchess County Transportation Council
Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting #13

January 29, 2015, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Dutchess Community College, 122 Bowne Hall (1st Floor), 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie

Meeting Summary

Introductions

Mark Debald (Transportation Program Administrator) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves [see attached list]. Mark provided information on the following topics:

1. USDOT Secretary Foxx has issued a challenge to Mayors to support bicycle and pedestrian safety via specified action steps.
2. A Guidebook on Pedestrian and Bicycle Volume Data Collection was released by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program:
<http://www.trb.org/PedestriansAndBicyclists/Blurbs/171973.aspx>

Presentation & Discussion: Josh Wilson, NY Bicycling Coalition

Josh Wilson from the New York Bicycling Coalition (NYBC) described the mission and work of NYBC, to include its four main focus areas:

1. Advocating for increased funding for bicycling and walking infrastructure (particularly in the state budget).
2. Bicycling skills workshops.
3. Bicycle tourism enhancement.
4. Campaigns which at the current time relate to bicycles on Amtrak trains, facilitating local municipal control of speed limits, and establishing the legality of electric bicycles.

See NYBC's website for more information: <http://nybc.net/>

County-owned Traffic Signals (Bicycle Detection)

On October 17th, Emily Dozier worked with County Department of Public Works staff to adjust the sensitivity of the traffic signal at CR 43/CR46 (Degarmo Rd/Overlook Rd) to better detect bicycles. DPW staff will continue to monitor this change.

Future Presentation Topics

Staff will continue to solicit presenters for future BPAC meetings. Ideas for presentations include:

1. Scenic Hudson: Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (Beacon/Putnam County)
2. Town of Red Hook: Hook Trail

Mark welcomed other ideas from the group; none were offered, though the group was still interested in guest presenters.

Implementation: Progress Reports

Brian Griffin, V/Pawling: The Village is working to lower speed limits on specified roads. The change requires action by the Village Board as well as the New York State Legislature. More broadly, the goal is to orient the Village as a bicycle friendly community.

Other Updates/Announcements

Mention was made of the following items:

1. DC Public Transit bicycle racks; online [bicycle parking finder](#)
2. Funding programs: [TAP](#), [CDBG](#), CFA
3. Sidewalk studies: [Pine Plains](#)
4. Walkway-DRT Trail Enhancement Coalition (TEC)
5. Continued efforts by County Tourism to develop new Bicycle Tour maps.
6. Community Bicycle Shops – see NYBC’s resource page: <http://nybc.net/community-bike-shops/>
7. The County’s Complete Streets Committee and its efforts to create a bicycle-pedestrian checklist for projects on County roads/facilities.

Homework

BPAC member assignments continue as previously identified:

1. Add to the bicycle parking inventory. To add existing racks, email Mark Debald with a specific description, location (GPS coordinates preferred) and a photo showing the rack in the context of its surroundings.
2. Test bicycle detection at the Degarmo Rd/Overrocker Rd traffic signal and let Mark know if your bicycle is detected (on the southbound and westbound left turn lanes) or not.
3. Continue to implement projects in your community.

Next BPAC Meeting: April 30, 2015 (3-5pm) at 115 Bowne Hall, DCC.

Meeting schedule: January, April, July, October; last Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 pm (typically)

Note: Emily will be out on maternity leave for the April meeting. Mark Debald from the PDCTC will chair the meetings.



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