

Wethersfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Stakeholders Advisory Committee August 30, 2018 – Meeting #3



Welcome

- **Peter Gillespie** – Planning and Economic Development Director,
Town of Wethersfield
Staff to Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC)
- **Kevin Sullivan** - Bike/Walk Wethersfield



Please Sign

Attendance Sheet

Meeting Notes – Meeting #2 - June 28

- Project Schedule
- Vision/Goals Exercise
- Existing Conditions Inventory and Analysis
- Working Groups - Volunteers
- Survey

Schedule

- Kick Off Meeting (May)
- Conditions Analysis
(May – September)
- Meeting #2 (June)
- **Meeting#3 (August)**
- Meeting #4 (September 27)
- Workshop/Open House (October 30)
- Meeting #5 Draft Plan (December)
- Workshop (January 2019)
- Final Plan (March 2019)
- Approval (April 2019)

Website

- [www.wethersfieldct.gov/government/pzc/bikeped plan](http://www.wethersfieldct.gov/government/pzc/bikepedplan)
- Agendas, Meeting Notes, Background Reports, Survey etc...
- Community Survey – Survey Monkey

Tonight's Agenda

- Draft Vision Statement
- Draft Goals
- Existing Conditions Inventory – Working Groups Progress
- Community Survey Status
- Project Updates

Vision Suggestions

What do you want to see for the future of walking and bicycling in Wethersfield?

Top Responses

Safety (29)	Connectivity (11)	Friendly (7)	Health (7)
Modes (6)	Destination (5)	Recreation (5)	Accessible (5)
Neighborhoods (4)		Active (4)	

Vision Suggestions

VISION - The vision for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan should capture and articulate Wethersfield's commitment to increasing walking and bicycling.

Wethersfield should become a bicycle and pedestrian friendly community where neighborhoods and destinations are connected through a comprehensive, multi modal network of safe and accessible streets, intersections, sidewalks, trails and bike lanes which encourages recreation and a healthy and active lifestyle.

Goal Suggestions

What has to occur to accomplish the pedestrian and bicycle vision for Wethersfield?

Top Responses

Publicity/Education (15) Safety (13) Investment/Funding (10)

Bike Routes/Lanes (6) Signage (6) Connections (6) Sidewalks (5)

Access (3) Traffic (3) Network (3) Putnam Bridge (3) Multi-Use (3)

Intersections (3)

Draft Goals

GOALS- The goals provide a level of specificity that shape and provide a framework for prioritizing the Plan's recommendations

- 1. Improve and expand the network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the Town.**
- 2. Develop a comprehensive education and promotional program to improve the safety of those who walk, bicycle, drive and use transit.**
- 3. Increase funding for projects that will improve the transportation network with a particular emphasis on walking and bicycling.**

Projects/Implementation/Recommendations

- Examples

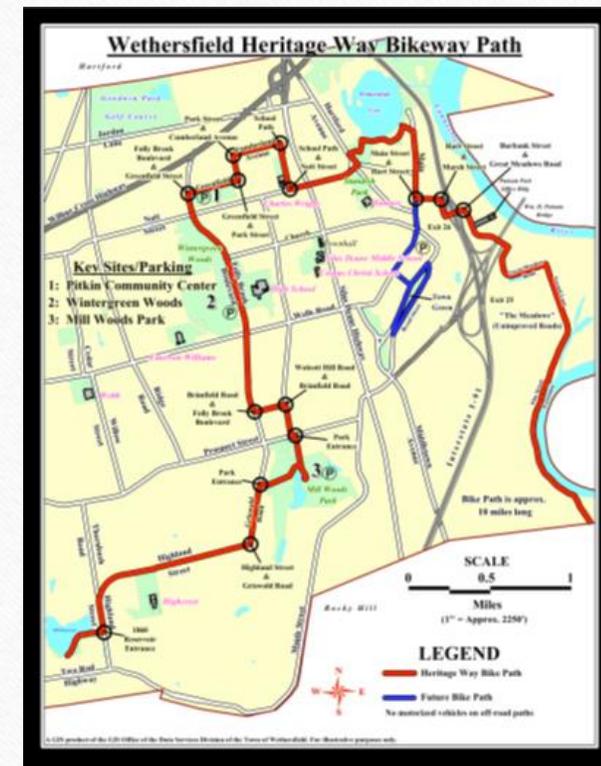
- Convert the PW Rail Line into a Rail Trail.
- Bike Rack at Main Street Creamery.
- Bike Lane on Jordan Lane.

- To Be Discussed At Future Meetings.

Existing Conditions Inventory

What are the Existing Community Facilities, Plans, Programs, Policies and Events that Support a Biking and Walking Culture in Wethersfield?

Benchmarking



Six (6) Working Groups

- Infrastructure
- Data
- Funding
- Complete Streets Policy
- Plans and Policy
- Programs and Events
- Kevin Sullivan and Tom Brown
- Kevin Tedesco and Peter Gillespie
- Jim Kulpa and Denise Bradley
- Derrick Gregor and Rob O'Connor
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- Rachel Mattioli and Chris Traczyk

Infrastructure Working Group

- Inventory and Evaluate Existing Bike and Pedestrian Facilities
 - Roadway Classifications
 - Sidewalk Inventory – Gaps
 - Existing Amenities
 - Gateways to Adjoining Communities
 - Cross Town/Important Intersections
- Kevin Sullivan – Tom Brown – Chris Traczyk – Bruce Bockstael – Jim Woodworth – Carol Bruce – Judy Keane – Kaci White – Kaethe Podgorski – Lynn Ofori – Janice DiRoberts – Barbara Saladin – Heather Thomas – Tony Margiotta – George Oickle – Mary Breton – Derrick Gregor

Data Working Group

- Existing Travel Patterns – Strava
 - Demographics
 - Crash Analysis
 - Slips and Falls
- Peter Gillespie – Kevin Tedesco – Michael Emmett – Kaethe Podgorski – Heather Thomas

Plans and Policy Working Group

- Existing Plans and Reports
 - Safe Routes To School
 - State and Regional Efforts
 - Adjoining Communities
 - Existing Codes, Regulations and Ordinances
- Charles Brown – Peter Gillespie – Lynn Ofori – Mary Breton – Kevin Sullivan – Barbara Saladin – Jim Arnold – Heather Thomas – Kim Bobin – Kaci White

Programs and Events Working Group

- Programs and Events
 - Existing Policies
 - Existing Programs
 - Existing Events
 - Partnering Organizations
- Rachel Mattioli – Chris Traczyk – Rob O’Connor – Kevin Sullivan – Barbara Ssaladin – Kathy Kanya – Kim Bobin – Tom Brown

Funding Working Group

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF)
- Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)
- Community Connectivity Grant (CCGP)
- LOTCIP
- Aetna Foundation
- Grants, ETC...
- Jim Kulpa – Denise Bradley – Judy Keane – Kevin Tedesco – Jim Arnold – Tony Margiotta – George Oickle

Complete Streets Policy Working Group

- CT DOT National Complete Streets Coalition
- Middletown Glastonbury
- Simsbury S. Windsor
- West Hartford Hartford
- Enfield Stratford
- Torrington Portland
- Clinton CRCOG?
- Derrick Gregor – Rob O’Connor – Charles Brown – Rachel Mattioli – Ann Hartman

Working Groups

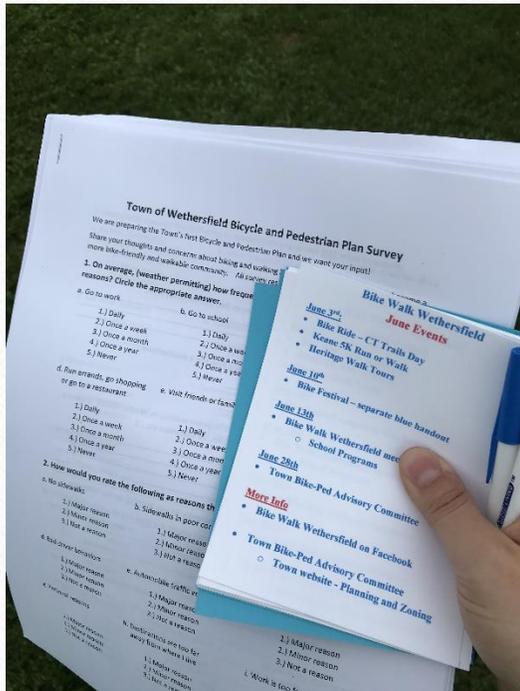
- Quick Meetings At The End of Presentation?

Community Participation

- Stakeholders Committee Meetings
- 100 Persons – Email Distribution
- Website – Survey – Sign Up
- Events – Fireworks, Bike Festival, Farmers Market?
- Workshop/Open House – October 30
- Draft Plan Workshop – January 2019
- Media



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Survey



- 20 Questions
- 7 Walking Questions
- 8 Biking Questions
- 3 Demographic Questions
- 1 Additional Question
- 1 Optional Question

Survey

- Fireworks
- Bicycle Festival
- Keeney Koolers
- Farmer's Market
- Other Community Events?
- 140 Completed Surveys To Date
- Survey Monkey – Website
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WethersfieldBikePedSurvey>
- Preliminary Survey Results – October 30

Next Steps

- Committee Meeting #4 - Thursday **September 27** 6:30 pm
 - Workshop Details
- Public Workshop/Open House – Community Center – Tuesday, **October 30**

Project Updates

- Berlin Turnpike/Jordan Lane – Route 314 - Repaving - Restriping
- LOTCIP – Wolcott Hill Road
- LOTCIP – Highland Street Pavement Rehabilitation
- CCGP – Old Wethersfield – Bike and Pedestrian Improvements

Upcoming Events

- CRCOG Bike Ped Count September 11, 12 and 13
- CornFest September 22

Questions?

Comments?

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers