

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
Mar 26, 2018

PRESENT:

Dan Lipson, Judy Mage, Bill Murray, Matt Pilek, Michael Reade

1. A report on our work on the 3-foot law

The committee discussed the proposed 3-foot-passing legislation being stalled in the state legislature. The committee discussed how to best encourage the County Executive Mike Hein to speed up the installation of shoulders on Route 299 from Butternut Road to Route 44/55.

2. Planning a Spring group bike ride

Mike Reade will send the Eventbrite email to our list to go on a spring group ride.

3. Planning a meeting with the Department of Transportation (DOT)

The committee members planned a meeting with Sandra Jobson at the New York State Department of Transportation. Steve O'Shea, Gaby O'Shea, Rose Quinn, Dan Lipson, and Judy Mage plan to attend, along with a representative from the Transportation Implementation Committee (TIC). Here are some of the items our committee members wish to bring up at our DOT meeting:

1. Widening 299 from Butternut to 44/55. Hein promised this, but it is being delayed.
2. More crosswalks on Main Street.
3. 208 desperately needs to be safer.
4. Zero Place: DOT denied request for parking on the outside of the bike lane
5. Bridge by Stewarts
6. Lower the speed limit on 299.
7. DOT should be calling bike lane on 32N and plowing the bike lane.
8. 32S: improve bikeability
9. Mohonk Preserve Gateway parking lot warrants dropping the speed limit | ask the Preserve to work with us. Perhaps a letter of support from the Preserve.
10. Michael: what has DOT done budget-wise since it designated thousands of miles as bike routes to make biking safe on these bike byways?

4. Transportation Implementation Committee recommendation for traffic light at Cedar/Jansen/208

Dan updated the committee on a recommendation by David Engel on the Transportation Implementation Committee for a traffic light at Cedar / Jansen / 208.

5. Preparing for April joint meeting with Transportation Implementation Committee

Agenda items for TIC joint meeting: explore why DOT has such bottlenecks

- **Bike in lane signage** on every scenic bike route in village/town: Springtown, Mountain Rest, 32. It's the law.
- **Slowing speed limit** on Main Street: much higher chance of survival for pedestrians/cyclists hit.
- **Crosswalks on Main Street**
- **Stop sign at rail trail on plains road intersection**
- Push for more enforcement with police (Matt Pilek and Mike brought up this is a key part of the Florida bikeability)

6. Collaboration with Harry Lipstein (owner of Water Street Market) to improve bikeability in the village

- We should make Water Street more handicap accessible – the bike rack area, and the parking lot are not handicap accessible – 16% and 14.5% grades. Need proper stop sign. And stop sign on Water Street rail trail crossing.
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7. Update on construction of larger shoulders on South Putt Corners Road

The committee shared the current status of the construction of larger shoulders on South Putt Corners Road

8. Update on intersection of South Street and Route 299 (by Lowe's)

The committee shared updates on the status of the construction of the Empire State Trail across the street from Lowe's on 299. The Empire State Trail will go in front of the shed/barns and in front of Central Hudson. Then 2-way bike lane on south side of 299 with fence separating from road, all the way to Ohioville. Then it will cross to north side, and two-way across north side of thruway overpass to N. Putt. 6 feet for each lane, so 12-foot wide for two-way.

Adjourned 8:47pm

Next meeting:
Mon Mar 26

Then **Tue Apr 24**: Joint meeting with Transportation Implementation Committee (TIC)