

Bicycle Pedestrian Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2018

**PRESENT**

Dan Lipson	Rebecca Minas	Mark Eis	David Brownstein
Judy Mage	Donna Bruschi		

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

**1. Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC) Road Safety Assessments Draft Report**

Dan will write to David Staas (Senior Transportation Planner for the Ulster County Transportation Council) with the following comments:

1. We support the report's suggestion to lower the speed limit on this section of Route 299.
2. The report identifies the shoulders as being 4-feet wide. Our understanding is that the shoulders are only 3-feet wide. The shoulders should be at least 4-feet wide.
3. We would like to see bicycle and pedestrian safety addressed more centrally in this report. We realize that only two bicycle collisions were reported. But there are far more "near misses" on this section of road. We are very anxious for County and DOT to widen the shoulders all the way to 44/55. But until this happens, Route 299 in this section is dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians. Indeed, Gabby O'Shea was almost killed because of a car collision with her bicycle. With the new Mohonk Gatehouse trail-head coming in this section of 299, there could be far more bicyclists and pedestrians on this segment, and a road safety report should give adequate space and attention to mitigating the risks of walking and cycling on these roads. In addition to the draw of the coming Mohonk Preserve trail-head, a portion of this section of 299 also includes traffic to the County pool and fairgrounds. Our county officials should make it a priority for residents to be able to walk or bicycle to the pool/fairgrounds.

**2. Empire State Trail: discussion post-DOT Open House (Tue May 15, 2018)**

The committee supports the following comments to the Department of Transportation:

1. Install more crosswalks on Main Street -- between the Middle School and Tops, and also by the bus station on Prospect Street.
2. Lower the speed limit on the upper portion of Main Street.
3. Paint fog lines on Main Street.
4. Install curb cuts (a.k.a. sidewalk ramps) everywhere needed on Main Street (especially in front of McDonalds).
5. Install proper bicycle lanes and sidewalks on the middle section of Henry W. DuBois.
6. Put into place traffic-slowing measures on Henry W. DuBois (perhaps stop signs).
7. Add more crosswalks on Henry W. DuBois.
8. Look into diverting the Empire State Trail into the Millbrook Preserve (and off of Henry W. DuBois).
9. Add crosswalk and traffic light (or stop sign) on 32N and Mulberry so Empire State Trail users can safely cross 32N to get to/from the rail trail.
10. Ensure safe bike/ped travel from 299 to North Putt Corners in the event that a CVS or other business is placed at this intersection.
11. Create an official school zone in front of the High School (this is of course not the Empire State Trail, but it is an offshoot of it).

### **3. Henry W. DuBois Transportation Alternatives Plan (TAP) Grant Application**

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The town will be seeking funding to do construction on the middle section of Henry W. DuBois to add proper bicycle lanes and sidewalks. Brian Slack is optimistic about New Paltz being awarded this TAP grant. The town is looking to widen the road via acquisitions.

### **4. Proposal: Empire State Trail through Millbrook Preserve**

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Mayor Rogers is pursuing a proposal to divert the Empire State Trail through the Millbrook Preserve. The committee wonders whether the Millbrook Preserve multi-use trail will be constructed in time. In addition, the committee would like to know whether the leadership of the Millbrook Preserve organization would object to having this much traffic flowing through the Preserve.

### **5. Proposal: Fog lines on Main Street / 299**

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Mayor Rogers is requesting that the DOT paint fog lines on Main Street when DOT repaves Main Street next month. The committee is enthusiastic about this proposal.

### **6. Proposal: recognize South Putt Corners Road as school zone**

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Judy will draft and circulate a letter in support of recognizing a school zone on South Putt Corners Road. The letter will be sent to the town, the village, DOT, Maria Rice and the School Board, and Dennis Doyle.

### **7. Proposal: stop sign at Cedar/Jansen/208**

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The committee supports David Engel's proposal to install a traffic light on Route 208 by Cedar Lane and Jansen Road. David was advised to contact David Corrigan at the Ulster County Residency office in Kingston. If the conditions of this intersection are well-suited for a traffic light, then the next step would be for the town to submit an official signal request to DOT Region 8.

Adjourned 8:36pm

Next meeting:

**Mon Jun 25**

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Mon Jul 23

Mon Aug 27

Mon Sep 24

Mon Oct 22

Mon Nov 19