

Wethersfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan  
Committee Meeting #7

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Thursday January 10, 2019

# Welcome

- Peter Gillespie – Planning and Economic Development Director  
Town of Wethersfield
- Kevin Sullivan - Bike/Walk Wethersfield



Please Sign-In

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# Tonight's Agenda

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- Meeting Notes – November Meeting
- Existing Conditions
- Working Groups
- Community Survey
- **Draft Plan**
- **Preliminary Actions/Recommendations**
- Update Bike/Ped Projects
- Meeting and Project Schedule
- Other Business

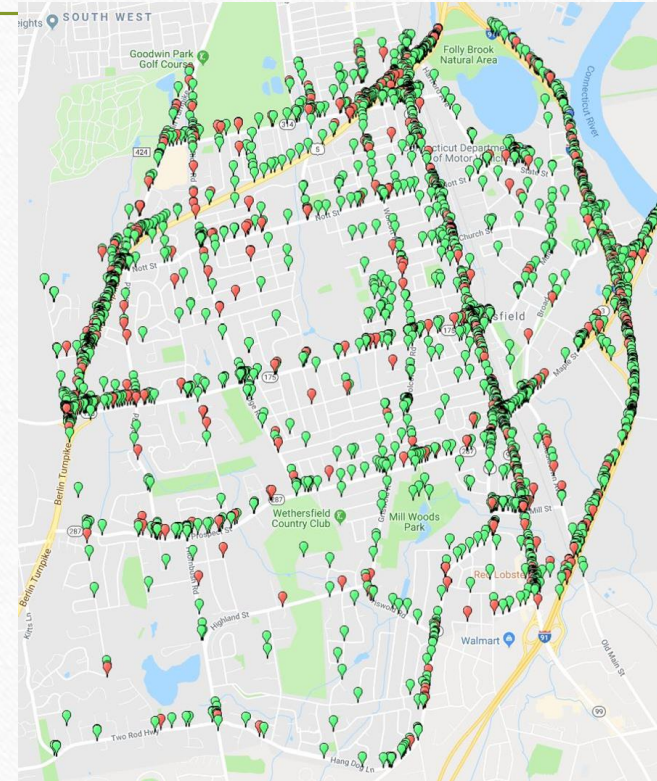
# Meeting Notes

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November 2018 Meeting

# Working Groups

- Data
- Funding
- Infrastructure
- Plans and Policy
- Programs and Events
- Complete Streets Policy



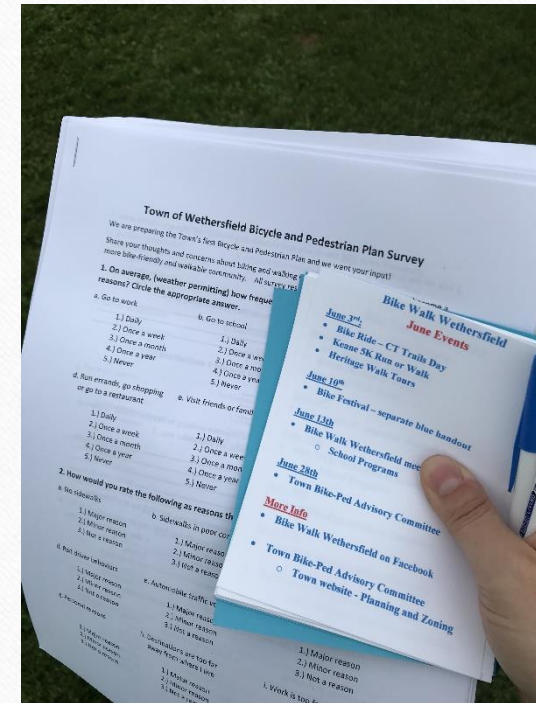
# Existing Conditions

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- Pavement Widths
- Sidewalk Gaps
- Intersection Audits
- Traffic Counts
- Accident Data
- Bike Facilities (Racks)
- Sidewalk Locations/Conditions
- Gateways/Connections To Neighboring Towns
- Bus Routes/Stops
- Destinations

# Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Survey

- Over 600 Surveys Completed (613)
- 170 included emails for future notifications
- 63% Respondents Female
- 35% Male
- 28% Age 35-44
- 21% Age 45-54
- Closed – Will Write Up Final Report





# Utilizing Survey Responses

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- 322 Biking Recommendations
- 398 Walking Recommendations

# Public Workshop Comments

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- 94 Biking Comments
- 83 Pedestrian/Walking Comments

# Bicycle and Pedestrian DRAFT Plan

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- Executive Summary
  - Top Priorities
- Why?
- Process and Methodology
- Vision and Goals
- Public Involvement

# Actions/Recommendations

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- Pedestrian Facilities/Network

- Sidewalk Gaps
- Sidewalk Improvements
- Intersection Improvements
- Crossings
- Shared Use/Sidepaths
- Traffic Calming/Speeding
- Trails

- Bicycle Facilities/Network

- Bicycle Routes
  - Shared Use Paths
  - Separated
  - Buffered
  - Shared
  - Bike Lane
- Bicycle Facilities (Racks)

# Bike Paths and Routes

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## North-South

- Goff Road
- Ridge Road
- Griswold/Folly Brook
- Wolcott Hill
- Maple
- Silas Deane
- Middletown/Spring
- Highland/Thornbush

## East-West

- Jordan Lane
- Nott
- Church
- Wells
- Prospect
- Two Rod/Hang Dog

# Bike Paths and Routes

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## Others

- State/Hartford Ave.
- Main Street
- Marsh/Great Meadow
- Broad Street
- Genesee and Wyoming Rail/Trail

## Trails

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| • Mill Woods        | Old Reservoir  |
| • Heritage Walk     | Heritage Way   |
| • Wintergreen Woods | Goodwin Park   |
| • Meadows           | Wilkus Farms   |
| • Kycia Farm        | Cedar Mountain |
| • Cove Park         |                |

# Policies and Programs

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- Engineering
  - Narrow Streets
- Education
  - Safe Routes To Schools
- Encouragement
  - Bike/Walk Events
  - Organized Social Bike Rides and Walks
- Enforcement
  - School Safety Zones
- Evaluation
  - Zoning Regulations
  - Complete Streets Policy
  - Ped/Bike Committee

# Implementation

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- Responsible Parties (Engineering, Police, Physical Services, Planning, Bike/Walk W)
- Funding ( CIP, DOT, Grant)
- Timing (Short, Medium or Long Term)
- Priority (1, 2 or 3)



# Prioritization

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- With limited resources which projects are most important?
- Scoring System
  - Near Schools, Parks, Connectivity
  - Benefits HH's with no cars
  - Public Comments
  - State vs. Local Roads
  - Improve Safety

Photos?

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Bike and Pedestrian Activity

# Other Projects Status

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- Wolcott Hill Road Reconstruction - \$2,351,200 – Jordan Lane to Hartford City Line
- Highland Street Pavement Rehabilitation – Rocky Hill Town Line to Thornbush Road - \$640,800
- Community Connectivity Grant – 11 Projects in Old Wethersfield - \$393,300
- Putnam Bridge MultiModal Trail Connections – Meeting With DOT next week
- GWRR/DOT – Freight Rail – December 5 Meeting

# Project Schedule

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- Kick Off Meeting (May 16)
- Conditions Analysis  
(June 28)  
(August 30)  
(September 27)
- Workshop/Open House (October 30)
- Committee Meeting (November 29)
- **Committee Meeting (January 10)**
- Next Meeting - Draft Plan Review  
(February 7 and 28)
- Workshop/Hearing (March 14)
- Final Plan (April)
- Approval (May)

# Other Business?

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- Webinar - Designing for Bicyclist Safety - Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm Eastern Time
- ADA Self Assessment and Transition Plan – Accessibility of Pedestrian Facilities

Questions?

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Comments?

# Next Meeting

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Thursday, February 7, 2019

6:30 p.m., Council Chambers