

Wethersfield Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and Complete Streets Policy



June 28, 2018
Meeting #2



Welcome

- **Tony Margiotta** – Vice-Chairman,
Town of Wethersfield
Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC)
- **Kevin Sullivan** - Bike/Walk Wethersfield



Please Sign In

Handouts

Review Kick-Off Meeting Notes - May 16

- Introduced Stakeholders
- Scope of Work
- Purpose of Plan - 2013 POCD
- Schedule – 1 Year
- Vision/Goals
- Previous Plans and Reports
- Existing Conditions Inventory and Analysis
- Community Involvement
- Draft Plan - December
- Complete Streets Policy
- Completion – April 2019

Schedule

- Kick Off Meeting (May)
- Conditions Analysis (May – September)
- Workshop/Open House (October)
- Draft Plan (December)
- Workshop (January 2019)
- Final Plan (March 2019)
- Approval (April 2019)

Tonight's Agenda

- Vision and Goals Exercise
- Existing Conditions Inventory – Work Groups
- Community Survey

Website

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

2013 Plan of Conservation and Development

- Key Focus – Preserve and Enhance the Character and Quality of Life in Wethersfield
- Maintain Community Character and Quality of Life – Chapter 5
 - Extend Sidewalks and Trails
 - Establish Bicycle Routes
 - Enhance Transit Services
 - Enhance Streets

2013 Plan of Conservation and Development

- Maps
 - Areas of Potential Pedestrian Demand
 - Pedestrian Plan
 - Bicycle Suitability Map
 - Transit Map
 - Areas of Potential Pavement Narrowing
 - Road Classification Plan

Other Plans and Reports

- Old Wethersfield Master Plan
- Beaver Brook Master Plan
- Silas Deane Highway Master Plan
- Safe Routes To School Reports (6)
- Putnam Bridge Feasibility Report

Vision and Goals

- **VISION** - The vision for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan should capture and articulate Wethersfield's commitment to increasing walking and bicycling.
- **GOALS** - The goals provide a level of specificity that shape and provide a framework for prioritizing the Plan's recommendations.

VISION - The Vision for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan should capture and articulate Wethersfield's ideal conditions to increasing walking and bicycling in the future.

- **What do you want to see for the future of walking and bicycling in Wethersfield?**
- Use Pink Sticky Note Cards
- Top 3 Phrases or Words. Look at the Big Picture.
 - Walking and Bicycle Friendly Community
 - Safe and Equitable Streets
 - Comfortable and Convenient Bike and Pedestrian Facilities
 - Seamless Connectivity To All Destinations

VISION STATEMENTS - Examples

- The Town of South Windsor will be a walking and bicycling friendly community in which residents and visitors will enjoy safe walking and bicycling for recreation and transportation.
- Sarasota County will foster an environment that promotes and encourages recreation and healthy lifestyles through a safe and efficient multimodal transportation network.
- Portsmouth residents, workers, and visitors will view walking and bicycling as comfortable and convenient ways to get around the city. Walking and bicycling will be a part of Portsmouth's culture, making the city a healthy and vibrant place to live.

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

- **What has to occur to accomplish the pedestrian and bicycle vision for Wethersfield?**
- More Specific, Concrete and Action Oriented Than The Vision.
- Use Green Sticky Note Cards
- Top 3 words or phrases.
 - Improve Education.
 - Increased Sidewalk Enforcement.
 - Increase Annual Funding.

GOAL STATEMENTS - Examples

- Improve and expand the existing pedestrian and bicycle networks.
- Improve the safety of walking and bicycling in Wethersfield by reducing the number of crashes.
- Enhance connectivity and multi-modal transportation choices

Projects/Implementation/Recommendations

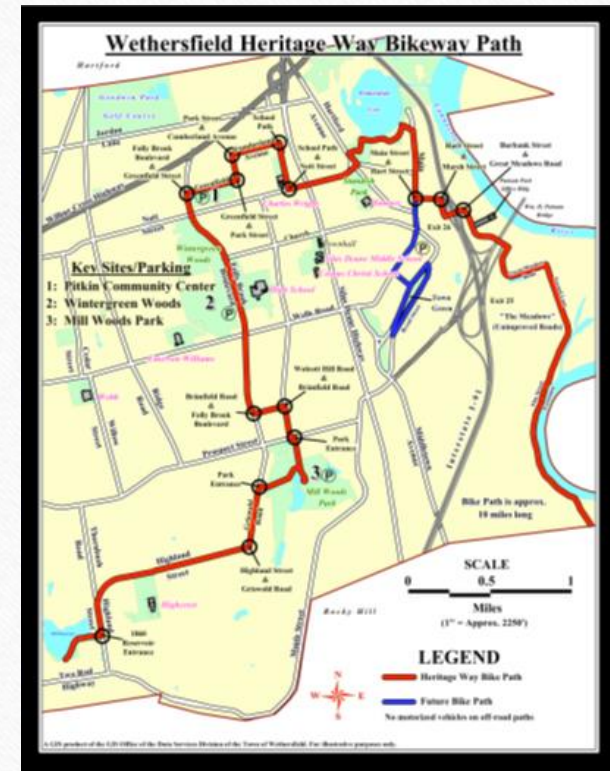
- Examples
 - Convert the PW Rail Line into a Rail Trail.
 - Bike Rack at Main Street Creamery.
 - Bike Lane on Jordan Lane.

- 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

- Existing Bike and Pedestrian Facilities
- Roadway Classifications
- Sidewalk Inventory
- Amenities
- Gateways to Adjoining Communities
- Cross Town/Important Intersections

- Data

- Existing Travel Patterns – Strava
- Demographics
- Crash Analysis
- Slips and Falls

Working Groups

- Plans and Policy
 - Existing Plans and Reports
 - Safe Routes To School
 - State and Regional Efforts
 - Adjoining Communities
 - Existing Codes, Regulations and Ordinances
- Programs and Events
 - Existing Policies
 - Existing Programs
 - Existing Events
 - Partnering Organizations

Working Groups

- Funding

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
- Capital Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (CNEF)
- Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)
- Community Connectivity Grant
- LOTCIP
- Aetna Foundation
- Grants
- ETC...

- Complete Streets Policy

- ConnDOT
- Middletown
- Glastonbury
- Simsbury
- S. Windsor
- West Hartford
- Hartford
- Enfield
- Stratford

Working Groups

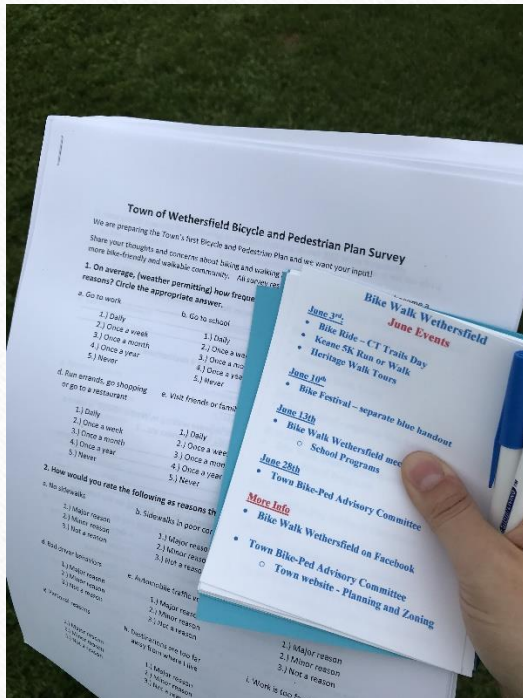
- Please Sign Up For A Group or Groups That Interests You.
- Note Any Specific Areas of Interest.
- Would You Be Willing To Lead and Coordinate The Group.
- Town Staff Will Support Each Group.

Community Participation

- Stakeholders Committee Meetings
- Website
- Events – Fireworks, Bike Festival, Farmers Market?
- Workshop/Open House - October
- Draft Plan Workshop – January 2019
- Media
- Additional Outreach. Survey.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Survey



- 16 Questions
- 5 Walking Questions
- 6 Biking Questions
- 3 Demographic Questions
- 1 Additional Question
- 1 Optional Question

Survey

- Fireworks
- Bicycle Festival
- Farmer's Market
- Other Community Events?
- Kevin Sullivan, Kaci White and Carol Bruce
- 52 Completed Surveys To Date
- Survey Monkey – Website
- Any Comments or Suggestions?

Next Steps

- Committee Meeting #3 - Thursday August 30 6:30 pm
 - Vision and Goals
 - Working Groups
- Committee Meeting #4 - Thursday September 27 6:30 pm
 - Workshop Details
- Public Workshop/Open House – Community Center – Tuesday, October 30

Questions?

Comments?

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 30, 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers