

**City of Hartford Complete Streets Task Force**

DRAFT MINUTES

April 10, 2023 @ 12 PM – 1:20PM

Meeting Link: [www.tinyurl.com/HartfordCSmeetings](http://www.tinyurl.com/HartfordCSmeetings)

Call-in Number (408) 418-9388 / Access Code 2336 133 6144

**Attendees (As Identified on Webex)**

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| 1. Amy Watkins       | 5. Grace Yi       | 9. Mary Cockram  |
| 2. Bruce Wittchen    | 6. Jack Dougherty | 10. Owen Deutsch |
| 3. Donna Swarr       | 7. Jay Stange     | 11. Renato       |
| 4. Elijah Candelario | 8. Joe Balskus    | 12. rkrahn       |

**1. Introduction**

**a. Administration**

- i. Draft February meeting notes were reviewed and accepted as is.

**2. City Transportation Updates**

**a. Interdepartmental Updates**

- i. **Design / Implementation.** These two discussion items were combined through the review of the Street Projects and Main Street Resurfacing notices. City staff went through the anticipated work for the 2023 year, which included streets scheduled under the Traffic Calming, Vision Zero, Follow the Paving, Community Connectivity, and other initiatives. Find more details on the documents at [MeetingInfo.Org/groups/55](http://MeetingInfo.Org/groups/55). City staff will also provide DS with text versions of the street projects notice for inclusion in Hartford News. There were questions and comments on the Main Street Resurfacing Project, particularly regarding the limitations of the proposed bicycle infrastructure (challenges with turning at intersections or traveling along the Main Street fork headed southbound from Park St).
- ii. **Neighborhood Planning.** Several neighborhood plans will be going in front of the P&Z Commission. A common thread among neighborhoods was safety. As one example, New Britain Ave was an area that came up for improvements to safety.
- iii. **Scooter Share.** With warmer weather, the fleet size will pick back up. Given recent news on Paris's approach to scooter share, a question was asked about appropriate sizing of the scooter fleet. City staff shared that the fleet varies by the season, but does not exceed 500 devices.
- iv. **Public Safety.** Stats were shared and have been enclosed within these meeting notes.
- v. **Other.** The City is in early stages of discussion with ConnDOT on projects such as the Hartline, Pulaski Circle, and Albany/Main.
- vi. **Complete Streets Fund.** The Planning and Zoning Commission adopted a Zoning Code Amendment creating a Complete Streets Fund disbursement framework. City Staff have been working on a budget proposal for the Planning & Zoning Commission; updates are pending. Communications, Planning & Design, Implementation, and Grant Matching are the categories for the budget. Comments may be sent to [safestreets@hartford.gov](mailto:safestreets@hartford.gov) during the development process. Updates will be shared via online platforms.

**3. Education and Encouragement**

**a. Open Discussion.**

- i. **Trinity College – Data Visualization.** Trinity Professor Jack Dougherty presented about the work on Hartford crash data. The online dashboard for crash data was updated with

information available to date and includes user type, crash severity, and more. The website is available at: <https://datavizforall.org/hartford-crashes/>

b. **Partner Updates / Events**

- i. **Watch for Me CT.** WFM noted that it was currently Distracted Driving Awareness Month. There would also be more activities during May, which is National Bike Month.
- ii. **CRCOG.** The East Coast Greenway study for Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford is kicking off. Please stay tuned for an April workshop.
- iii. **Transport Hartford Academy / BiCi.** The week of April 15<sup>th</sup> will include Bike Life programming and events. This includes a course where students can receive an upcycled bike after completing the course (\$20 registration fee). Please reach out to Jay Stange if interested ([Jay\\_stange@ctprf.com](mailto:Jay_stange@ctprf.com)). Brief updates were shared about the state's CHEAPR program, which will provide eligible residents with a rebate up to \$1500 for electric bicycles. THA is also facilitating a Free Fare Survey to gather feedback and support for ongoing free transit. THA also held a Blue Hills Walk Audit with partners such as the Blue Hills Civic Association, Advocacy to Legacy, and the City.
- iv. **Hartford Department of Health and Human Services.** HHS is hiring community health workers to assist with resident access to community and clinical services.

4. **Next Steps**

- a. **Newsletter Submission Deadline:** Friday, May 5
- b. **Next Meeting:** Monday, June 12

**HPD Traffic Stops (as of 3/25/23)**

Department Stops: 3055  
Traffic Division Stops: 1819

**2023 YTD Infractions**

Department Total: 1413  
Traffic: 1307

- Speeding: 370
- Distracted/Cell Phone: 211
- Seatbelt: 125
- Stop Sign: 178
- Traffic Signal: 194
- Other: 335

2 Failure to Yield to Pedestrian Tickets,  
and 2 Blocking Box/Crosswalk Tickets.

**Operating Under the Influence (O.U.I.):**

Traffic Total: 52 OUI Arrests Total  
49 OUI Arrests on Grant  
3 Arrests Regular Shift

**Additional Traffic Division Stats**

- **Towed Vehicles: 449** (*This includes scofflaw, snow tows*)
- **Abandoned Vehicles Red Tagged: 161 Towed: 30**
- **Tractor Trailer/Heavy Duty Tows: 15**
- **Stolen Vehicles Recovered: 22**
- **Summons Arrests:**