

On Mon, Jun 2, 2014 at 12:35 PM, Kelly Kennedy | Bike Walk CT <[kelly.kennedy@bikewalkct.org](mailto:kelly.kennedy@bikewalkct.org)> wrote:  
Hi all - It's been a hugely busy couple of weeks since our business planning and board meeting on the evening of Wed. May 14. Here's a very quick rundown on news and developments.

**Complete Streets Campaign** - In full swing, our primary focus and highest priority through June 30.

- Contract was fully executed as of May 9. We started this work in earnest the moment we got Bike to Work Day behind us.
- I researched and designed the public opinion survey and the separate survey to municipal staff.
- Thanks to those of you who tested the first draft. I made some adjustments based on your feedback.
- We currently have 657 responses to the public survey. I'd like to see us exceed 2000.
- Surveys will close as of midnight on June 15 to allow time to analyze results and prepare a scorecard.
- Municipal survey responses are coming in gradually, but we started that after the public survey.
- "Complete Streets Leadership Roundtable" is the 4th deliverable to be completed by June 30. Will firm that up this week.
- Payment 1 of 2 should arrive any day. Payment 2 of 2 requires that I complete some reports. I need to focus my time on getting the deliverables off the ground first. Will get to financial reporting next week.
- Hired intern with a BS in urban planning to help with municipal staff survey--Clayton Beckett, from Glastonbury.
- Holding standing conference calls with Tara and Clayton.
- Took Clayton with me to May Bike Ped Advisory Board meeting to discuss the project.
- **If you haven't yet completed the survey, please do!!! (i Then please actively spread the word to your Connecticut business and social networks. I really need all board members actively promoting this significant initiative. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bikewalkCT>. Thank you!**

**Vulnerable User Bill** - now signed by Gov. This should help our Bike Friendly State standing next year. LAB regards this as a big deal. Beth Bye was the lead sponsor in the legislature.

### **Bike to Work Day, Friday May 16**

- More than 600 participants despite suboptimal weather. Pretty good turnout, considering.
- Tara handled most of the logistics for Hartford event
- Hartford speakers included Beth Bye, DEEP Commr Rob Klee, Tom Deller, City of Hartford
- Stamford got mayor and Congressman Jim Hines to attend and participate
- New Haven got Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Rep Roland Lemar to attend
- Mike Norris helped with promotion in general, and with Fairfield County in particular.
- Patagonia donated 4 jackets which we're using for a drawing.
- Mike still needs to be paid. (Ken, if you have not yet cut check, he will have a few more hours to add to it.)

### **Bike Ed**

- Tony and Chris ran a TS 101 in Canton on May 18 with Benidorm. 10 participants.
- June 1 TS 101 program in Simsbury that Tony was going to teach was cancelled due to only 2 registrants
- Simsbury's had our bike fleet for 6 weeks, ready to return it. Payment still outstanding.
- Other school rental requests are coming in, but nothing firm yet.
- Payment to Mike Gallagher for bike tuneups and delivery to be made after he sends us an invoice.

**Lease** - Rent increased by 15/month as of June 1 (from \$515 to \$530). We need to pay attention to city of Hartford tax rate proposals because of a provision in the lease that passes on a percentage of property tax increases over a given level to tenants.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Tony has organized a **dinner and bikes event** with Portland OR writer Elly Blue for June 7 in Hartford. It is a benefit for Bike Walk CT. Please 1) try to attend and 2) spread the word. We've been covering in newsletter but could use your personal promotion efforts too. See News page for details.

- I need to prepare a statement on our decision not to hold **Discover Hartford** this year as soon as Complete Streets work can coast for a few days.
- Met **Tom Kehoe's** stepson at a meeting last week and relayed my interest in talking to him about being on our board.
- Met with **Kip Bergstrom** about funding for a multiday "Discover Connecticut" ride. One lead in particular may be promising.
- Getting a proper **membership system** is still an urgent priority. We need some downtime to load our data, test it, and get a handle on how our recurring payers will be handled. A smooth transition will require sweating the details.
- **Bike Friendly State Rankings** -- we dropped from 18 in 2013 to 21 in 2014. While we made no progress last year, other states did. VU bill was finally passed on May 1, the same day that state rankings were released, so too late to help us this year. But next year, watch out! Between VU bill and complete streets project we should do a little better.
- **Annual Dinner** - only date available (!!!) at CCSU is Monday, Nov. 24. Please mark your calendars now. If a better date becomes available, we'll take it.
- I agreed to speak on complete streets project at the **CT Recreation & Parks Assoc annual conference** at the Mohegan Sun on Nov 24, day time. A very good network for our work.