

West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday Sept 8th , 2025, 7:00 PM

Room 400, Town Hall.

***Ed Pawlak, Ed Perzanowski, Tristan Sokol, Jen Bowman, Andrea Belli, Lisa Tanen-La Fontaine,
3 members of the community (Ethan F., Dave Smith, Chris H.)***

1. Call to Order, Attendance
 - a. John Wenz and Jill Morawski resigned prior to the meeting; they were thanked for their service
 - b. Lisa was introduced as a new commissioner
2. Introductions
3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes- already approved
4. Old Business:
 - a. West Hartford Center Reconstruction Project
 - Plan is to complete Lasalle Road construction in the spring '26 for final re-pavement. There will be one way traffic on LaSalle Road for a period of time this fall. Trees replanted in the Fall
 - Does town need to apply for a Complete Streets Exception? discussion postponed as not time sensitive
 - Stantec presentation to CPED Committee recorded meeting viewed:
 - Dangerous situations noticed with delivery drivers double parked
 - Commission requested that more crosswalks be added on Farmington Avenue in the Center
 - b. South Main Street sidewalk gap between Pebblebrook Drive and Rockledge Golf Course - mitigation options
 - a. Road safety audit planned for next year to address pedestrian safety concerns
5. New Business:
 - a. Engineering/Vision Zero update, including Quick Build projects in town

Quaker Lane South pending repaving: Motion approved unanimously to approve the bike facility selection (Buffered Bike Lane)

- b. New Mobility Hubs in the Center: The Hub hitches will only be able to accommodate 8 bikes and 8E bikes. This may not be enough, and the town agreed to revisit this in the future if it becomes apparent that demand for bike parking exceeds the supply.
- c. Road diet on Albany Avenue: The town has been meeting with DOT staff to evaluate the best next steps (traffic counts ongoing)
- d. Park road reconstruction: Construction is planned for next year
- e. Speed cameras: 15 locations identified (none at Sedgwick Road, Ed asked Greg once again for a raised crosswalk at Newport Avenue to slow down traffic). The commission requested that the town conduct traffic counts near the speed cameras once they have been installed to determine their effectiveness.
- f. New Park Av:
- g. Bid anticipated in the winter, and Construction in spring 2026
- h. Mini roundabout on King Phillip Drive being installed. A location for a neighborhood traffic circle in Elmwood is being evaluated.
- i. Road Safety Audits planned for next year:
 - a. North and South Main Street through the Center
 - b. Farmington Ave (from Westland Avenue to Whiting Lane)
 - c. New Britain Ave (from Mayflower to Hartford line)
 - d. 2 pending road safety audit reports due soon

6. Discussion of general pedestrian and bicyclist access/safety issues in town

Center Streets/Bike West Hartford Introduction

7. Announcements

8. 10/14/2025 PBC meeting - email items you would like included on the agenda to Ed Pawlak (ecosys88@gmail.com)

9. Adjourn at 8:43PM