

West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday April 6th 2026, 7:00 PM

Room 400, Town Hall.

Commissioners :Ed Pawlak, , Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine, Andrea Belli, Brendan Wheeler, Nick McGee, Jordan Tessler, Jen Bowman

Members of the community: Chris Timmel (Resident)

Town Officials: None

1. Call to Order, **Attendance 7:05PM**
2. Introductions- **completed**
3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes- **unanimously approved**
4. Old Business

a. Commission agrees to review the memo that recommends changes to the current Neighborhood Streets Traffic Calming Program manual. The commission will call a special meeting in the near future to vote on the principles we want to introduce first. The next phase will be to present our proposed amendments to the engineering division to solicit their input. At the special meeting the commission will also deliberate the best way to amend the traffic calming manual (one integrated document vs a document with separate sections dedicated to neighborhood streets and collector/arterial roads)

b. Ed P. to send out a survey among the commissioners to identify the best date to convene the special meeting.

5. New Business

- a. PBC letter of support for a holistic study of issues surrounding school safety:
 - Designing a safer transportation environment for all schools in town (e.g., creating safer pick-up/drop-off zones, raised crosswalks/intersections, bike lanes, safe sidewalks, etc.)
 - Identify Safe Routes to School for every school in town
 - Designating School Zones for every school in town
 - Identifying strategies for encouraging biking and walking to school

Unanimously approved by the commission

b. Driver noncompliance with pedestrians attempting to use crosswalks in town

The commission agreed to send out a letter to the Town, Board of Education and all the necessary parties involved to address the specific Linbrook/N.Main crosswalk which is impacting the safety of students at two schools (American School for the Deaf and Bugbee). The letter will also identify driver noncompliance at crosswalks as a town-wide public safety issue. It was noted that in our experience driver compliance is higher at raised crosswalks compared to at-grade crosswalks.

6. Engineering/Vision Zero update

d. P&Z update provided including Webster Hill School, Brookside Drive, Trout Brook Trail (camera and rubbish pick up), Fern Street bridge, Farmington Avenue reconstruction, speed camera and red light camera programs

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

8. Announcements

- National Bike & Roll to School Day May 6, 2026- <https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

(see information at bottom of this document)

- Sierra club bike ride - [Events & Outings | CT Sierra Club](#)

8. Adjourn- 8:37PM

From: Moriarty, Bridget <Bridget.Moriarty@ct.gov>

Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2026 at 11:18 AM

Subject: Walk Bike and Roll to School Day is May 6th_Register Today

To:

The CTDOT's Safe Routes to School Program is encouraging CT schools and communities to participate in

[Walk Bike and Roll to School Day on May 6th.](#)

There are currently 577 events registered nationwide including 35 in Connecticut!!

If you registered already, thank you. If not, sign up today and promote safe, active travel.

Steps to Organize your Event:

- Register at [Walkbiketoschool.org](https://www.walkbiketoschool.org/).
- [Order your free incentives](#)
- [Plan and promote](#)

Reach out to me if you have any questions or need assistance planning your event.

Thank you.

Bridget Moriarty

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