

RIVERCOG SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN

Stakeholder Advisory Committee 4 Summary

Attendees

- Eric Couture, Killingworth First Selectman
- Cindy Lignar, Chester First Selectwoman
- Carol Doak-Jones, Deep River First Selectman
- Grayson Wright, CTDOT Intergovernmental Affairs
- Marek Kozikowski, Middletown
- Brendan Geraghty, River Valley Transit
- Chris Costa, Old Saybrook

RiverCOG: Robert Haramut, Sam Gold, Marcos Gonzalez

FHI Studio: Michael Ahillen, AICP, Hannah Brockhaus, AICP

Tighe and Bond: Collene Byrne, PE

Summary

Michael Ahillen, Project Manager from FHI Studio, welcomed attendees and led a presentation which covered the following topics, assisted by Collene Byrne at Tighe and Bond:

- Project Overview and Update
- Action Plan Overview
- Concept Plans
- Municipal Profiles
- Next Steps

The following presents a summary of the discussion items.

Policy Review

- Brendan Geraghty (River Valley Transit) noted that Middletown has a Complete Streets Committee and others do as well; he suggested this could be a recommendation for other municipalities.
- First Selectman Carol Doak-Jones of Deep River asked if the Focus Corridor safety data was for e-bikes or standard bicycles, noting there is quite a challenge with e-bikes and scooters locally.
 - Collene Byrne clarified that the crash data does not distinguish between e-bikes and regular bicycles currently. Michael Ahillen agreed this is an important issue that should be monitored going forward. He acknowledged that changing statewide reporting processes is certainly a challenge but said the team will look for ways to

integrate the issue into the action plan whether in an action or describing some of the issues at play.

- Cindy Lignar, Chester First Selectman said she is excited by the fact that we are meeting and this action plan is coming together. Within the next couple of weeks she'll be attending a Traffic and Safety Roundtable and is looking forward to additional information gathering there. She acknowledged the group's busy schedules, and she said that roadway safety is an important initiative. She suggested the committee continue if possible.