

January 15, 2010

The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Commissioner Joseph F. Marie
Department of Transportation
3100 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06131

Transportation Committee
Room 2300
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Governor Rell, Commissioner Marie and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Section 2 (h) of Public Act 09-154, An Act Improving Bicycle and Pedestrian Access, requires the newly created Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board (Board) to annually submit, by January 15th of each year, a report to the Governor, Transportation Committee and the Department of Transportation Commissioner. Attached, please find the first report of the Board which covers the statutory requirements on the progress made by state agencies in improving the environment for bicycling and walking, recommendations for improvements to policies and procedures related to bicycling and walking and specific actions taken by the Department of Transportation that effect the bicycle/pedestrian environment.

Although delay in some appointments prevented the Board from meeting before December of 2009, we are very pleased that the experience of our Board members, their considerable scope of knowledge and work in the bicycle/pedestrian environment allowed for the Board to produce a report without delay. We are also encouraged by the support and assistance we have received from the Department of Transportation.

The Board would like to thank Governor Rell for her support and her emphasis on Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and Smart Growth. Pedestrian and bicycle access is a necessary component of these development strategies. We would also like to thank the Transportation Committee for their work and ultimate passage of Public Act 09-154 and Commissioner Marie for his support.

As Chairman of the Board, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns on the attached report or to other matters within the Board's purview.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Rauth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Ray Rauth

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