

Complete Streets Committee
Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, 8/28/24, 5pm

Location: Community Room, Auburn Hall

Committee Members in Attendance: Jeremiah Bartlett, Chair (Auburn), Bob Rand, Vice Chair (Lewiston), Paul Josephson, Secretary (Auburn), Heather Barnett (Auburn); Brad Pineau (ATRC); Katherine Truitt (Lewiston)

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Josh Nadine (Lewiston), Odivio Mariano (Lewiston)

Vacancies: Auburn (1), Public Health and Wellness Rep (1)

Others in Attendance: Jake (member of public), Paul Neihoff (City of Lewiston); Kevin Gagne (LPW); Jonathan Labonte (City of Auburn); Kris Bennett (City of Auburn)

Meeting Start: 5:02

1. Welcome/Check-In

2. Public Comment

3. Updates on SS4A

Brad - Survey comments back to Jason Ready. Survey results reviewed and comments submitted. Comment period request to remain open. Draft safety action plan being developed. Group meeting. October expected target for CS review of the draft plan.

E-bikes- question if these are noted in law enforcement bicycle crash reports. Likely is the discretion of officer. State law regarding three classes of e-bikes. Scooters and other motorized non-bicycles are likely considered pedestrians in crash reports.

4. Status of Turner/Dennison (Auburn)

Kick off mtg in January. Survey and design. On site meeting. Gorrill-Palmer is the consultant.

Curb extensions, raised speed tables, in progress, PDR for winter, Public meetings to be held, 3 raised tables proposed. Behind schedule. Feb expected public meeting.

5. Approval of May 2024 Special Meeting Notes

Motion by Bob Rand to approve, approved by vote.

6. Approval of June 2024 Meeting Notes

Motion by Heather Barnett, seconded by Bob Rand, approved by vote.

7. Updates on Continental Mill TMP/Offsites

Paul reports a planned rebuilding of Cedar St. sidewalks, no other updates.

Cedar - Left onto Riverside.

CS request information on the status of the project from City of Lewiston:

Project affects both cities and all modes of transport

Comments submitted by others, no follow up

Barton and Loguidice is transportation consultant

DOT asked for more information on these points, no response seen from consultant or developer

Conditional approval, TMP

8. Updates on Auburn Transportation Studies – Jonathan Labonte

Washington St. Corridor - 75 to Brickyard Circle, spur to a point,

SB controlled access facility,

New access via Rodman Rd.

Separate out two streets, one thru (SB), one neighborhood (NB)

Two lane configurations being tested for both

Little Androscoggin river, funds regarding dam work.

Public process, likely Oct/Nov.

VPI RFP, Outer Minot, through rotary to Center/Union intersection. Bike ped access is a challenge, high traffic

Court St. paving out to bid.

Great Falls Plaza

Turner Rd. DOT, ~Roy's

Examining road diet to 3 lane.

Shared use path, Auburn to Turner

On radar, placeholder, Rte 4 North. On future agenda.

CDS - congressional district funding sought

Broad St. area.

New Auburn Village Center- right of way barrier to moving forward,

9. Lewiston Study/RSA Volunteers Sought

Main / Sabattus, Canal, Lisbon, connection to Simard Payne park.

Road safety audit, Volunteer sought, Bob Rand volunteers.

About a one-year study

VPI

10. Metropolitan Transportation Plan

ATRC voted to approve yesterday. Summary plan inclusive of other plans.

11. Lewiston Lower Update

Council supported moving forward, no vote yet.

Lewiston Auburn Railroad

CSX owns large section Lew to Lisbon

State owns Lisbon to Brunswick

Legal work and fees definitely involved

LARC

Crosses 196 at points

12. Complete Streets Committee Attendance

Difficulty with quorum. Absences aren't typically being communicated ahead of time to the Chair. Three consecutive unexcused absences can lead to removal, in ordinance.

Virtual option? Agreement is could improve attendance. Who provides the technical platform and support?

Plan to explore and considerations of other practices.

Lewiston Meeting Location? Has been city hall and DPW

To meet in Lewiston in October

13. Adjourn 6:36

Next Meeting (October 23, 2024) to be Held in Lewiston

Next Meeting to be Held in Lewiston DPW, 103 Adams Ave.

Meetings the Fourth Wednesday of January, April, June, October at 5 PM for Lewiston/Auburn
Optional Meetings on other Fourth Wednesdays for each community