

Complete Streets Committee
Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, 6/26/24, 5pm

Location: Community Room, Auburn Hall

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

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

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

Others in Attendance: Jason Ready (VHB), Brad Pineau (ATRC), Paul Neihoff (Lewiston DPW); Kris Bennett (Auburn DPW); Alan (Member of public/Bates Graduate),

Zoom link: no participants

Meeting Start: 5:05pm

1. Welcome/Check-In
2. Approval of May 2024 Special Meeting Notes
 - Not completed, no quorum (Heather arrived later during the meeting)
3. Public Comment
 - Survey end, July 20th tentative. Public comment from Alan: Bates faculty and staff away, wondering if SSFA survey can end can be extended. The survey is expected to be extended at least through the end of July. No firm end date established.
 - Will results be published? Yes
 - Survey 5 point scale - Alan felt missing a somewhat unsafe option. ("somewhat safe" is after "not safe at all" option,
4. Ordinance Discussion
 - Auburn ordinance - 7 years since enacted. Sec 46.3, Complete Streets Policy, Committee,
 - Discussion of what changes can the committee itself make v. needed to be made by the city councils? Discussion of what is the current aim or goals of the committee. Discussed if there should there be metrics/review/accountability, if so, how. Could we put more "teeth" into the activities and recommendations of the committee?
 - Historically committee and city staff, and city council only involved in disagreement between committee and city staff. Recall of two times the committee and the cities weren't able to reach agreement and needed the next level of decision making.
 - Bob R. concerned bike lanes haven't been added in L/A years of the committee.

- Document - how to approach street projects. Trigger criteria, example, amount of new paving, bike lane feasibility
 - Center St. repaved next year. Maine DOT project scheduled 2025.
 - Test project for CS input?
 - Not other similar examples throughout Maine
 - Arterials, DOT authority
 - Auburn Center St. bid October, "pavement restoration"
 - Maine DOT has complete streets policy. Committee will review Maine DOT CS policy, current policy in place, being updated. CS to reach out to request conversation.
 - MOU? State and regional transportation agencies, Brad reports more planning regionally, state has authority over the funding
 - Ordinary maintenance v reconstruction is a different process
 - East Ave. Lewiston, portion to three lanes, not HS portion, Tampa to Sabattus
 - How does CS work with decision making entities?
 - Annual report from each city, Lewiston discussions,
 - Report to or "a report", committee would request minutes if report to
 - Lewiston has council member requirement on the committee
 - Auburn committee rep conversation, no written requirement
 - ATRC Bridging the Gap plan- update every 5 years- when next - 2024?
5. Annual Updates Discussion 5:50-6:00
 6. Updates to CS Design Handbook 6:00-6:10
 - ATRC project? Last done at start of CS ~ 7 years ago.
 - Does CS want to update? How does this get requested? Is there a fund line? Brad believes this is a role of ARTC and will check regarding any available funds.
 - Committee plans to not rewrite, but update the handbook.
 7. Lewiston Lower Updates 6:10-6:20
 - Inactive rail line, starting on Mill St, CSX owned, connection between downtown and Lisbon
 - Some progress per Paul. Workshop in August w/ Lewiston city council. CS committee requests an update re scheduling of the meeting.
 8. Updates on SS4A 6:20-6:30
 - Survey is live
 - 58 to date, target of hundreds more,
 - Paul will accept them at DPW, Adams Ave, Lewiston.
 - Press releases sent to media, no announcements/coverage seen by committee yet
 - City websites? Social Media? This hasn't been seen but could increase participation.
 9. Lewiston Updates from Paul.
 - Raised crosswalk at Farwell St. at school
 - Speed table on Central by middle school being considered
 - DOT approval for pedestrian update at Central and Vale, consider raised crossing at that location. Bates involved in discussion re Campus to Russell.

- Parking protected bike lanes, Pine/Ash
- Back in angle parking - Reverse angle back in on Park St. to be explored.
- Ideally there would be speed and other data collected before and after the changes

10. Adjourn 6:43

Next Meeting to be Held in Lewiston: ~~July 24th~~ or August 28th

Regular meetings the Fourth Wednesday of January, April, June, October at 5 PM for Lewiston/Auburn

Optional Meetings on other Fourth Wednesdays for each community