



## MINUTES

### Complete Streets Committee

#### **SPECIAL** Meeting

**Date:** 5pm, Wednesday, 5/29/24

**Location:** Community Room, Auburn Hall

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

**Others in Attendance:** Kris Bennett (Auburn Engineering), Allen (Bates), Jake (Bates), Zoe Miller (Consultant), Sarah Cushman (Consultant), Kevin Gagne (Lewiston DPW), Jeff Boule (Lewiston DPW), Paul Neihoff (Lewiston DPW), Brad Pineau (ATRC), Christine Grimando (Consultant), Jason Ready (Consultant), Larry Allen (ATRC)

**Zoom Link:** Eric Tang (Consultant)

**Meeting Start:** 5:02 PM

#### 1. Welcome/Check-In

- Bates students, Allen and Jake working in Transportation – Jake an intern for Auburn

#### 2. Approval of April 2024 Meeting Notes

- Unanimous

#### 3. Public Comment

- Make Meeting Schedule More Transparent for Lewiston – Work on Web Site – Jeremiah will work with Paul

#### 4. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discussion

- See additional notes (attached)

#### 5. Discussion on Continental Mill Redevelopment

- Large Development by Oxford/Cedar
- Cross-Canals – Access to Parking Garage on Lincoln/Chestnut
- Outdoor Bike Parking for visitors
- Memo on Input from CS for Project Outcomes

#### 6. Discussion on June Meeting

- Ordinance
- Annual Updates + New Street Design Handbook
- Updates on Lewiston Lower

#### 7. Adjourn

- 6:40 PM – Next Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup>

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

Optional Meetings on other Fourth Wednesdays for each community

## **Lewiston Auburn Complete Streets Committee**

May 29, 2024, 5pm | Community Room, Auburn Hall

### **Attendance:**

- Jeremiah Bartlett, Chair (Auburn)
- Bob Rand, Vice Chair (Lewiston),
- Katherine Truitt (Lewiston)
- Heather Barnett (Auburn)
- Kevin Gagne (City of Lewiston Public Works Director)
- Jeff Bouley (City of Auburn Engineer),
- Paul Niehoff (City of Lewiston Project Engineer)
- Alan (2024 Bates graduate)
- Jake Pepe (Bates student and City of Auburn transportation intern)
- Christine Grimando and Jason Ready, (VHB)
- Larry Allen and Brad Pineau, (Androscoggin Regional Transportation Center - ATRC)
- Sarah Cushman (Cushman Transportation Consulting)
- Zoe Miller (Consultant with SS4A project)

1. Welcome/Check-In

2. Approval of April 2024 Meeting Notes

- Unanimously approved

3. Public Comment

- An attendee commented that it was difficult to find information about the meeting location and agenda. They suggested improvements in posting this on both cities' websites.

4. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discussion

I. Zoe Miller opened this section by asking Committee members to share how they find out about community events and news – and what they suggest for getting the word out. Suggestions shared:

- Community group chat with Lewiston and Auburn
- Queers and Gears does a weekly community bike ride – Rainbow Bikes (they

sponsor a few different rides (Insta group)

- Lewiston Rocks FB group
- City relies heavily on Sun Journal
- Bates College newspaper
- Parent groups and PTO
- Next Door
- Lewiston Links: local
- Auburn Updates:
- Food truck at Bates is a gathering spot in summer

II. Data collection and analysis – Eric Tang presented an overview of the data analysis thus far

- The two cities have provided thousands of crash reports
- Analyses are being refined based on feedback from the committee
- Fatal and serious injury crashes are concentrated in key corridors - some of the most highly traveled corridors
- 126 crashes in the last ten years just in Auburn
- About 7% of crashes are fatal, serious, or minor (not sure if I heard this right)
- Under 1% of crashes involved pedestrians, .7% involved bicyclists
- Much greater likelihood of being killed or injured in these crashes

III. Project updates – Christine and Jason

- Working on policy and practice scan to ensure policy aligns with good practices

IV. Survey and story collection

- Overview of Survey Promotion
  - City websites and social media
  - E-blasts through cities
  - Posters and handbills throughout the cities
  - Lawn signs in a few key locations
  - Paper copies available at libraries, city offices, and housing authorities
  - Cultural brokers
  - Tabling at events
- Story Collection - "What's Your Safety Story?"
  - Stories will be collected through drop-ins at community organizations and tabling at events – as well as online through the survey question.
  - These will focus on priority populations including people experiencing homelessness, immigrants and refugees, older adults, and people with disabilities

- Help from Committee members and stakeholders – Here’s where you come in!
- Electronic: Email your network(s) and post on social media you engage with (templates will be provided)
- Person-to-person: Promote to neighbors/coworkers/community groups, etc (use handbill); Collect paper copies.
- Events: Help with tabling and canvassing at community celebrations, fairs, and meals (sign-up sheet was circulated)

#### 5. Discussion on Continental Mill Redevelopment

- Redevelopment of the entire continental mill site on the border of Lewiston and Auburn
- 375 units of housing; restaurants, office space, and light industrial use space
- Attendees provided input on improved pedestrian and bike transportation options for accessing the location.

#### 6. Discussion on June Meeting

- The group briefly discussed plans for the June Meeting, including a discussion and review of the current Complete Streets policy.

#### 7. Adjourn

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