

Complete Streets Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 6pm, Wednesday, 1/24/2018

Location: Community Meeting Room, Auburn City Hall

Committee Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Jeremiah Bartlett, Dana Staples, Larry Pelletier, David Das, Chrissy Adamowicz

Staff Present: Kris Bennett, Ryan Barnes

Guests: Sadie Palmatier, Nate Reebeck, Ben Berger, Paul Jacques

Minutes

- 1) Introductions and Updates
 - a. Craig- Lincoln Street has experienced damage from freezing and thawing. At Council workshop on 1/23/2018, Lewiston Public Schools Superintendent Bill Webster requested that sidewalks near schools be plowed as well as the city's streets. Ryan Barnes responded by stating that plowing all of the city's sidewalks within 24 hours of a storm would cost the City an additional \$5 million over five years (equipment & staff time) and that sidewalk plows break often.
 - b. Dana- Reached out to Katy Grondin, Auburn Public Schools Superintendent, to discuss communication with the buildings committee for the new high school.
 - c. Kris-Hampshire Street is moving along.
 - d. Larry-Talked to his Councilor about sidewalk plowing.
 - e. Ryan- Rapid Flashing Beacons were discontinued as a device for pedestrian crossings because the company who produces them tried to patent them. Traffic devices cannot be patented in order to preserve uniformity across the country. Lewiston likely going to use embedded Flashing LEDs in the interim. Hybrid beacons are "dark", meaning that there are no lights on when not in use, and therefore illegal in Maine. Motorists are required to stop at "dark" lights in Maine.
 - f. Paul Jacques-Naples, Casco, Bridgeton incorporate bike riding into PE classes. The schools share bicycles.
- 2) Bates Guests-Environmental Studies Students researching viability of a bike share in Lewiston. Topics of interest include if residents would use a bike share, and how residents get around. The students are interested in how the benefits can be distributed equitably. The students will conduct a qualitative feasibility study, and explore partnership schemes. The Committee can forward questions and comments to David Das.
- 3) Lewiston Middle School- Craig has an email chain regarding the changes planned and already made and will forward it to the Committee. Targeted education was recommended and having a teacher at the locations to conduct education. The school has given mini lessons about street safety and students were given reflective tape. The school is considering changing the time and areas that students are dismissed at. The 2018-2019 budget includes money for a crossing guard.

- 4) Summer Street: Not a lot of traffic volume. Dana commented that it is good for running. Paul said that once Park Avenue got sidewalks people started walking more. Dana and Jeremiah agreed that an entrance to Pettengill Park from that area would be good for connectivity.
- 5) Lake Auburn Avenue: Will be receiving ADA upgrades, no sidewalks from Coburn to Center Street. This street will have 10 ft lanes and is a mill and fill. There was not a conversation in the City about filling the sidewalk gaps. Near Washburn School there are two nine foot lanes and eight foot parking lanes. Washburn has a high walk to school rate. There are no bike lanes planned. Craig requested that Auburn look into filling the sidewalk gap.
- 6) Spring Street: Court to Hampshire Street will have 11' lanes with eight foot parking. Some crosswalks will be moved.
- 7) Goff Street: Adding crosswalks, ADA upgrades, eight foot parking. Committee agreed that reducing lanes from 12' to 11' and bumping up fog lines would be a good treatment.
- 8) **MOTION** to accept the minutes by David, Jeremiah seconds. Motion passed (6-0).
- 9) Court Street: ATRC will be conducting a study on safety. Eric Cousins welcomes Committee input but ATRC will define the scope. The study is limited to topics related to transportation and is funded by UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program). A former study of Court Street focused on the commute time. Jeremiah volunteered to communicate with Eric and Jennifer regarding this study. Committee members should forward comments to Jeremiah.
- 10) Ryan submitted for a SRTS study using UPWP and is waiting for approval.
- 11) Peace Bridge: Construction will start in the spring of 2018. The plans for the crosswalk on the Lewiston side included a Rapid Flashing Beacon, so the City will likely install an embedded LED instead.
- 12) **MOTION** to adjourn by Jeremiah, second by Larry. Motion passed (6-0).