



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Agenda Community Conference Room

Lewiston City Hall

January 22nd, 2014

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Members Present: Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Mark Fuller, Jermiah Bartlett

Staff Present: Ed Barrett, Gary Johnson, Rich Burnham

Guests Present: Jamel Torres, Joan Walton, Jennifer Williams, Kristen Cloutier

5:00pm – Intro, Updates, Minutes

Ed – Pot of money available for pedestrian improvements in the two-year plan, and could be applied to Court at Pleasant St. Also, city's new LCIP is online now. Includes request for funding to do Cedar Street, Bates Street by bus station, Canal St, and Ash St

Mark – Is wondering if our terms have expired and need renewal by the Mayors.

Kristen – May be appointee to Committee, YTD

Bob – Followed up and met with Darcy Whittemore about Safe Routes to School idea. She will reach out to Bill Webster to talk about how they might best proceed with that process. Bob would like to involve Auburn too. Mark can contact Auburn school and try to get them involved. Bob and Jamel are working on process to promote and encourage cycling locally. BCM is holding February 27th board meeting in Lewiston. It will be 5-6:30pm at Rainbow. We want people there.

Craig makes motion to accept minutes from Dec, seconded by Jeremiah. Motion passes 4-0.

5:10 – Arterial Study and Best Practices Manual w/ATRC Staff

Joan passed out sheet about ATRC goals for next 2 years. Task 13 is combination of complete streets arterial stud, and best practices manual. \$80,000 has been allocated (\$64,000 Federal, MDOT \$12,000, Local \$4,000). Work will be \$40,000 in-house and \$40,000 consulting. New Auburn study has not yet been completed. It is scheduled to be completed in March. Next two months will be developing RFP and advisory committee for Task 13. Task 15 is also funded \$25,000 to connect Riverside to Simard-Payne Park, including studying under the bridge. Advisory Committee can be formed while first draft of RFP is formed so that committee can review draft once committee is formed. Jeremiah asked how public process will play out, when this is a very technical document, and could be challenging for some people. Jennifer thought the committee could be staff, bike ped members, and one member of each city's planning board.

Jeremiah added that the best practices manual should address arterials as well, which will speak to the arterial study and vice-versa. We want two members from the bike ped committee, ideally representing Lewiston and Auburn. Jamel volunteered staff time. Commitment time will be approximately once a month or less. Jeremiah mentioned that NACTO's urban design guide is a great example of a readable standards document.

5:30pm – Rail-to-Trail Update and Recommendation

Mark said that at the last meeting, there was nothing conclusive about the Rail-to-Trail project. Lisbon has presented and passed a resolution in support of the rail-to-trail project. We need local legislative interest and support. The trail could revert to rail some day. Jeremiah asked about having an adjacent path rather than removing the rail-line. The private property rights are too narrow to allow for adjacent use. Joan asked if ALT considered taking ownership, rather than MDOT. It would avoid challenge of MDOT's responsibilities to maintain potential as rail-line. Maybe ALT can work with Pan Am. Mark makes a motion to recommend, Bob seconds, to council to pass a resolution similar to Lisbon's, regarding the creation of a rail-to-trail between Lewiston and Lisbon (4-0).

5:45pm – Campus Ave

Rick said Bates is looking to do improvements on campus, including new dorms and a bookstore. We're discussing accommodations for bicycles. Ed suggested we get a 4' green esplanade between sidewalk and street. City is asking for 4' shoulders, 8' parking lanes, 11' travel lanes, it will go Central to Nichols. Bates is reviewing its parking situation. Central needs to be redone. There are ways the area could be redone to accommodate more parking and accommodate traffic and pedestrians. They would could look at interior bikeways. The school wants to put in pedestrian raised crosswalks. Both sides would have sidewalks. We will invite Bates to next meeting.

5:55pm – MDOT Follow Up – Ed suggested we follow up with them Veterans Bridge. Rick will follow up on Vets Bridge. Craig will draft for letter.

Other Business: Bob would like an update on bike access around Exit 80. Ed requested that Rick get the plan from Dave so we can take a look at it.

6:00pm – Craig makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremiah (4-0).

Next Meeting is Feb 26 in Lewiston at 5pm.