



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Agenda
Community Conference Room
Lewiston City Hall
February 26th, 2014
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Bob Rand, Jeremiah Bartlett, Mark Fuller, Adam Lee, Sherie Blumenthal
Staff: Rick Burnham, Ryan Barnes, Gary Johnson
Guests: Jamel Torres, Chris Streifel (Bates), Pam Wichroski (Bates)

5:00pm – Intro, Updates

Craig talked about complete streets webinar. Mark Cayer asked us to look at reducing lane number from East Ave to Main St on Libson Street.

Bob – Bob is going to bike rendezvous at Rainbow bikes Thursday at 5pm. It goes to 6:30pm. Labonte was approached by East Coast Greenway to organize bike event. Close to finalizing. Going to host ride from Lewiston to Brunswick during Balloon Festival.

Jamel – Met with Darcy Whittemore to plan Safe Routes to School Initiative.

Gary – Received inquiries about the complete streets policy.

Ed – Workshop next Tuesday on Downtown Circulation Study. Rail to Trails the same night, next Tuesday at 6pm.

Mark – Got Auburn Superintendent available for April 30th or May 28th.

Jeremiah – Finished signal specs in Portland. Include thermal detection video that will detect bicycles.

Sherie – Biking after babies = awesome

Adam Lee – Our new councilor from Auburn

Motion made by Mark to accept minutes from Jan meeting, seconded by Bob (motion passed 6-0)

5:10 – Bates College and Campus Ave

Bates is looking at expanding dorms to be on opposite side of Campus ave from Central intersection to Bardwell. Still reviewing it. Dorms will not increase student population,

simply spread things out a little bit. Going to move bookstore too. Considered making Bardwell and Franklin pedestrian only streets. Considering tabled crossings. On the project side, we are interested in 3' minimum esplanade (5' min for street trees) and sidewalk. Public works would have concerns about necking down and raised tables. Bulb-outs would be better. Street is 8', 24', 8'. Designated in ATRC bike study as bike route for shoulders, but not bike lane marked shoulders. Central Ave is an obvious bike route on street. Bob asked about how it will impact Middle School. Bus pickup will remain on Campus and dropoff will be on Central. There is not much Bates student activity near intersection at Central and Campus. Mark asked if the sidewalk could be increased in width to accommodate multi-use path. Min 8' wide up to 10' wide. But multi-use path doesn't seem necessary for such a short section. Calming traffic on street will make experience better for bikes. Goal is to stripe Central with bike lane and make it easy to access from Campus. They are considering making Franklin and Bardwell partial pedestrian paths, restricting automobiles. It would prohibit thru-vehicular traffic. It would be good to know traffic counts and model traffic congestion on other streets. Traffic is low there. It wouldn't be much of a problem. Neighbors seem to in favor so far.

5:35pm – Park Ave

Gary presented plan. Centered within 49' right of way. Starts from school to lake st. 11' lanes. 5' shoulders. Multi-use path is on southern section from Park ave elementary to court street. Not currently planned for bike symbols. It matches up with master plan. 5' sidewalk on west side. March 6th, 6pm, is MDOT hearing on Park Ave. Ideally, this design goes from Lake St north to Methodist Church. What can be done there? Right of way is 42.5'. It's possible to continue. Beyond church right of way widens up. It should be marked with bike symbols. Mark said we should be asking for a marked lane. Gary and Jamel will carry that message forward. They will have to post no parking.

5:45pm – Exit 80

5:55pm – Arterial Study/Best Practices Manual

- We need 1 Lewiston resident and 1 Auburn resident on this committee representing LA Bike Ped Committee
- Jeremiah volunteered to be the Auburn Rep
- Bob is willing pending information about the meeting schedule

Motion to adjourn made by Sherie, Bob seconds (6-0)

6pm – Adjourn

Next Meeting: Plan for Safe Routes to School, Report back on Rail to trail and circulation study with Lewiston council, MDOT and Vets Bridge