



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

Members: Mark Fuller, Jamel Torres, Bob Rand, Kristen Cloutier, Craig Saddlemire, Adam Lee, Jeremiah Bartlett

Staff: Gary Johnson, Ed Barrett

Guests: Darcy Whittemore

5:00pm – Intro, Updates

Craig is going to MDOT meeting on Friday to discuss statewide complete streets policy.

Mark sent email about rail to trail project. Meeting happens next week. Jonathan is getting antsy.

Ed – Council adopted support for trail project. Downtown circ study has been adopted with modifications.

Jamel – Lisbon Moxie festival is biking through Lewiston-Auburn.

Bob – Attended DC conference on biking. He got to talk about our complete streets policy to the Maine Federal delegates.

Motion to accept February 26 minutes made by Bob, seconded by Jeremiah, motion passes (6-0).

5:05pm – Safe Routes to School Plan (w/Darcy Whittemore)

Safe Routes to School is a nationwide program. Used to be dedicated funding in federal transportation bill. Transportation bill does not mandate this funding any longer. Decided at state level. Projects now require local matches, whereas before they were fully funded. BCM contracts with MDOT to run Safe Routes to School. They encourage schools to increase students walking and biking statewide. They mostly go where the energy is because staff support is limited. Safe Routes supports urban and rural schools. L-A has been very under represented to date. SRTS is trying to target areas. Bob and Jamel have recruited support from BCM to help us out. Will assess how many kids are walking or biking and gather data on parent's perceptions of whether routes are currently safe. Local schools identified for surveys: Longley (100% walkers),

Montello, Lewiston Middle School based on principal's interest. Youngest age of child walking to school? BCM focuses on 3rd to 4th grade and up to walk on their own. Younger should be supervised. Auburn's superintendent is coming to the next meeting (though she expects it to be April 30). Adam suggested we try to move forward together. Mark wants to get Katy on board soon. Darcy said she could contact Katy directly. Assistant Superintendent is gone already. Mark can try to facilitate a meeting with Adam and Katy as soon as possible. Does anyone want to participate in safe routes to school Lewiston initiative? Darcy will connect with school transportation person. Kristen said Harvard Center runs student action research team (only runs during short term). Surveys would go out in April and May. Data would be back by Fall. We need to be pro-active about getting data from New American families, because the surveys would not be filled out in many cases, even if it's translated. Darcy left us with posters promoting biking and walking.

Motion made by Kirsten to endorse the SRTC effort in Lewiston and Auburn, seconded by Mark, motion passes (6-0).

5:30pm – Route 4 Hearing – 6pm March 27th

-Lake Shore Drive on Route – plan is not to change much from what's out there. Shoulders might get reduced for turn lanes, but otherwise will remain the same. Min shoulder width will be 6'. It's at least 8-10' right now. Gary will probably attend. Mark will try as well.

5:35pm – Park Ave Update re: marked bicycle lanes

-Meeting on March 6th with MDOT. They will keep 11' travel lanes with 5' shoulders and 5' sidewalk on east side. Opposite side has many utility poles. There will need to be new crossing. They are acquiring right of way for the project. Jamel asked about marking the bicycle lane, MDOT said they wouldn't do it but the city could. If the symbols are put there, Auburn has to maintain them. It would be good to have MDOT do the original paint. What we inherit can affect how long it lasts. It's not that much. Adam will talk to administration and council about a commitment to putting symbols on the lanes. We should send formal communication to MDOT asking for symbols and signage. Gary added another section of South Main will be done with same cross section. 11' travel lanes, 5' lanes, sidewalk.

5:40pm – MDOT and Veterans Bridge

5:55pm – Addition of new (sub-)committee members?

Yes. Let's get more approved by councils. Maybe students? Interns? What other groups? ALT? BCM? Business owners?

6pm – Motion to adjourn made by Jeremiah, seconded by Mark, motion passes (6-0).

