



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes
Community Conference Room
Lewiston City Hall
May 28th, 2014
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members: Craig Saddlemire, Bob Rand, Jeremiah Bartlett, Mark Fuller, Kristen Cloutier

Staff: Gary Johnson, Howard Kroll, Ed Barrett

Guests: Jennifer Williams, Chrissy Adamowicz, Jamel Torres, Jason Ready, Rick Burnham, William Steinbach

Updates:

Craig – Enjoys biking Pine St with new lane.

Mark – Safe Routes to School Program, good meeting in Auburn with three schools on board: Walton, Sherwood, East Auburn. It would be good to have Washburn and Park Ave on board as well. Rail to Trail progress is being made. It looks like DOT will be lead agency, along with DOC. Maine ACF is also getting involved. Assessment being done of entire rail. All communities on board. Next move needs to be at legislative level. Now it's starting to look like a shorter term process. Everyone but Pan Am is excited. The rail bed has not been abandoned yet. Meetings are every other month.

Jamel – Providing incentives to schools to conduct surveys.

Kristen – Montello is on board with Safe Routes to School

Rick – We painted Pine Street.

5:00pm – Intro, Updates, Acceptance of Minutes

Motion made by Kristen Cloutier to accept minutes from previous 4/23/14 bike ped meeting, seconded by Mark Fuller (motion passes 5-0).

5:10pm – Complete Streets RFP

Different ways the RFP can be approached:

- 1) The study can look at the arterials in Lewiston and Auburn and make recommendations to improve bike-ped access and safety (this was the original proposal

approved through the UPWP)

- 2) The study can look at the downtowns of Lewiston and Auburn and make recommendations to improve bike-ped access wherever there are gaps in the downtown (or focus on arterials within the downtowns)
- 3) The study can look at specific connections that each city wishes to make (for example, between Mt. Appatite and New Auburn, or Thorncrag and the pedestrian bridge, or between the residential neighborhoods and commercial area of Lisbon Street)
- 4) The study can include time to identify priorities with the consultants, focusing on connections to be made and best use of scope of study

Mark and Jeremiah like option 4 with regard to connections. The challenge right now is to get from one section that is complete to another section that is complete. How do we do some broad scale deployment of a network. Bob asked who is our target audience, commuters or leisurely riders? Ed said in Lewiston our major concern is the major arterials. We need to look at activity centers and ask how someone get's to those centers without a car. Bob thinks the need is more commuter. Recreation is mostly off-street. Schools don't have much infrastructure right now. We can focus on whatever our priorities are as a committee. Center street is a problem, but also maybe too impossible to deal with right now. We want to identify critical pieces to what we want for an outcome. Looking at arterials, one option is to explore alternatives to by-pass it. Jeremiah asked if there is a way to accomplish recommendations that we can implement soon. Ed said he likes option 4. Jennifer said she can re-write the RFP with this input, focusing on connections. Howard asked if there is more money available for this project. Jennifer said we've been trying to find more money. Craig asked if we need to discuss the proposal via email or if we need to approve the RFP at the next meeting. People agreed it can be approved by email unless there is not clear consensus over the new version.

5:45pm – Pine Street Bike Lane

- Ed explained we've been waiting to paint Pine St for 4 years. He explained the dimensions. Some drives are a bit upset about the bike lane, primarily because the parking is tight. Council seems to be concerned about the street. Most concern is about why the bike lane is in the center of the street. There is some psychological discomfort for drivers to be so far to the left side. If we had a design manual, this problem would ideally not arise. The other problem is that people in this part of the world don't understand bike lanes. Cayer is interested in feedback from the committee. Jamel said it would be good to make dotted lanes across intersections. Bob said the biggest problem is right hand turns. Hash marks would be good in the buffer. This is a culture change. In other places, the bike lane is green. Howard asked what other states do for bike lanes. Jeremiah said some places do an inlay material that is very expensive. There may be specific places where it's good to that. Rick wanted to underscore what Ed said. Rick said he looked at technical manual in Copenhagen, New York, etc. The recommendation said 7' is enough for parking, 10-11' is enough for travel, 2-3' is enough for the buffer. That is what is currently there. If we can't stand it, now is the time to find out. It cannot

be compared to Ash Street. The automotive public is not use to this. Rick's wife hates Pine Street. Mark said we need to make a clear statement in support of the street design. Kristen said we need to see how things go on Pine Street as a test for Lisbon Street. Bob said all the motorists are going to be against this. Somehow the conversation needs to be evened out. Cyclists and pedestrians need to way in as well. Dimensions, were 7', 11', 5', 3', 7'. It would cost 6K-10K to grind and repaint Pine street. We still have some crosswalks to do. We support the basic design. Craig makes the motion, Kristen seconds. Motion passes (5-0).

6:20pm – Minot Ave will have a 5' sidewalk the whole length of the project. The telephone poles will not be moved. Jeremiah stated that the temporary striping for the inbound approach is safer.

6:25pm – New 136 design has sidewalks from Dunn to one of the last side-streets, Brooke, before the cemetery. Sidewalk will continue on non-river side another 100' but will not make it to the cemetery. The question is currently whether or not a sidewalk will stretch the whole way? It is not currently clear. Jeremiah said it would be good to have Auburn staff giving us this explanation. Jeremiah said we need to hear about these projects sooner. Auburn staff needs to show this to us earlier. Howard asked if we want Dan at our next meeting. The answer was yes.

6:27pm – Addition of new (sub-)committee members. We had suggested adding 1 from Lewiston and 1 from Auburn and 1 at-large from a wellness group, selected by the committee. It would require a resolve from both cities. Ed can put something together and share it with Clint.

6:28 – Next Agenda Items for June 25? Meet in Auburn?

- Update for 136 from Dan
- Updates on schedule for Park Ave
- We will begin meeting in Auburn, June 25th.

6:30pm – Adjourn