



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Agenda

Lewiston City Hall

Sept 24th, 2014

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Mark Fuller, Jeremiah Bartlett, Adam Lee

Staff Present: Jason Ready, Rick Burnham, Gary Johnson, Ed Barrett

Guests Present: Jamel Torres, William Steinbock

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

Jamel – Educated seventy 4th and 5th graders on bike-ped safety

Jeremiah – Going to Maine Active Communities Conference to present on what we are doing.

Motion to accept the minutes from our meeting on Sept 3rd made by Jeremiah, seconded by Mark, motion passed (5-0).

5:10pm – Enforcement of Bike Lanes and Safe Routes to School Study Committee

There is no ordinance in either city prohibiting cars from parking or driving in bike lanes. Craig will email Bruce Hall about this issue and CC Officer David Chick regarding his ticket, which should not have been for parking in a bike lane.

Mark, Jamel, and Chrissy volunteer to sort through the research that Darcy did regarding Safe Routes to Schools in both cities. Craig will resend an email to everyone with link to Darcy's study results.

Craig will write a letter to the Redistricting Committee regarding the importance of having bikeable-walkable schools. The content of this letter can be used for the Auburn School Committee as well.

5:30pm – Complete Streets Study Updates and Build Maine Conference

Jason said he met with Mike and Kara (consultants), Gary, Rick, and Ryan were there with ATRC staff. They discussed scope, etc. We've got one year to complete this, so they think that's a comfortable amount of time. ATRC is working on collecting road data, traffic counts, etc. Last time, we discussed how local roads are not part of this study. They discussed how we can get local roads included: either the cities can pay more or we can create our own documents and add them. ATRC will ask if an alternative route is on a local road, will that be a violation. Jason said they will try to meet on alternative wednesdays. Mark brought up the issue of funding for local roads. We can't change what the consultants recommend, but we can add a "local amendment" to it. Jeremiah said it would be good to have an estimate for what it would cost the cities to cover the consultants time for the local amendment. Mike, the lead consultant, will be teaching a 5-week course at Bates College on transportation planning. He would like to bike the routes locally and learn what it's like here.

Jeremiah added that there is a conference in early November 5 and 6, called the Build Maine Conference. Tactical Urbanism is often a part of these conferences. Kara asked if there are some projects that could be done to support complete streets in L-A. For example, people have set up impromptu bike lanes with dividers. In other cases they've make parklettes. Jeremiah thought it would

be great if we could find some things to do to provide connections. People should send Jeremiah some suggestions. It would be great if we had a recommendation by October 22nd.

5:40pm – MDOT and Veterans Bridge Update

They didn't do bike symbols or buffers. They blew us off on that. Their rationale was that Veterans Bridge is not safe for bicycles and pedestrians. Piano key stripes are were done in Auburn, parallel lines were done in Lewiston. The project coordinator was Catherine Rand. Jeremiah will talk with Jonathan about MDOT. Jeremiah has had similar sit down conversations with MDOT in Portland and had much more productive conversations. Some of the shoulders were not finished. They focused on the main line. Ed said it might be worth writing a letter to Steve Landry outlining how the project did not come out the way we wanted. BCM is beginning a new battle with MDOT over their complete streets policy. Jeremiah said to go straight to Joyce Taylor, Chief Engineer. Another option is to make a formal request to put a bike lane on the bridge.

5:50pm – Riverside Trail Press Event/Public Education

Rick said the Riverside Trail is almost done, connecting River Valley to Sunnyside Park. The Bike Ped Committee is organizing a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Dottie has put together a skeleton of an announcement. We're looking at Oct 21st at 10:30am. Ed pointed out that the City of Lewiston borrowed during the recession to make the trail happen. Jamel will get a quote from HA for the press release. Bob will get a quote from the East Coast Greenway. ATRC has staff time for public outreach and education. ATRC is looking to see if our Capital TIP funds would be eligible for an ECG project. If they are eligible, then a project request would need to be approved by our Policy Committee.

Bob said the East Coast Greenway would like to have signage on this trail. Bob is talking with Ed about this. ATRC might be willing to pay part of it. The other question is, from the ECG point of view, how does this connect to Simard-Payne Park.

6:25pm – Next Agenda Items for October 22nd

Update on Peace Bridge, Consultant meeting for Complete Streets Study, Debrief Riverside Trail discussion/East Coast Greenway, Build Maine, Presentation to Auburn

6:30pm – Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremiah, motion passed (5-0).