



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Lewiston City Hall

April 22nd, 2015

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Don D'Auteil, Jeremiah Bartlett, Chrissy Adamowicz, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Nicole Rush

Staff: Gary Johnson, Rick Burnham

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

Rick – Lisbon Street will be rebuilt next year. MDOT was nervous but they're okay now. Plan to bid early for the project that council compromised on: no bike lane, add sharrow, turn lanes remain.

Bob – Bike to work day on May 15th. Welcome stations on Lisbon Street and at Bates College 7am-9am. Bob will be in Dufresne Plaza. If anyone wants to join local rides, talk to Bob. There are many coming up this summer.

Craig – Community Spokes Training with BCM in Auburn on May 20th.

Chrissy – Has been hired by Healthy Androscoggin, and can dedicate work hours to our committee. Perhaps she can be assigned to the public health and wellness seat? Also, Bob and Chrissy met with Darcy from Safe Routes to School. Darcy is getting info about kids around Farwell to see if they can figure out how to help students walk to school. Maybe walking school bus program. Maybe they can form a new subcommittee to address SRTS?

Jeremiah – Had a great bike ride today with city staff in Portland. Portland wants a bicycle friendly designation. Trying to improve bicycle detection at intersections.

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, made by Jeremiah, seconded by Chrissy. Motion passed (6-0).

5:10pm – Officer Elections: Chair, Vice Chair

Motion made by Don to re-elect Craig as Chair and Bob as Vice Chair, seconded by Jeremiah. Motion passed (6-0).

5:35pm – Improving striping for each city

Re-striping begins as soon as contractor comes into town, next week. Current plan is to stripe Pine similar to Ash with no door zone. Lane should be terminated with dashed lines and include sharrows into lanes. This also happens on Ash. Typically striping crew goes out and does what they know. Rick and Ryan will be with crew during striping this year. On Mt Ave/Park, bike lane will shift from right to center. Hardest movement for cyclist is left turn. Bob asked Rick if napkin drawings would help? Adjust Bates Street approach, and Lisbon Street approach. Chrissy is willing to help with drawings. Bob is willing to look at it together. Bike symbols will be put in contract for Park Ave. Peace Bridge could be striped next year with new channelization. The group discussed the suggestion that one-way streets are best striped with left-side bicycle lanes. Is there a good video to explain bike lanes on public access?

5:50pm – 2nd Build Maine Conference is happening in May 20 & 21. Jeremiah is working on something with David and Misty on Oxford Street. Auburn is exploring doing something on Court, Main, and other streets. It is a scheduling nightmare to put something in for 3 days. Mayor LaBonte thinks it should be for a longer test-run. Major test is being considered for Court street. 30,000 cars go across bridge every day. Closing ramp into plaza may be eliminated.

6:00pm – Lewiston's New Elementary School

There is currently no site selected. It's still in planning. They are looking for “20 acres” (maybe?) to locate the school. State has mandates. Need to talk directly with school department about this. We would like to know what guidelines they are being asked to follow. Maybe we should talk to the state to learn about the exemptions. Chrissy will work on this.

6:10pm – Next agenda items

Mike Lydon will be here next time. Bob will work with Mike to develop agenda for that meeting. Jeremiah will take notes. Following that: idea of videos online and for public access that educates public about complete streets. It would be good to understand where people get their info about how to ride safely. Maybe Bob can ask folks that during bike-to-work week. Nicole is willing to help.

6:15pm – Motion made by Craig to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chrissy, motion passed (6-0).