

L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes
Executive Conference Room
Lewiston City Hall
June 12th, 2013
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Present: Mark Fuller, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Jeremiah Bartlett
Staff: Ed Barrett, Richard Burnham, Gary Johnson

1. Review of Minutes from previous meeting on May 8th, 2013.

Mark motions to approve minutes from May 8th meeting. Jeremiah seconds the motion.
Motion passes (4-0).

2. Updates

Craig – Training was good but needed more time for discussion between Tom and Public Works staff

Rick – People in his division hadn't been exposed to Complete Streets. They thought he did a good job. Ryan got value from it. Common ground is balance between users of streets. ADA is not a question anymore. New Freedoms Grant will be used for ramps on Park St between Oak and Ash. Bricks on Park St are bad too. Chestnut to Main on Lisbon will get redone. The project is approved and will include signals. Idea is to leave the curb. Question of cobbles? Some business owners want diagonal parking. That concept won't work with deliveries. There will be a public meeting before we do anything. This is part of ATRC's six year plan.

Bob – Would it be worth having bike ped committee meet with Public Works staff and hear their input on the complete streets training.

Gary – Auburn staff were grumbling a little bit. Some of the procedures will make their job more difficult. There was concern about cost. But Auburn Council gave us the go ahead, so we're going to do it.

Ed – I thought presenter was good. Made me think about a lot of stuff I hadn't thought about, such as driveways cutting through sidewalks.

Mark – Agreed with others reactions. I like the idea of requiring bicycle parking ordinance. Utility poles in the sidewalk is an issue. Center, Main, Minot, they have some serious issues with poles in the sidewalk. Also, Rail to Trail is meeting the end of this month.

Jeremiah – Had a great session in Wells about design-for-all. Talking about complete streets and benefitting all users. ITE will come out with guidelines for bike ped facilities at interchanges soon.

3. ATRC, TIP, Bike Ped and Signalized Intersections

ATRC is applying for \$1,000,000 for signal upgrades. Scope of project is not yet defined. Plan is to update streetwise software and prioritize signal equipment and get adaptive signal controls. Update crosswalk signs. Still trying to come up with full scope. Good time for comments. Jeremiah would like us to request that the scope includes bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, including detection equipment, ADA, ramps, etc. Rick said current detection upgrades on Sabattus will include those features (from Main to Pond). Craig motions to authorize Jeremiah to craft letter on committee's behalf asking ATRC to consider bike ped facilities in TIP Signal upgrades. Mark seconds the motion. Motion passes (4-0).

4. Passenger Train Station

Historically there has been a discussion about train service focused on inter-city from Boston to Portland to LA to Montreal. Recent study has looked at commuter rail. If we have that, where should it stop and start. Auburn Council has said it needs to be downtown. There is a tendency to meld the issues. If primary goal is inter-city, bringing it downtown means they have to back track to Danville. If it's not downtown, it can't service car-less folks as easily. Lewiston already has a train station. Why not bring it over here? Mark circulated language for a resolution. Jeremiah said our resolution should prioritize rail service with a downtown connection, not excluding future locations. Commuter bus service could happen much sooner and give us a sense of demand.

Proposed Resolution:

The Lewiston-Auburn Bicycle Pedestrian Committee is in favor of bringing rail passenger service to a terminal in downtown Lewiston-Auburn, as a means of providing easy access to passenger rail service to Portland and points south for our local residents, and for easy access to our downtown areas by visitors from Portland and points south. This resolution is in keeping with implementation of the Complete Streets Policy and enhances the livability of our cities, which in turn complements the cities' economic growth initiatives.

Mark moves to adopt resolution as written. Bob seconds the motion.
Motion passes (4-0).

5. Future Items: Sidewalk policy, Capital Improvement Plan, Bike Walk Activity, Connecting the dots from parks to trails (Mark Added), more

6. Next Meeting's Activity – A group walk down Lisbon St, rain or shine. Then CIP at the following meeting.

7. Our next meeting location (after our Lisbon St walk) will be in Auburn City Hall.

Ed reminded everyone that Plan-a-palooza begins next week. Transportation will be on Friday, June 21 3-5pm. Also, circulation study committee is having a meeting next Wednesday at 6pm.

8. Craig motions to adjourn. Jeremiah seconds the motion. Motion passes. (4-0)