

L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes
Executive Conference Room
Lewiston City Hall
June 26th, 2013
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Present: Mark Fuller, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Sherrie Blumenthal
Staff: Richard Burnham, Ryan Barnes
Guests: Jamel Torres

The committee conducted a one hour walking audit and discussion of Lisbon Street. We discussed the two scenarios proposed by two different outside consultants. The ideas are summarized as follows:

Option 1 (Goril Palmer) – Maintain current parking, sidewalk, and road widths. Maintain Lisbon Street as one-way starting at Adams Ave. Make Lisbon Street a single lane starting at Cedar Street all the way to Main Street. Remove traffic signals at intersections with Chestnut, Pine, and Ash Streets. Replace with stop sign for streets perpendicular to Lisbon, allowing Lisbon street traffic the right-of-way. Stripe a bike lane on the right side for length of single lane segment, including safe zone between lane and parked cars. Remove cobble stone.

Option 2 (Planapalooza Consultant, TPUDC) – Convert Lisbon into two-way street, removing two feet of sidewalk on each side, as well as removing mid-street bumpouts and crosswalks. Adding back parking in place of bumpouts. Supportive of removal of intersection signals.

Committee comments: Mostly supportive of Option 1. There is concern about the feasibility of Option 2 with regard to traffic connection to Main Street. Overall, people like Option 1 inclusion of bike lane, removal of cobble stone, single vehicle lane, maintaining current sidewalk width. People were open to possibly removing or reducing some bumpout width to add some parallel parking if possible. Overall, people were not interested in moving street lights and trees and adding to project cost. There is some hesitation about removing signals at intersections, though people are willing to try with flashing light transition after other changes are made to see if traffic speeds up or slows down. The idea of making the intersections 4-way stops signs was suggested, but this may lead to rolling stops and less compliance. Ideally, we want traffic to slow down. There is also interest in diverting big-rig trucks to other streets. Delivery trucks are okay, but major 18 wheelers and other large, noisy and intimidating vehicles that don't need to use Lisbon street should travel on Lincoln or other streets to keep noise and scale of Lisbon pedestrian friendly. This can be encouraged through signage.

Next Meeting is July 10th in Auburn City Hall.