

## Lewiston-Auburn Bicycle Pedestrian Committee

### Meeting Minutes

3/27/13

Present: Mark Fuller, Craig Saddlemire, Bob Rand, Jeremiah Bartlett, Pattie Reaves, Sherie Blumenthal

Staff: Ed Barrett

Guests: Jamel Torres

#### Updates

Mark – Attended ATRC technical committee. He went because they were talking about Veterans Bridge and the issues of access. There was a very serious suggestion to completely ban bicycles and pedestrians from Veterans Bridge. It was suggested that we shouldn't have bicycles on Center Street. Final resolution to the issue was to suggest building a new bridge (which will be unlikely to happen). We need to weigh in on this.

Ed – Workshop on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> for Complete Streets in Lewiston

Jamel – Healthy Androscoggin is getting a free trail mapping guide printed for Androscoggin County

Bob – Attended complete streets policy hearing in Augusta. It was educational. April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the workshop on the issue.

Jeremiah – Sent in testimony in support of the policy. Trying to overhaul Portland pavement markings program.

#### Minutes Approval for previous meeting 3/13/13

Pattie makes motion accept minutes as submitted. Jeremiah seconds. Motion passes (5-0).

#### Complete Streets

Jeremiah and Craig presented policy to council. Clint was asking a lot of detailed questions about streets. He's starting to think about the policy's implementation. Hopefully Gary can help explain things to him. Auburn Council was very receptive and said they would pass it once its on the agenda.

Jamel will organize complete streets training with assistance from Bicycle Coalition of Maine.

Bob, Craig, and Jamel will work on Bikes Belong grant idea.

#### Rail to Trail

Mark said there's been some progress on the project so far. There's been conversation with Pan Am and they've acknowledged our desire. They're looking at real estate values. Right now

we're sitting and waiting. Jeremiah asked what would the deal look like? Mark said it would be a purchase of the rail bed from Sabattus River to Cedar Street. The rail would be removed. And then it would be converted to a multi-use trails. Sherie asked if there is anyone interested in rail there? Right now, it doesn't seem like there is much interest. But, Jeremiah pointed out, that can change very quickly. When ownership on the rail changes, it can get confusing with old ownership. Brunswick is going through this. Craig mentioned what came from his conversation with Jonathan, which is that ALT would like involvement. Jeremiah and Mark said we should wait for cities to make any kind of statement on the rail. Ed said this is an issue that should be looked at in the Comprehensive Plan. Jamel asked about the possibility of a parallel trail to the track. They just did it in Fryeburg and Hallowell. Mark will reach out to Jonathan and talk with him about ALT's involvement in this process.

#### Circulation Study

Mark said that meeting sounded like a repeat of the committee meeting. Everyone who brought questions last time had to do it all over again. It seemed like they hadn't done much work since last time. The big question is what they recommended on Cedar Street and Lisbon Street. Cedar Street improvements could be very cool, allowing for bike lanes. Their recommendations were very vague for the residential neighborhood as well as for the feasibility of bike lanes on the map. There is a suggestion to take out the traffic lights on Ash, Pine, and Lisbon Street. It will require more discussion to determine the appropriateness of this idea.

Agenda item for next meeting:

Mark suggested moving the meetings again between the cities.

Jeremiah's son made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sherie. Motion passed (6-0)