

Lewiston-Auburn Bicycle Pedestrian Committee
Meeting Minutes
1/9/13

Members in Attendance: Craig Saddlemire, Bob Rand, Pattie Reaves, Sherie Blumenthal, Jeremiah Bartlett, Joshua Shea, Mark Fuller
Staff: Gary Johnson, Ed Barrett
Guests: Kevin Deschambeault, Eric Spear

Updates/Discussion

- Craig Saddlemire went to ATRC Long Range Bike Ped Plan Update meeting. Looking at LA Greenways Plan, wherever there is overlap with Bike Ped plan, they will reference the Greenways plan.
- Made case to Joan Walton for why bicycle infrastructure on three major streets in Lewiston (Sabattus, Main, and Lisbon) and some in Auburn (Minot, Turner) must be included in the Bike Ped Long Range Plan
- Joan said it may require a “road diet.” Updated plan can’t get into the specifics of such a recommendation but a study can be recommended towards that end.
- Josh – the complete streets ordinance passage is a goal listed for 2013 for City of Auburn; want to pass something that has teeth
- Paul Brandt –Bicycle Coalition is looking at a statewide Complete Streets; as a community spoke will be having a meeting with Peggy Rotundo
- ATRC long range meeting Thursday, January 17th 4:30 – 6:00pm to review snow mobile clubs common connections for facilities
- Jeremiah – Portland Council has signed off on their Complete Streets, getting into the weeds now with technical standards site plan approval; Jeremiah will send along a copy of the final policy
- Mark Fuller from Auburn– Mayor LaBonte is appointing him to the committee, new Bridge to be built over Little Androscoggin in Auburn – wondering if bridge can be discussed to include pedestrian, bicycle etc. accessibility; Joan Walton didn’t know.

Minutes from Previous Meeting 11/7/12, 12/5/12

Motion to approve the minutes from meetings on 11/7/12 and 12/5/12 made by Jeremiah, seconded by Josh Shea. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion about Exceptions Section of Complete Streets Policy

- Group reviews changes in exceptions
- Jeremiah is satisfied by changes that had been made
- Reasons for exceptions
 - no project would get done again because of the cost of having to include all extraneous items
 - don’t want to have to wait for permission to take care of things such as filling a pothole
- Pattie – policy does not explicitly mention anything about snow removal
- Have we created a list of exceptions that can be appealed to every time
 - may be left up to authority of one particular group or individual; if exceptions are clearly and encompassing stated can avoid this
- Administrative burden to have Public Works to come to Bike Ped Committee to ask for

exceptions

- Detailed plans (for and/or bike and sidewalk) will help eliminate the need for exceptions
- Policy is saying streets need to be planned for all it's potential uses – questions need to be asked before a street reconstruction
- When is Complete Streets Policy is applicable?
- Biggest shortcoming is the Bike-Ped policies that are made are often not referred to when streets are reconstructed
- Auburn Council concerned that every issue could come down to money – how do we make this policy that is actually followed
- Once the policy gets implemented we need to make sure that it gets to referred to more often than not
- Should this group look at both Cities Capital Improvement Plans?
- Early warning to staff is one of the best ways to make sure certain policy components are implemented in the plan
- Should a review process be incorporated into the policy?
- When is the decision for the exception being made? Our input is better in the beginning?
- Sections d-f of policy could be reworked
- Planning boards have free jurisdiction; they can choose not to adhere to policy so must make sure to work with individuals to have them thinking in this direction

Next Steps

- A small committee made up of Craig, Ed, Jeremiah will take a look at d-f of the policy and rework it

ARTC representative

- Craig has filled in for Joel on the Long Range Plan Update
- Bob volunteers
- Pattie makes motion for Bob to be a representative to the ARTC committee
- Josh seconds the motion
- Motion passes 7-0

Agenda Items for Next Meeting on 1/23/13

- Could potentially pass the Complete Streets Policy at the next meeting for presentation at following Lewiston Planning Board Meeting
- What is the next step for Rail to Trail at the municipal level to start moving forward
- College Street Park? Friends of Petingill to convert Petingill School into a Park – does it relate to what we do?

Between now and next meeting

- Marks question about bridge over in Auburn
- Gary is looking into it for next meeting
- Mark is going to get sworn in
- Snow removal policy as part of our Complete Streets Policy? Review the City policy on the sidewalks – Ed will send out the snow removal policy