

Complete Streets Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: 6pm, Wednesday, 10/25/17

Location: Community Meeting Room, Auburn City Hall

Committee Members Present: Christine Adamowicz, Jeremiah Bartlett, Chris Beam, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Dana Staples, David Das

Staff Present: Kris Bennett, Ryan Barnes

Minutes

1) Introductions and Updates

- Kris Bennett is hoping to add sidewalks on the Lake Street upper side this season. MDOT will release Auburn results of pedestrian audit soon. There should be follow up in the spring.
- Christine Adamowicz has noticed that the pedestrian signal activation button at Lincoln and Main Street as well as Canal and Main Street in Lewiston can be impossible to reach in the winter time due to how the plow pushes snow around the button.
- Ryan Barnes would like to make improvements to Canal Street but Council keeps de-prioritizing that project. Lisbon Street resurfacing is completed on hill leading down to Chestnut. Five-way intersection of Sabattus and Webster is being re-striped with high-visibility crosswalks and turn cue arrows. Webster Street from Walnut to East Ave will be striped with bike lane, except for last portion where turn cues begin approaching East Ave.
- Bob Rand - MDOT has been announcing a renewed focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety issues, including a change to their scoring formula for safety projects that gives more value to pedestrian and bicycle safety projects.
- Dana Staples - 7th Street in Auburn allows parking on both sides of the street. Have we looked at traffic congestion during peak travel times to and from school? Does the parking on both sides allow for traffic calming, or clogging?

2) **MOTION** by Dana Staples to elect Christine Adamowicz as the Secretary for the Complete Streets Committee, seconded by Craig Saddlemire. Motion passed (6-0).

3) Goff Street - Kris Bennett provided a review of what is known about the pending Goff Street project. It will be a mill and fill from Court to Hampshire, 34' curb to curb. There is currently no crossing for pedestrians according to latest map. Can we observe where is peak activity for pedestrians, and what is the sidewalk condition? There does not appear to be a need for bicycle lanes, given the narrow street width. There is a lot of activity where Goff meets Hampshire. What is the pedestrian crash data on the this street? If one were to add a crosswalk, it should probably be at Grant Street. Sidewalk rating is %. Entrance to Goff could have sharper corners to reduce speeding traffic coming off of Court. Is it possible to remove the right-hand turn lane from Court? It is currently used as a merge lane.

4) Lewiston Middle School - As far as we understand, there have not been any changes implemented that we recommended, specifically moving the student drop-off location and having someone educate students in the morning to properly use the signal activation buttons at the intersection of Webster St and Ash Street. We need to follow up with the school and learn about their plans for this. Craig will contact the new LMS Principal.

5) Auburn High School Building Committee - Jeremiah will draft a letter to share with the committee and also address them at their next public meeting. He will send the letter to our committee in advance for feedback. All are encouraged to attend, if available.

6) Website - If you have photos of good examples of local complete streets or trails, please share them with Craig so that he can get them up on the website for our committee. Hampshire street will be good to include, once it is done. Can we also include links to other resources, "Notify Me", ATRC, scroll option to see upcoming projects, GIS?

7) Future items: It would be good to review the Capital Improvement Plans for each city.

8) **MOTION** to adjourn by Craig Saddlemire, second by Jeremiah Bartlett. Motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting will be 6pm at Auburn City Hall on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017.