



## L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Lewiston City Hall

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, David Das, William Steinbock, Bob Rand, Jeremiah Bartlett, Chrissy Adamowicz

Staff: Ed Barrett, Gary Johnson

Guests: Darcy Whittemore, Abby King, Memory Christafaro

5:00pm – Intro, Updates, Acceptance of Minutes

Craig – Attended presentation on new elementary school. Requested better connection for walking path to Birch Street, as well as inclusion of walking and running paths throughout the campus.

Bob – Submitted registration for Twin Cities Parade of Lights. It is Saturday Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. Come ride in the dark with lights on!

Abby – Bicycle Coalition of Maine would like to promote parade of lights ride. BCM has lights to get out to people who need them. Please ask if you would like them. Also, we have maps of bike ped crash locations in L-A, produced by Jason Ready of ATRC. City of Auburn has signed onto Mayor's challenge for safer streets. Team will be assembled to address stuff like we're doing. FHWA staff person, Wayne, will work with that team.

Ed – ATRC, MDOT, and Consultant met regarding the Arterial Study and Best Practices Manual.

Jeremiah – Exit 6 in Portland has nice green conflict zone markings, as well as multi-use trails on either side of Forest Ave.

5:15pm – Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting made by David, seconded by Chrissy, Motion Passed (6-0).

5:16pm – Safe Routes to School

Information has been gathered for Farwell. Family vehicle use for transporting students was exceptionally high. Busy collector streets and fear of unaccompanied youth are major challenges. Seems to be much interest from students to walk/bike. Not much encouragement from schools to choose this option. Major roads existing between home and school allow students to take bus. BCM has walking school bus program. Schools can apply to be in the

program. All of the superintendents and principals have been emailed about this. It would be great to have some L-A schools apply. There is still a walking school bus at Longley. A teacher at Montello is a bike advocate. Bob has talked with them, and they seem like they might be very interested. Another bicyclist that teaches at Geiger could be good. Bob will see if they can help get discussion going in the school. Kristen Cloutier would be a good person to speak with again to advocate for this at Farwell. Can we get Bill Webster involved? Let's ask Kristen to bring the meeting together. Deadline is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Walton and Sherwood Heights did research on SRTS. Mike Davis at Walton organized walk to school days. Darcy reached out about walking school bus program. A coordinator is needed. He's not sure who could do it. Auburn used to have Wellness Committee, but they're hard to get together.

Next Step: Bob and Chrissy will talk with Kristen about bringing Bill, Kristen, and principals of Geiger, Farwell, and Montello together to discuss SRTS opportunity.

Darcy brought up the idea of a subcommittee that works on Safe Routes to School. Also passed out survey of parent opinion on unsafe streets in L-A. East Ave has lots of complaints against it. Not just lack of infrastructure, but also need for crossing guard. Crossing guard positions have been cut.

#### 5:50pm – Committee Discussion

Discussion is to create a Complete Streets Committee that is standing. Should committee also discuss off-road paths? Yes, we should definitely include paths, they are part of the same thing. What about Active Transportation Committee? Right now, our committee is ad-hoc. We don't have same legal status.

- We want to have representation on ATRC Policy Committee.
- We need a more formal process of how we review and approve projects. Ex. Oxford seemed to slip through. Problem is that we don't have a staff person to support our work.
- Standing committee might have a better process
- Easier way to track projects is with excel list for capital improvements. Who will maintain that list?
- Do we need to identify more resources are needed.
- We will look at new proposal for standing committee at our next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Chrissy, seconded by Bob. Motion Passed (6-0).