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AUBURN HOSTS "HEADS UP" PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FORUM

AUBURN, ME. – The City of Auburn, the Maine Department of Transportation and the Maine Bicycle Coalition are hosting a pedestrian safety forum and are inviting the public to attend to provide valuable input. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room, 2nd floor of Auburn City Hall, 60 Court Street. The "Heads Up" initiative is a state-wide program put together by the Maine Department of Transportation, and assisted by the Maine Bicycle Coalition, in response to the dramatic increase in pedestrian fatalities and crashes over the last two years in the State of Maine. 21 communities have been identified as the areas of concern and public meetings are being held to share information about pedestrian safety and most importantly, to get input from the public on specific locations that are unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

A crash data map will be presented and along with information received from the public, dangerous locations will be identified and targeted for improvements that will help prevent the tragic incidents that have happened around the Lewiston and Auburn area. Doug Greene, Urban Development Specialist is urging concerned citizens, parents and people who want to move safely about our community to attend. "The State has taken a special interest in finding ways to improve pedestrian safety. We owe it to our children to take part in the forum and provide your knowledge and experience in making our community a safe place to live."

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