



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Auburn City Hall

March 23rd, 2016

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Chrissy Adamowicz, Bob Rand, David Das, Nicole Rush, William Steinbock, Jim Lysen,

Staff: Gary Johnson, Ryan Barnes

5:00pm – Intro, Updates, Minutes 2/24/16

Motion by David Das to accept minutes of 2/24/16 meeting seconded by Bob. Motion passed (7-0).

Bob – East Coast Greenway is having a meeting about closing gaps in the greenway between Lewiston and Brunswick. Also interested in connection between Simard Payne Park and Riverside Trail. Busy Town Bikes is trying to raise money to develop trails around Lake Auburn.

Ryan – Receiving bids on Lisbon Street Project. Received 4 bids. Hoping to award bid soon. Looking at exploring the creative crosswalk idea. In communication with people interested in developing artistic crosswalks. They are reviewing where they can locate such a design.

William – Concerned that some crosswalk signals don't seem to communicate clearly to pedestrians when they can cross. Send issues with crosswalks to Ryan for Lewiston and Gary for Auburn.

David – Corner of Cedar and Canal near Free Grace Church, pedestrian light doesn't work.

Chrissy – Central Maine Medical Center is collaborating with Dempsey and Steve Murch to put in a story walk by Riverside Trail. Chrissy is trying to fundraise for it. One storywalk would be \$1,500 to \$2,000. Want to complete it by October. Also looking into McMahan schools, Auburn Riverwalk, and forest by Edward Little. Build Maine and Grow LA will be doing installation along canal between Pine and Chestnut. This will be at the end of June. Healthy Androscoggin is applying to Etna for improving the built environment. Partnership with bike ped is possible. Due April 15th. Grants are up to \$50,000 per year for up to 2 years.

Gary – Future bike ped meetings at Auburn City Hall will be in community room.

5:20pm – Auburn Construction Projects 2016

Park Ave from Lake Street to Summer is a DOT project that we've already reviewed. DOT won't paint shoulders but Auburn will do it after. Should go out to bid in July.

Lake Shore Drive is also going to be done by DOT. Very minimal overlay.

Auburn will be reconstructing Court St to Western Prom. Slight decrease in width of street. Issue of whether to allow parking on both side. Sidewalk is on one side but only partially on other due to retaining wall. No room for bike lane.

Townsend Brook Road from Route 4 to Turner Town Line will be reclaimed, paved, 24' wide. Very rural.

Pettengill Park from Armory to Baseball field. Curbed on one side. Won't be much change in use there. Also a sidewalk that will continue.

Summer Street Extension that we discussed before. Turned over to city. Runs from Youngs Corner Road to West Auburn Road. Reclaimed, reduced to one-way out of town. 16' lane and bike lane. It's after Farmer Whiting's.

Out to bid is South Main Street from Loring Ave into Broad Street. It's an MPI project, shared funds with state. Improvements on sidewalks. Much parking being accomodated.

Design for Hampshire Street is being worked on to support better pedestrian crossings, especially at Union Street. Chrissy asked if there will be a bike lane for climbing. Nicole agreed it used by bicyclists to connect to Auburn Riverwalk. Nicole asked if they are going to fix the catch basin. Gary will check with highway on that. Chrissy asked if it's possible to have a crosswalk light system that stops all vehicles when the light is pressed. Chrissy is interested in data about rush hour in L-A, because it often seems to drive a lot of conversation about road design.

Trail is being continued from South Main to Dam. Pedestrian and multi-use trail. William asked about connections between Mill Street and that trail. Gary said most likely connection would be near upper dam or elsewhere up the street. William said it would be nice, especially since there is no sidewalk on Mill Street.

Plans are beginning for Minot Ave, and they're related to development in the Barn for a Medical facility. Hope to extend from Edward Little Snake Trail to sidewalk/trail along Minot that leads to sidewalk near retaining wall. Would allow someone to walk from Elm Street to High Street along Minot Ave without having to go through the former Jimmy's.

5:49pm – Update from Street Plans

They are 75% done with drafting Task 1 Analysis and Recommendations, which is based on preliminary work presented last May. Submitting this draft to ATRC / MaineDOT in the first week of April for internal review.

They have drafted and have begun preliminary production on the Task 2 Best Management Practice manual and will share that with ATRC / MaineDOT alongside the the above deliverable for sign off in the first week of May. Hope to share more detail with the bike/ped committee in advance of the April meeting.

Does Mike know about new elementary school proposal regarding East Ave? Update on Task 3, connecting Riverside Greenway Trail to Simard Payne Park? For Imagine Bikes Here, Ryan thinks a test on East Ave would be good. Chrissy thinks BCM is recommending we apply for Auburn since Lewiston is already doing a demo. We did not feel there was an easy Auburn project to seek funding for at this time.

5:05pm – Coordinator Position

Main purpose is to monitor and oversee implementation of complete streets, facilitate communication between various departments, support work of committee. Looks like a good job description. Send comments to Chrissy for small word changes. We will talk about funding possibilities at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Nicole, seconded by William. Motion passed (7-0).