



L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Auburn City Hall

May 25th, 2016

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Bob Rand, Jeremiah Bartlett, Christine Adamowicz, Jim Lysen, Nicole Rush, William Steinbock

Staff: Kris Bennett, Ed Barrett, Jason Ready, Rick Burnham

Guests: Kris Wing

Intro, Updates, Minutes 4/27/16

Craig – Transportation and Environment Committee has Bike Ped Committee on the agenda for next meeting. Lisbon Street is going through testing of new stripes. Some modifications will be made to move left turn sharrows and add high visibility crosswalks. Met with ATRC regarding staff position. ATRC is open to programming some hours to support us. Hot dog crosswalk was approved for one spot near Simmones.

Jeremiah – Wrestling with loss of Bike Ped coordinator for Portland.

Ed – Looking at crosswalk near Public Theater for more artistic stencils.

Jim – Paintings on sidewalk are really nice. People want them to be permanent.

Rick – Finishing the Lisbon St sewer on Friday. Putting new conduit in. New curb will begin to go in soon. Paving is temporary to see how layout works.

Christine - Healthy Androscoggin is donating bicycle parking near corner of Ash and Canal Street

Motion by Bob to accept minutes from 4/27/16, seconded by Jim. Motion passed (7-0).

MCC and DOT Signs

Maine Cycling Club would like there to be visible bike signs that remind drivers of bike safety laws. MDOT has approved signs. MCC has spots where they would like to locate the signs and they would like to cover the cost to install them. They are looking for help on how to do that. Rick can help with that in Lewiston. It might be around \$150 labor to install one sign. In Green or Turner, Jason Ready can help Kris make those connections. Kris Bennett can help on the Auburn side. Need to talk with Dan

Goyette.

Street Plans

We have a draft of Task 1 for review. Task 2 and 3 will be arriving sometime in early-mid June. Some of the proposals in Task 1 are a bit less bold than originally proposed, largely due to response from MDOT. If the committee feels they want to see stronger recommendations from Street Plans on any particular design, they should express that in this round of input. Our meeting on June 22nd will include reviewing Task 2 and 3 and providing feedback. We need to make sure Task 2 includes design practices for local roads, whether it's the consultant including them or the committee adding its own section to the final document. Jason of ATRC will check in with Jennifer about what is allowable. Overall, the committee is impressed with the recommendations in Task 1. Chrissy expressed concern about using sharrows on some of the most busy arterials. Mike agreed it's not an ideal solution, and that alternative routes may be better to use. Committee members should look at the recommendations closely to see if other alternatives have been overlooked.

Everyone should send their feedback to Jason at jready@avcog.org

Canal Street

Since our last meeting, Chrissy and Craig have been talking with BCM about a demonstration project on a portion of Canal Street between Ash and Pine. The concept would include a buffered bicycle lane on the right. As a longterm preference, this lane would be next the sidewalk with parking on the left side of the buffer, allowing the cyclist more separation and closer views of the canal, making the path feel more recreational. On the next block between Pine and Chestnut, Build Maine would have another demonstration with a whole pop-up village. The current design has multi-use paths on both sides and one travel lane with sharrows in the middle. The designs are still in discussion. Build Maine will take place June 22nd and 23rd.

Future Agenda Items: Task 2 and 3, Complete Streets Coordinator, Committee Ordinance

Next meeting is June 22nd, 2016, in Auburn.

Motion to Adjourn by Jim, seconded by Chrissy. Motion passed (7-0).