

Complete Streets Committee Minutes

Date: 6pm, 9/25/19

Location: Community Room, Auburn City Hall

Committee Members Present: Craig Saddle mire, Chair (Lewiston), Jeremiah Bartlett, Vice Chair (Auburn), David Das, Secretary (Auburn), Bob Rand (Lewiston), Jim Lysen (Lewiston), Roger Fuller (Lewiston), Dana Staples (Auburn)

Staff Present: Kris Bennett, Colton Bernier.

Guests: Joe Gray, Paul Jacques

1) Sabattus Street accident -- Colton Bernier distributed copies of the State of Maine Crash Report. The site is four lanes of traffic with minimal shoulder, and long distances to controlled crosswalks. Discussion about: is there a demand for a crosswalk? (how to determine?); speed calming measures; increasing visibility. Colton will research more crash data, including vehicles, along this section of Sabattus.

2) Court Street Study: Jeremiah Bartlett provided a summary:

Some opportunities for traffic calming between Goff and Pleasant:

- Abolish the dedicated right turn lanes at the Minot/Court/Union intersection.
- A raised crosswalk at Court and Pleasant.

The projected annual growth in traffic of 1% over the next 20 years was questioned. Traffic volume has been relatively flat for a while. How many people who use Court Street have to use Court Street?

3) Further discussion of the Oxford/Lincoln Street pedestrian crossing. Concern about area at time of school bus pick up. PW is not sure that a pedestrian signal is warranted there.

4) Bob Rand:

- Reiterated his concerns about Pine and Bates intersection: wide single lane and no bike lane; sharrow not particularly effective.
- Questions regarding trails around Connors Elementary and the high school: closed off at certain places and at certain hours; signage issues. It would be good add signs that explain which path leads to what school, what users are allowed on the path, etc.
- Is there a Rail-Trail update? Not much happening on rail-trail that we know of. LA Railroad Company is looking into it, last we heard.

5) Kris Bennett -- summary of overlay project on West Auburn Rd from Young's Corner to the West Auburn Congregational church. 2+ miles. 23' width; 11' foot travel lanes. Continued existing striping.

6) Colton Bernier -- summary of sidewalk project for Lewiston City Hall. It will be concrete paving. There was a brief discussion of concrete vs asphalt.

7) Motion to Adjourn at 7:30; unanimous.