

Complete Streets Committee  
Minutes

Date: 6pm, Wednesday, 5/22/19

Location: Executive Conference Room, Lewiston City Hall

Committee Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Chair (Lewiston), Jeremiah Bartlett, Vice Chair (Auburn), Dana Staples (Auburn), Larry Pelletier (Auburn), Roger Fuller (Lewiston)

Staff Present: Kris Bennett, Doug Greene, Colton Bernier

1) Updates:

Craig Saddlemire - Roger Fuller is our newest member on the committee.

Jeremiah Bartlett - Bids for construction are getting super expensive.

Colton Bernier - Lewiston has a completion date for striping of July 1st, including bicycle marking.

Bob Rand - Center line on Main St west of Bates has 2 yellow lines down the center of the road

Jim Lysen - Build Maine is going to pilot a 14' 2-way near the Iron Horse

Doug Greene - Build Maine needs help with setup and free tickets are available for volunteers

2) Motion by Jim to accept minutes from meeting held on April 24th, 2019, second by Larry Pelletier. Motion passed (6-0-1).

3) Colton shared concepts for Birch Street improvement. LCIP in 2020 has \$350k for sidewalk improvements. They begin at the corner of Jefferson and Walnut and go to Birch and Jefferson, reconstructing a wider sidewalk. Current planned width is possibly 5'. Craig asserted that 5' will not be sufficient for the amount of students who use this route, and larger widths should be explored. Includes new retaining wall between athletic facilities and sidewalk. Current conditions include only one failing sidewalk that is exceptionally narrow, with utility poles in the way, forcing large groups of students to use the street or Colisee's greenspace. Phase II adds sidewalk to Colisee side of street, where currently there is nothing. Project is currently proposed in multiple phases according to funding availability, and continues down the length of Birch Street to Bates. Phase III is more sidewalk and Phase IV is a mill and fill beyond bartlett with new sidewalks. This is a major safe route to school and is very important to upgrade as soon as we can. Designs should plan for adding tree canopy and better snow storage/removal in winter. Craig is interested to discuss further, including the timeline and more specific designs. The question was raised as to what SRTS funding might be available to support this project.

- 4) Kris presented the 75% complete designs for the intersections of Minot/Main/High/Academy/Elm intersections. Each intersection includes improved radii and ramps. New sidewalk along Minot from High to Elm. Jeremiah asked about yield to pedestrians sign at High and Academy. Dana asked about status of crosswalk across Minot from Elm.
- 5) Main St UPWP - Looking at planning study for movements and pedestrian and vehicle activity on Main St to connect to Riverside trail.
- 6) LA Trails - 2nd Mtg was held. New groups and structure. Ideas about formal structure. Jim Ward, GIS Lewiston, merged the Bike Ped Long Range Plan with the Androscoggin Greenway into one map. Doug will share it with the committee.
- 7) Design Lewiston held its second public meeting, focused on standards for private development. This relates to complete streets as it may require setbacks and extension of sidewalk and landscaping onto setbacks, as well as curb-cut frequency and size.
- 8) Other - Bob asked about the status of the Rail Trail as well as charging stations for motorized wheelchairs.
- 9) Motion to adjourn by Jeremiah, second by Jim. Motion passed (7-0).