

Complete Streets Committee
May 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: 6pm, 05/26/21

Location: Zoom

Committee Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Chair (Lewiston), Roger Fuller (Lewiston), Bob Rand (Lewiston), David Das, Secretary (Auburn), Jeremiah Bartlett, Vice Chair (Auburn), Josh Daigle (Auburn), Christine Murray (Lewiston)

Staff: Doug Greene, Kris Bennett, George Peterson, Doug Greene

Guests: Ronald Landis (ATRC)

1) Approval of Minutes of April 2021 meeting. Motion by Jeremiah Bartlett, second by Bob Rand. Unanimous.

2) Rail Trail and L-A Passenger Rail Discussion:

- Jeremiah Bartlett: lack of direction over the past decade; is the confusion deliberate?
- Doug Greene: room for both rail trail and passenger rail. Recent Passenger rail presentation to Lewiston Council; no counter voice. Why hasn't there been a response from Lewiston about Rail-Trail project?
- Bob Rand: should not be an either/or. Has spoken with Sue Ellen Boardman from Casco Bay Trails. How to make the argument for the rail trail?

3) Multi-Use Path Sub-Committee:

- Doug Greene:
 - no meeting took place in April.
 - Working map has been improved
 - Need for on the ground "truthing;" (status of sidewalks, obstacles, etc.)

4) Gamage Avenue:

- Kris Bennett: Gamage Avenue striping. 10' travel lanes; 8' parking lane.

Comments:

- Jeremiah Bartlett: speed issues; few crosswalks. Sidewalk connectivity an issue. Possibility of bike lanes.
- Craig Saddlemire: put a 5' bike lane on uphill side.
- Kris Bennett: install a crosswalk at Wilson St. Existing crown in road

makes it difficult to shift center line.

- Jeremiah Bartlett: Committee should look at Gamage in more depth in the future.

5) Outer Minot Avenue Study:

- Kris Bennett: study has been added to the ATCR priority list; nothing will happen soon.

6) Bates College Student Project on Standardization of Safety Data:

- George Peterson gave a summary
- Craig Saddlemire: use the data with City leaders; revisit data and study on a regular basis

7) Pedestrian connectivity along Russell Street.

- Roger Fuller: how to identify areas of high need; poor side walk infrastructure between East Ave and Sabattus.
- George Peterson: long term sidewalk analysis project in Lewiston; to work Multi-Use Path Sub-Committee into project.

8) Future Items:

- Birch Street Update: ramps; bump outs; curb cuts; trees.
- Choice Grant

9) Motion to adjourn: Bob Rand; Second: Jeremiah Bartlett. Unanimous.