

Complete Streets Committee
April 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: 6pm, 04/28/21

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)

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

Community Members: Paul Jacques

Guests: Ronald Landis (ATRC)

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

2) Craig Saddlemire noted that Larry Pelletier has cycled (walked) off of the committee.

3) Multi-Use Path Sub-Committee:

- Committee members noted several areas of interest:
 - Landry Road (between Main Street and the river)
 - College St right of way: opportunity for a walking path
 - Jepson Brook
 - Minot Ave Rotary
 - New ELHS connectivity
 - Turner Street
 - ATRC: retain/change priorities from 2013 Report. A future agenda item.

4) Auburn projects:

- Kris Bennett provided information from Executive Summary of Outer Minot Ave Study. 3 lane option is feasible. Will speak with Eric Cousens re: study of 3 lane option. Does not expect any pushback from DOT.

Comments:

- Jeremiah Bartlett: possibility of buffered bike lanes; lots of available pavement.

5) Rail Trail:

- Doug Greene: Casco Bay Trails Alliance has sent email to Lewiston City Council and administrators. How much interest does Lewiston have in this project? To become the easement holder? What is the role of the L-A Railroad Board? Should CSC take a

resolution to the Lewiston Council providing a summary of the benefits of the project? Council and administration need more clarity. Bring Lincoln Jeffers into the conversation. Bill to develop Rail-Trail system currently under discussion in Augusta.

- Jeremiah Bartlett: similar challenges in Portland. Contrast to success in southern Maine.
- Craig Saddlemire: has spoken with Mayor Cayer and Mary Ann Brenchick; stressed the importance of a presentation to Council.
- Bob Rand: is there economic information regarding benefits of a rail trail? Offered to start draft of a powerpoint presentation.

6) L-A Transit Study:

- Ronald Landis: mixed response so far to the new recommendations. Public input still welcome.
- George Peterson: video of public meeting available on ATRC website. One more meeting scheduled for early June.

7) 7:06 motion to adjourn by David Das; second by Jeremiah Bartlett. Unanimous.