



MINUTES

Complete Streets Committee Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, 4/24/24, 5pm

Location: Community Room, Auburn Hall

Committee Members in Attendance: Jeremiah Bartlett, Chair (Auburn), Bob Rand, Vice Chair (Lewiston), Paul Josephson, Secretary (Auburn), Josh Nadine (Lewiston) Heather Barnett (Lewiston), Katherine Truitt (Lewiston)

Others in Attendance: Jason Ready (VHB), Larry Allen (ATRC), Kris Bennett (Auburn DPW), Brad Pineau (ATRC), Zoe Miller (Consultant), Sara Cushman (Consultant), Paul Neihoff (Lewiston DPW), Kevin Gagne (Lewiston DPW Director)

Zoom link: No participants

Meeting Start: 5:05pm

1. Welcome/Check-In

- New member from Lewiston, Katherine Truitt

2. Election of Secretary

- Paul Josephson nominated. Appointed unanimously to a one-year term.

3. Approval of January 2024/February 2024 Meeting Notes

- Approved unanimously

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discussion

- Stakeholder Engagement Plan, provided in handout. Safety Action Plan, Story collection, understanding evidence based and effective strategies. Additional meeting(s) for more extensive engagement from CS committee will be requested
- Existing Infrastructure is the focus of the project, not new infrastructure or modality options for reduction of vehicle emissions. High crash site selection (injury priority, not fender bender) will be made with planning to make these places safer for all users of the infrastructure.
- Committee request to identify places that are avoided as bike-ped users already know them as unsafe and choose different routes. Request that outreach involve good questions, senior groups, observational data.
- Survey will be available by paper, online, or filled out with assistance. Draft survey will be sent for all to review/comment before going live.
- Larry to send out requests for info from Committee Members and City Councilors:

- Recommended contacts/agencies
- Events

6. Initial Discussion: Paving on Park, Pine, Ash (Lewiston)

- Pine and Ash resurfacing are Maine DOT projects, scheduled for 2025. Exploring if there is enough width to add a buffer between the cars and the bike lanes.
 - Park: City paving project. Reconsideration of the angle parking and bike lane combo. Committee requests more information as current planning status is unknown.
7. Central Avenue Corridor (Lewiston) 5 corners
- Central and Vale pilot has now led to a request for permanent status. Requests from various parties including Bates and Lewiston Middle School for traffic calming and improved pedestrian corridor. Speed data collection prior to the project is planned.
8. Heads Up Update (Lewiston)
- Sabattus at Wood/Howe; Oak/Bartlett; Main at Landry/Montello; Committee requests more information prior to plans being finalized.
9. Discussion on Court Street, Minot Ave/Rotary Staff Decisions (Auburn)
- Striping plans, Per Kris, directed by city manager's office to hold on any new striping until Minot Ave corridor study and/or the downtown master plan have results. Committee requests more info from Jonathan LaBonte, did anything change from the council? What happened to the process and plans proposed? There was extensive planning by Auburn including community meetings. New striping plans were discussed and endorsed by the CS committee.
10. Other Updates
- Lewiston projects: Main and East Ave.
 - Quiet Crossings (rail) is a topic member Nadine will add to future agenda(s)

Next Meeting (Tentative): 4th Wednesday, May 22nd

End time/Adjourn: 7:08pm

Meetings the Fourth Wednesday of January, April, June, October at 5 PM for Lewiston/Auburn
Optional Meetings on other Fourth Wednesdays for each community.