

Complete Streets Committee  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 6pm, Wednesday, 12/27/17

**Location:** Community Meeting Room, Auburn City Hall

**Committee Members Present:** Jeremiah Bartlett, Jim Lysen, Chris Beam, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Dana Staples, David Das, Larry Pelletier

**Staff Present:** Kris Bennett, Ryan Barnes, Ed Barrett

**Guests:** Paul Jacques, Angela King

**Minutes**

1) Introductions and Updates

Craig - See attachment for statistics provided by ATRC on crash rates 2014-2017 broken down by year and mode of travel. Also, Bates students are interested in doing a research project on bicycle and pedestrian issues in Lewiston-Auburn. Are we interested to partner with them, and is anyone willing to be the liaison for their project?

Bob - 30 cyclists participated in the parade of lights, which was a good turnout.

Paul - Formerly involved with Windham Active Lifestyles Committees, moved back to Auburn and interested to be involved here.

Jeremiah - Auburn has done a nice job clearing sidewalks this year. Apparently two positions were added to address this task.

Kris - Some projects going into design phase in 2018 are resurfacing Rodman Rd, Main Street and Broad intersection, and reconstruction of Hotel Road.

Larry - There continue to be sidewalk challenges in New Auburn.

Angela - Bicycle Coalition of Maine is here to help in any way that they can.

2) Summary of Lewiston projects completed in 2017 and slated for 2018. Ryan Barnes provided handout (attached) with list of streets completed and to be addressed. Committee members should review and request more information about projects of particular interest to them. A segment of East Ave is planned for lane reassignment between Newman and Fairlawn. Craig would like to see us take a closer look at redesigning the section of East Ave from Newman to Bartlett. This is recommended for improvement in a recent study and could improve student safety, considering the new elementary school is being constructed there. The administration of the elementary school indicated they are not seeking changes to East Ave at

this time. Craig would still like us to continue considering what can be done with this street. Canal Street is a project of interest that continues to be pushed back because Council has not prioritized its funding.

3) Auburn High/Minot/Elm/Academy Intersection Project Updates - There is a congestion problem at High and Elm, and there is a proposal to direct vehicles to Elm by blocking left turns to Minot. This was rejected by Council. ATRC is bringing the project back to Gorill Palmer for further review.

4) Auburn Troy Street Project Updates - New housing development is taking over the section of Troy Street next to the library to meet parking needs for the project. This street is not currently used as a through-street, so acquisition by the developer should not affect traffic patterns. Council has approved the project. While this project does not appear to jeopardize parking availability for Auburn Library patrons, there is interest in looking to add on-street parking to Court Street and revisit the study that was done on this issue. Kris will contact Eric Cousens to obtain more information about the status of this study.

5) Auburn High School Building Committee - Committee was receptive to our input and invited greater participation in the form of a liaison or even possibly a seat on a sub-committee. Dana volunteered to serve as our liaison to the Building Committee and will contact Katy Grondin.

6) Lewiston Middle School - We have not received much of a response from the middle school regarding our recommendations for relocating student drop-off, as well as educating students for how to activate the pedestrian signal at the 5-way intersection. We need to persist in contacting administrators and school committee members until we receive an adequate response.

7) **MOTION** to adjourn by Jim Lysen, second by Jeremiah Bartlett. Motion passed (6-0).