

Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee

The Lewiston Auburn Transit Committee (LATC) is a committee created by an interlocal agreement between the cities of Lewiston and Auburn in 1976. The committee's purpose is to ensure the provision of urban mass transit in the Lewiston-Auburn area. LATC is owner of Lewiston-Auburn's fixed route bus system, **citylink** and the ADA complementary paratransit service for people with disabilities.

LATC is a seven member committee comprised of three (3) representatives from Auburn, three (3) from Lewiston, and a seventh member whose term alternates between the communities. At least one (1) member will be an elected official from each city. Each City Council appoints its representatives.

Responsibilities:

- Apply, receive and administer federal and state grants for urban public transit on behalf of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn to provide adequate and efficient transit in the Lewiston-Auburn area.
- Oversee the utilization of public funds provided by the cities of Lewiston and Auburn.
- Planning of urban public transit through maintaining and implementing a short – and long -range transit plan.
- Develop and approve annual budgets for operations, maintenance and repairs, capital improvements, and other incidental costs associated with providing transit service.
- Establish bus routes in Lewiston and Auburn, set fares, and set policies and procedures for the oversight of Lewiston and Auburn's urban transit services, including fixed route and ADA complementary paratransit service.

Time Commitment:

The Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 12:00 PM. Meetings typically last 1-1½ hours. Meetings are held at the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, Auburn City Hall and Lewiston City Hall. The meeting schedule is subject to change during the year, and "special" meetings are sometimes scheduled to address a specific issue/concern.

Committee member terms are for three (3) years, with the exception of elected public officials whose terms shall run concurrent with their term in office. Members are not limited to one (1) term.

Qualifications:

Potential committee members should have a general interest in public transit. Committee members must be able to meet the transit needs of the community while providing responsible financial oversight. To the extent possible, committee membership should reflect the population(s) using public transit – seniors, disabled, low-income, immigrant, etc.

Potential members need to have a flexible schedule to attend meetings, and be active, participating member at meetings.