

**Court Street Improvements Study**  
**Friday, June 14, 2019 Auburn City Hall – 10:00 A.M.**  
**Minutes**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Audrey Knight	Auburn
Tim Cogle	Auburn PD
Rick Whiting	Auburn Housing Authority
Wayne Emington	FHWA
Richard Barnham	Lewiston
Larry Post	Androscoggin County Administrator
Lindsey McGrory	Engine House
James McGrory	Engine House

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT**

Jennifer Williams	ATRC
George Peterson	ATRC
Tom Errico	TYLin
Holly Lasagna	Ward 1 City Councilor
Peter Crichton	Auburn City Manager

1. Introductions
  - a. Richardson Associates will be on the team providing landscape architectural services
2. Review Study Scope of Work
  - a. Need to consider whole coordinated signal corridor up to Main & Sabattus
3. Existing Conditions Summary/Data Collection
  - a. Auburn Police Department can place speed data collection equipment along corridor upon request
    - i. Tim Cogle indicated that the police department has not historically gotten speed complaints in the study area
    - ii. Speeds are likely to be higher outside of peak hours, and even more so in the evening
  - b. MaineDOT may be able to provide performance data for the last two years in the study area
  - c. Tom already has access to and will be using StreetLight data
    - i. Origin/Destination data
  - d. Upon preliminary review of traffic count data, Tom noticed that pedestrian levels are unusually low
  - e. TYLin will be working with ATRC to look at traffic growth model
  - f. There are currently five (5) high crash locations in study area
    - i. Tom will be working with APD and MaineDOT to get police reports for crashes
  - g. ATRC will conduct a turning movement count at the intersection of Court St. and Goff St.
  - h. Afternoon commuter hour seems to be shorter (PM Peak hour has higher traffic volumes than AM Peak)
    - i. Midday traffic volumes seem to be higher than morning volumes
  - i. Condition is not currently an issue, no reconstruction or rehab on the horizon

4. Public Meeting/Public Outreach Process
  - a. First public meeting will gather initial concerns and thoughts from public
5. Project Schedule
  - a. Next committee meeting will be held around July 12<sup>th</sup>
  - b. First public meeting will be held around July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Scheduling Notes:
    - i. Business hours work best for majority
    - ii. Mondays are not good
    - iii. Friday mornings seem to work well
6. Comments/Concerns
  - a. Access management along corridor has been a big issue and is hard to enforce
  - b. Not much current pedestrian activity and traffic is often unfriendly to pedestrians (honking, etc.)
  - c. Spring St. sidewalk had been closed for a few years for construction
  - d. Wayne from FHWA indicated that a leading pedestrian phase has worked well in other places and may be appropriate here
  - e. Topography is a big issue and will need to be considered
  - f. Recently and soon to be constructed housing units will likely increase pedestrian activity
    - i. Need to consider additional foot traffic from housing units on north side to Hannaford on south side
  - g. Tom will give some comparative traffic volumes to compare corridor to other locations throughout the state
  - h. The City of Auburn is looking at reconstructing Library Dr., Spring St., etc. to Hampshire St.
  - i. Need to consider possible expansion of Goff St. to accommodate possible new medical facility
  - j. Pleasant St. has an unsignalized pedestrian crossing that will need to be looked at
  - k. Parking along North side of Court St. would provide additional refuge for pedestrians
  - l. Train comes through area 3-4 times daily, possible ITS advanced warning solutions should be looked at
  - m. Lighting along corridor will be generally examined
  - n. Land use and new development in Lewiston needs to be considered
7. Next Steps
  - a. TYLin will continue to examine existing conditions
  - b. ATRC will conduct a turning movement count at Court and Goff
  - c. Committee will begin to shape direction of study at next meeting