

Complete Streets Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 6/25/25

Location: Lewiston DPW, 103 Adams Avenue

Committee Officials: Jeremiah Bartlett, Chair (Auburn); Karen Blakelock, Vice Chair (Lewiston); Paul Josephson, Secretary (Auburn- Public Health Rep.)

Committee Members Present: Katherine Truitt (Auburn), Ted Walworth (Lewiston)

Committee Members Not Present: Justin Snow (Lewiston)-excused, John Ruccolo (Auburn), Zoe Caron (Lewiston) - excused, Heather Barnett (Auburn)- excused

Others in attendance: Kris Bennett (City of Auburn), Paul Niehoff (City of Lewiston), Brad Pineau (ARTC), Ben Lounsbury (Auburn), Amy Soper (Androscoggin Land Trust), Emily Paskewicz (East Coast Greenway), Jeff Harmon (Mayor of Auburn)

Agenda Items

1. Welcome/Check-In/Introductions

2. Approval of April 2025 Meeting Notes

- Motion to accept the minutes by Ted W., second by Katherine T., Vote-Passes

3. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

- None

4. Active Transportation Efforts around L/A by East Coast Greenway/CBTA

- Presentation by Emily Paskewicz
- greenway.org, Casco Bay Trail Alliance
- Envisioned Route in Lewiston-Auburn, loop Portland-Auburn-Lewiston-Brunswick-Yarmouth
- Danville Corner Rd. to Danville Junction – GAP, Rail adjacent, CMP corridor option
 - Washington St. study to inform this corridor
- Auburn Rail Trail in the early design status
- Lewiston Riverfront Island Masterplan – moving forward
- CSX Rail - Title research process, bridge assessments
- Lisbon Lewiston Lower Rail
- Public awareness and process, this group or others interested? Contact Emily.

5. Washington/Beech Hill Discussion (Auburn)

- Recent multiple fatality accident at this location
- City staff made a presentation at the Council workshop last week.
- Kris B. presented to CS Committee: High speeds typical. The demo project didn't happen as expected. In March, the State reached out (Washington St. is a State road). Today the city received confirmation that State will be putting up dangerous intersection signs and changing the speed limit. Change to 45mph sooner on Washington St. South. Shift north, northbound, static signs put up for now, then when available, flashing 45mph signs. Sebago Technics on board for the full traffic signal construction, though not until 2026 or 2027. 18 months is a typical timeline to install signal. Question of right of way necessity. Police have increased enforcement. Mike Leberge – State DOT is assigned and stakeholders are being communicated with.

6. 3-Foot Rule Signage Discussion

- Ben Lounsbury presented: Nate (or Scott) Holland, installed signs in Auburn. 2007 was the State rule/law change for providing a minimum of 3 feet when passing a cyclist. Public awareness and progress in Auburn, intro to Lewiston tonight.
- Bike route plan has been completed in the past. Brad P. will share the plan with the committee.
- DOT had in past process for community to request. Paul N. shared a long history of advocacy and work on this. Two compliant signs developed based on speed limit. Paul to present more about this in the future.

7. Canal Street Demonstration Project Update (Lewiston)

- Paul Neihoff: Notices being put out, signs, social media. 4 hours of striping and 100 delineators are planned. Tonight is a plan to lay out the striping plan. Green paint to be in potential conflict areas, then gray out white paint that is inconsistent with the pilot. Tomorrow night striping, hoping by Friday it will be complete.

8. Minot Avenue VPI Study (Auburn)

- 50/50 cost share with the State, but scope of work altered due to lack of funding. Study now covering Hotel Rd. to Union St. Kickoff occurred and a walk took place. Gorrill Palmer is the firm completing the study. Intersection improvements, access discussions, road diet and center islands being considered. Fairview School/Poland Rd. intersection is an issue. Rotary is an issue for all modes of transport. Two public meetings proposed.

- Committee concerned about past outer Minot Ave. (Hotel Rd. to Hatch) accidents. Consideration of road diet. Kris B. reports this had already been planned, but then when painting was done, the diet was not done by the contractor.

9. Court Street Planning Study (Auburn)

- All local funding. Similar timeline to Minot Ave. study. Next winter deliverable is expected. Court St. is a State road and State DOT recommends traffic calming and safety improvements. Goff intersection and Heathco's area are known targets for improvements. Study covers Court St. from Minot to Union.

10. Lisbon Street Planning Study (Lewiston)

- Kicked off today, by Toole Design. Study extends to March. Study covers Cedar to Pleasant. Lewiston lower potential cross. 'Gateway' area.
- State DOT involved.

11. Adjourn 6:30

Next Official Scheduled Meeting (October 22, 2025) to be Held in **Auburn, 60 Court Street.**

Meetings the Fourth Wednesday of January, April, June, October at 5 PM for
Lewiston/Auburn

Optional Meetings can be held in other months or Community-Specific