

Lewiston/Auburn
Complete Streets Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 1/28/26, 5pm

Committee Officials Present: Paul Josephson, Secretary (Public Health Representative)
Karen Blakelock, Vice Chair & Acting Chair (Lewiston)

Committee Members Present: Katherine Truitt (Auburn); John Ruccolo (Auburn – arrival 5:20pm), Ted Walworth (Lewiston- arrival 5:30pm)

Committee Members Not Present: Zoe Caron (Lewiston); Heather Barnett (Auburn)

Committee Vacancies: Lewiston (1), Auburn (1)

Others Present:, Paul Niehoff (City of Lewiston); Kris Bennett (City of Auburn); Jason Levesque (Auburn)

Agenda:

1. Welcome/ check-in/ introductions

2. Lowell/Chapel St. Development (Lewiston)

Jason Levesque from Aegean Development presented with display of maps and designs on screen for CS members.

Plan for 152 Units in a six story residential building. All market rate apartments, though with planning for affordability guidelines for local income categories. Breaking ground in ~3 months. Eventual Riverwalk connector to Middle St. Lowell St. will have a 9 ft sidewalk at street level. Bollards will prevent drivers from entering the sidewalk. There will be an increased pedestrian transport need in the area with the new residences.

Early planning stages for street and transport modality needs. CS Committee member suggested bike lanes for Lowell St. The developer said that had been proposed in the initial plans, but the city declined that aspect of the planning. Developer and CS interested in including bike lanes if it was an option the city would reconsider.

An upcoming related aspect is the Middle Street repaving project this year. CS requests an update on Middle Street planning from the City of Lewiston at the next meeting.

3. Approval of December 2025 Meeting Notes

- Paul J. motion to accept minutes as emailed by prior CS Chair Jeremiah Bartlett. Second by Ted W. Vote carries.

4. Election of New Officers

a. Committee Chair

John R. nominated Paul Josephson for CS Chair. Paul accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vote – Paul Josephson elected CS Chair.

b. Vice Chair

Katherine Truitt self-nominated. Ted W. seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vote- Katherine Truitt elected CS Vice Chair.

c. Secretary

There were no nominations for CS Secretary, an official seat requested by incoming chair Paul J. as holding both roles is not preferred. Motion to table this agenda item by Katherine T. Seconded by John R. Vote- passes.

5. Determination of Committee Vacancy

Discussion: Lewiston has one vacancy, the seat held prior by Justin Snow. Auburn has one vacancy, the seat held by Jeremiah Bartlett, whose term expired 12/31/25. Lewiston's vacancy is in the process of being filled. Paul N. understands there were three applicants, none appointed yet. Paul N. will check status.

Citing precedent from prior votes and the Ordinance (Sec. 2-482.3. Appointment and membership, Subsection e.), Paul J. motioned to declare a vacancy for the seat currently held by Heather Barnett of Auburn for failure to attend three consecutive meetings without being excused. Seconded by Katherine T. Discussion that member Barnett had not participated in the CS Committee meetings in 2025 and was not present for the first meeting of 2026. Vote- passes.

Additional discussion: If Auburn does not have potential CS members, and Lewiston has multiple people interested, Ted W., as a long time physician and having held seats on health boards, could transition to the Public Health Representative.

6. New Business

- a. Ted W. cites the traffic light at Lincoln and Cedar. Concern for traffic back up in the lane that is a left turn off of Cedar. Paul N. at a future meeting can update CS as this intersection was included in a recent study for the Continental Mill development.
7. Project updates from Lewiston Public Works (Paul N.)
 - a. New sidewalk work and pedestrian crossing between Lincoln and Oxford by Labadie's Bakery. This will connect the Chestnut St. garage and Continental Mill area and new residential development. Kickoff meeting held and community survey to occur. Paul N. is unsure when this will be posted for bidding.
 - b. Beech St. Road and Ribbon path. This is from Simard Payne Park to a bridge behind the museum, then path to Cedar St.
8. Public Comment
 - a. None
9. Motion to adjourn by Karen B., second by Ted W. Vote – passes.

Next Official Scheduled Meeting: April 22, 2026 to be held in Lewiston @ Department of Public Works.

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. Please contact Paul Josephson to request a meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, March 25th.