

Bath Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2017

In Attendance

Kevin Shute, Tim Blair, Travis Wolfel, Carl Zeis, Anne Dunham, Robert McChesney, Andrew Deci, Steve Balboni, Lee Leiner, Dan Couture, Ben Averill

Absent

John Swenson, David Comeau

Introductory Comments

- Introductions to Ben Averill, City Planner, newest Committee Member
- Announcement of Lawrence Kovacs, Ex-Officio Member representing RSU1

Public Forum Recap

- The Committee reviewed the notes gathered during the public session
- The Committee agreed that we should schedule another public forum perhaps annually, and use it as an opportunity to stay in touch with the concerns of the community and also to share accomplishments and goals of the Committee.

Bike Ped Plan Updates and Next Steps

- Committee reviewed what might be missing based on any input from the Public Forum as well as recent developments regarding the development of a local/regional mountain bike organization.
- **TASK:** Tim will add something about Mountain biking into the final version of the plan. **(COMPLETED)**
- **TASK:** Tim will incorporate two additions that the infrastructure committee made to their list of Infrastructure Activities table. **(COMPLETED).**
- Present the plan to City Council in two steps:
 - **TASK:** Travis will go to the City Council in January to let them know about the Bike Friendly Designation, let them know that we're working on the updated plan, and then we'll come in February to get their thoughts on the Bike Plan. **(COMPLETED)**
 - **TASK:** Kevin, Andrew, and Ben will attend the February 7th Council meeting.
 - Council will be asked to approve the plan so it can be used for CIP, Budget Purposes

- Committee voted and approved the current Bike Ped Plan for submission to the Council with the understanding that Tim and Kevin would meeting to make the modifications described above.

Bicycle Friendly Community Award

- Kevin explained our new Bronze Level status which stays in place for 3 years.

Crosswalk criteria:

- **TASK:** Lee will put some together for discussion in February. Infrastructure committee will put it on their list.

Role of Transportation and Bike/Ped Committees

- Andrew explained the difference between the origin of the two committees.
- Our committee is more like a public committee, with staff support. The Transportation committee was more like a Council committee, with a few ex-officio staff.
- Committee agrees that we continue as is, no changes to our groups definition, but Andrew will develop some process or workflow definitions to help clarify where, when and how each committee and staff department might get involved with certain opportunities or issues.

Recommendation – Categorization of roadways/sidewalks

- Travis presented his Bath Roadway Levels and Categorization
- Andrew mentioned that we have a Categorization in the Comp Plan
- Group discussed the merits of having a baseline categorization to simplify conversations about road design.

New bond – Projects

- Lee presented and reviewed the proposed approaches upcoming infrastructure improvements related to the approved bond.
- Lee has asked the group to consider 3 options for tackling the committee's sidewalk priorities:
 - Should sidewalks with higher priority numbers be paved even if the resulting group of sidewalks is discontinuous?
 - Should groups of sidewalks in a local network around important destinations be improved despite mix of priorities?
 - Should a lower priority sidewalk along a street being paved be improved, or should the money be used at a higher priority sidewalk that may not be along a street to be improved.

- **TASK:** All committee members should plan to provide feedback and input to Lee about these options in February.

Other Updates

- Jan. 17th Meeting – Angela King Bicycle Coalition of Maine has invited members of the public to review the DOT recommendations regarding the priorities areas identified during the public forum earlier in the year.
- Travis shared a copy of “Residents Guide to Safer Communities for Biking and Walking” (Tim currently has the copy if anyone wants to see it).