

1. Bicycle And Pedestrian Committee Meeting Materials

Documents:

[TOWN OF YORK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 21
2022 FINAL.PDF](#)

Attendees:

David McCarthy
Jeannie Adamowicz
Leah Drennan
Michele Sedler
Guest: Peter Stockless

Note: No Committee meetings were held in May or June.

Topics Discussed:

1. Complete Streets Policy for the Town of York: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was approved by the voters and included in the existing Comprehensive Plan by reference. The Master Plan included a high level complete streets policy. The draft update of the Comprehensive Plan includes more specific language to bolster and formalize the Complete Streets Policy and to assure its implementation through Town procedures.

In parallel, the Maine Department of Transportation is updating their complete streets policy to require Towns and metropolitan planning organizations to adhere to the policy on any roads that are state roads and/or use state or federal funding for maintenance or upgrades. MDoT is also developing an Active Transportation Strategic Plan that will also impact how state funding will be used to assure the transportation system accommodates the needs of all users – motorists, public transportation, pedestrians, cyclists, and users with special needs.

The bicycle and pedestrian committee will work with Town Staff, the Planning Board, and the Selectboard to develop a Town Complete Streets Policy and related implementing procedures that meet the directives of MDoT and comply with the strategies of the updated Comprehensive Plan. The Town policies and procedures will promote motorist and vulnerable user safety. Meet MDoT requirements, and assure local flexibility to optimize allocation of funds.

While preliminary work on the Town Complete Streets Policy and procedures will be ongoing, completion of the policy will be after the Comprehensive plan is finalized (Nov 2022 vote), MDoT Complete Streets issuance (late 2022), and completion of the Active Transportation Strategic Plan early 2023). In the interim, the Town staff and boards will continue to apply the complete streets philosophy using existing procedures.

2 Other initiatives and issues:

- Comprehensive Plan public hearing July 28 at 7:00. See [Town-of-York-2022-Comprehensive-Plan_Revised-draft-dated-June-27-2022 \(yorkmaine.org\)](#) pages 56-60 for transportation discussion.
- The Eastern Trail Alliance ([The Eastern Trail Alliance – Southern Maine's Multi-Use Greenway](#)) Executive Director met with Dylan Smith and David McCarthy to discuss York interest in working to extend an off-road section of the Eastern Trail from South Berwick/Eliot to the Memorial Bridge. We will join the effort in conjunction with ETA, SMPDC, and the towns of Eliot, Kittery, and South Berwick in this effort.
- Long Sands crosswalk visibility is an ongoing concern. Specifically, pedestrians are unable to see oncoming traffic until they are well into the crosswalk due to cars parked too close to the crosswalk. The committee will research alternative approaches to increase visibility. Some ideas to be considered:
 - Eliminate a parking spot at a few high traffic crosswalks
 - Reduce the length of some spots near crosswalks and repurpose them for motorcycle parking
 - Replace automobile parking spot(s) with bicycle racks

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for April meeting were approved and will be submitted for posting on the Town website.

4. Citizen Input: Peter Stockless from York expressed concerns about walking and biking safety issues around town. He specifically noted the need for a signed crosswalk on York Street at Lilac Lane to slow traffic and allow safe pedestrian crossing. More generally, he noted concerns with speeding that endanger cyclists. Favorable comments were offered on recent shoulders on Scotland Bridge and the design of the Village revitalization.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 25, 2022 – 12:00 – York Public Library

Agenda:

Long Sands Crosswalk Safety
Complete Streets Policy Plan of Action
Comprehensive Plan Update
Approve minutes
Citizen input – to be confined to bike/ped issues