

1. Bicycle And Pedestrian Committee Meeting Materials

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TOWN OF YORK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 25 2022 FINAL.PDF

**Attendees:**

David McCarthy
Jeannie Adamowicz
Leah Drennan
Brian Ross
Guest: Sergeant Brian McNeice - York Police Department

**Topics Discussed:**

**1. Reducing speeding in York:**

As evidenced by the myriad of signs sprouting up in York, residents are concerned with speeding and the dangers that result from excessive speed. This is not unique to York.

The Bicycle Coalition of Maine of Maine has initiated a Slow Maine Down campaign.



The Town of Kennebunk has begun an effort to address speeding with the tag line *Slow Down Kennebunk - Life will be waiting for you when you arrive.* "[Slow Down Kennebunk" | Kennebunk, ME - Official Website](https://www.kennebunkmaine.us) ([kennebunkmaine.us](https://www.kennebunkmaine.us))

Sergeant Brian McNeice joined the Committee to discuss speeding and other bike/ped safety issues from the perspective of the patrol car and the CSO bicycle. He also provided information about ongoing YPD efforts concerning speeding, distracted driving, and operating under the influence. The goal is to have motorists and other road users voluntarily comply with traffic laws. A traffic violation warning is an opportunity to educate individuals with citations and fines reserved for dangerous behavior and/or repeated violations. YPD also looks for opportunities to provide rewards to those who model good behavior such as giving free ice cream certificates to youths they observe doing things right.

**2. Data sources on speeding and crashes:** In addition to responding to crashes, following up on resident calls, and dealing with motorists while on patrol, YPD utilizes data from the state data base (for crashes involving personal injury or damage costing over \$1000), local data for traffic stops, and from speed studies conducted throughout the town. The state data is available to the public with a query tool at: <https://mdotapps.maine.gov/MaineCrashPublic/> York has between 350 and 400 reportable accidents each year.

The committee recognizes these sources of data can be useful to focus our efforts.

**3. Working with YPD on bicycle and pedestrian safety events:**

York Police are active participants in bicycle and pedestrian safety events including the Bike Rodeo at Coastal Ridge, the Family bike ride, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety efforts in the schools. We look to expand that collaboration in several area, including:

- Committee participation in the York High School Traffic Safety Week
- Publicizing YPD events and communications in social media
- Working with YPD to initiate a Vulnerable User safety education week in May/June timeframe.

- Support and PD in their joint efforts with AAA on road safety.
- Support the School Resource Officers in educating and engaging parents and students in bike safety.

#### **4. Additional committee efforts:**

- Continue to identify and support efforts to improve Town infrastructure to improve safety for all road users.
- Work with other towns and the Bicycle Coalition to reduce speeding.
- Hold periodic meetings at the York Police Department to continue to build relationships and alignment.
- Investigate best practices for dealing with safety issues associated with micro transportation (e.g. skateboards, electric scooters, etc.)
- Bike/Ped safety education via social media and print media.
- Build group of locals to model speed limit compliance.

#### **5. Limited crosswalk visibility:**

Safety concerns have been noted about the limited visibility at numerous crosswalks along Long Sands Beach and other areas. In many cases, pedestrians need to be almost in the northbound traffic lane before being able to see oncoming traffic. The committee will research possible solutions to this issue. Initial ideas are to redesign parking spaces that limit visibility and repurpose them as bike corrals, motorcycle/moped parking, or other options that are used by other towns.

**6. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for July meeting were approved and will be submitted for posting on the Town website.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2022 – 12:00 – York Public Library**

#### **Agenda:**

Long Sands Crosswalk Safety  
Follow-up actions from YPD discussions