

**Transportation Team**  
**January 26, 2011**  
**3:30-5:00**

**Members & Guests Present:** Doug Carnrick, Joel Greenwood, Kim Hawkes (guest from the Rotary), Chris Huck, Elery Keene, Alex Wheelwright (guest from Kennebec Valley Organization), Penny Vaillancourt, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

Member Peter Garrett sent an e-mail asking Transportation Team members who are so inclined to contact Representative Mike Michaud and ask that he save dedicated funding for biking and walking. On Thursday, February 2, the House Transportation Committee will be voting on the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act, a bill that eliminates crucial funds for biking and walking.

Jim distributed the new bus schedules. It reflects the new route from Fairfield to Augusta.

Kim is interested in providing bus shelters for the elderly. Jim thinks it is more viable to have a company make benches from concrete & 2X4s. The forms cost approximately \$125. Bus stop signs with specifics about routes could accompany the bench.

Jim already has “bus stop” signs. Kim thinks Rotarians would help with posting these. The obstacle seems to be permission to post these signs and have a bench located near businesses. Kim wondered who she needed to talk to locate these.

Action Items:

Kim: Contact both Hannafords, Concourse (Shannon), Walmart, downtown Fairfield, Marden’s; Report back to Jim

Linda: Contact Jeff at Omnigraphics (plexiglass, 4X6, Explorer, Rotary, SMMC logos, maybe two-sided)

Penny reported about an inventory throughout the state to determine public transportation needs. The Executive Summary will be a tool for areas to know how the system works.

Penny is working with Dan Stewart to create a pedestrian movement grant for municipalities to improve transit stops to help people with disabilities.

Penny was unable to reach an agreement with the owner of the potential location for the park & ride in Waterville. Other locations were suggested.

KVCAP has collaborated with Spectrum Generations to apply for a \$50,000 grant to get more education about public transportation to seniors.

Jim boasted that Free Fare Fridays brought 5,937 riders in December. ☺

Jim summarized the work completed by Garrison, Mike & Caitlin (Colby students) who surveyed bus riders as well as non-riders. Jim will present the full report at the next meeting.

Action Item:

Jim: Bring the power point to the next meeting

Doug thinks SMMC should try for a grant to increase bus availability.

Alex has been dealing with DHHS funding cuts. He hopes to meet with Maine General and Inland Hospital soon.

Chris said that the DOT will soon be soliciting towns for projects for next biennium budget. Starting points include: side walks, bike route, safe routes to school

Joel has been working with Peter to map the Kennebec Messalonskee Trail System. He showed an impressive map. The Inland Trail is the only one on mainetrailfinder.com at this time. A discussion occurred about how to create bicycle/pedestrian trails in Winslow to avoid where Bay St. cross the railroad tracks.

Alex invited us to the KVO Convention at Notre Dame March 1 from 6-8 PM. A printed invitation will follow.

The next meeting will be **February 29** at **3:30** at **KVCOG**.