

Transportation
March 28, 2013
4:00

Members Present: Chris Huck, Peter Garrett, Joel Greenwood, Jim Wood, Linda Woods

Jim distributed the list of projects that was generated at the annual meeting. (See attached.) The list is more of an umbrella, as opposed to projects.

The decision is that the team is working hard on 8 & 9; 10 is outcome; 11 is ongoing; 13 is introductory stages. They support 12, but it seems insurmountable; If a new list is created, be sure to add "Park & Ride lot."

The notes that follow reflect the discussion that occurred.

#8. Develop Infrastructure to Encourage/Enable Bicycle and Pedestrian Alternatives

Peter: meeting of comprehensive planning for WTVL held on Monday; several SMMC Transportation Team members participated; biking & pedestrian was encouraged; Peter needs a map—which need bike lanes? need sidewalks? repairs on sidewalks? location of storm drains?

Chris: WTVL Public Works might have one.

A formal committee has been created through the City: Greater WTVL Bike/Ped Committee

The City votes to add new items (such as bike/ped) to the comprehensive planning.

Joel is working on comprehensive planning for Fairfield.

Scott has a draft for WTVL.

Questions: How to word Scott's concern about narrowing streets?

How is street construction decided?

comprehensive planning group seemed supportive; not sure what more input can be provided, as much has been presented

Joel is willing to serve on the committee to investigate this.

Action Items:

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By concentrating on # 8 "Develop Infrastructure to Encourage/Enable Bicycle and Pedestrian Alternatives" & #9 "Improve and Expand Public Transportation," # 10 "Reduce the Consumption of Fossil Fuels in Vehicles" and "Establish electric fueling stations" should be accomplished.

Working on aspects if 8 & 9, so these are top priorities.

Establish electric fueling stations is for the City to add something like parking meters

Action Item:

Linda: contact Chris—find any grants to fund electric fueling stations

Jim summarized the problems that Brunswick has experienced with hybrid buses.

Kennebec Explorer = 8 mpg; hybrid 8.5 mpg

Peter summarized the new developments for Kennebec Messalonskee Trails (KMT).

April 24 KMT Annual Meeting Winslow Elementary School 5:00 to 7:00

May 7 Active Communities Conference—register through the Waterville Opera House

June 1 National Trails Day 9:00 to noon—welcome to walk Scale House Rd and see new property

Doing a downtown bike/ped audit

East Coast Greenway does not come through WTVL, goes to Fort Halifax & notes a side trail to downtown. Peter wants it to come through WTVL. Bay St is the obstacle.

Will allow the East Coast Greenway to go up the east side of the Kennebec

Chris summarized a meeting he had several years with Winslow officials about the Bay St. obstacle. They were supposed to get Dan Stewart to evaluate this.

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2 or 3 informal routes exist for Safe Routes to School in Winslow; hoping to formalize these this year

Jim is working on his biennial operations budget. He has a comprehensive two-year plan. Funding has changed, so there are multiple questions/concerns. Not sure how allocations will be decided. A lot of grants need matching funds. Jim is working hard to get the municipalities to provide additional funds. Local partnerships help springboard the operation. Hoping to provide hourly service through the area.

The *Somerset Explorer* ridership is increasing slowly. There was a CATV program showing the Skowhegan town manager riding on the bus.

Move More Kids Project will continue this summer (takes families to Lake George)

Chris suggested transforming the buses to distinguish the *Kennebec Explorer* from the KVCAP buses.

A discussion followed about the struggle to put a bus stop and to get stores to post maps/signs.

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The next meeting will be **Thursday, April 25 at 4:00 at KVCOG.**

Since there are so many action items, I copied them here in a more logical way.

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