

Transportation
July 25, 2013
4:00-5:15

People Present: Peter Garrett, Joel Greenwood, Pamela Trinwood (guest), Jim Wood, Linda Woods

Jim's biggest challenge: effective next Thursday (8/1), Maine Care non-emergency transit system will be transferred to another agency through a call center in Lewiston. This causes an increase in call-wait time and hassles for riders. He explained this situation thoroughly to Pamela (who works with Representative Pingree). She & Jim will discuss this further.

Chris: KVCOG is working with Downtown Clean Street in Augusta, Gardiner, & Skowhegan. They would like to develop a dedicated bicycle trail from Skowhegan to Augusta. KVCOG will be doing a feasibility study.

Jim: will be participating in the Maine DOT's development of a statewide strategic plan for transportation.

Pamela is pleased to hear there is public transit available to Togus.

Action Item:

Linda: link to *Kennebec Explorer* on City web site?

Peter: the Senate's amendment of Transportation bill 1742 cut alternative modes of transportation out of bill entirely. The Bicycle Coalition of Maine contacted Senator Collins.

Peter: Maine Trail Finder (web site) designed by UMF has all major Kennebec Messanloskee Trails on it. This is a very comprehensive web site. Working to add the minor trails (e.g., Fort Halifax Park, Mill Island Park, the Oxbow)

Peter: new KMT trail map coming

Action Item:

Joel: send shape files to Peter & Jim

Jim: new bus brochure coming that indicates trail interfacing
Relocating the Augusta bus depot to a closer spot to the Augusta-Hallowell trail
Expanding commuter services to Augusta 6:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Scott: has organized a weekly bike ride No Rider Left Behind on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
They leave from behind Barrels. He & Peter invite everyone to join this group. ☺

Joel: new executive director at KVCOG, so they are working on refocusing & outreach

Joel: During meetings for the Fairfield Comprehensive Plan, bike/ped concerns came up frequently as a suggested focus by audience

Scott & Peter are taking tax maps for WTVL and drawing bike connections on quiet roads & neighborhoods.

Scott asks for the team's support to make a formal request to the City of Waterville to include in its Parking Ordinance a requirement for bike parking in every new or redeveloped property (businesses, multi-family housing, etc.). He suggests throwing a carrot out to the developer that if a certain threshold of parking is met (say 3+ spaces), they can leave off a space if they dedicate that square footage to bicycle parking. This incentive will save the developer money.

Unanimous verbal support was given.

Action Items:

Scott: write the letter & to Jim ASAP

Jim: take above letter to team leaders' meeting on August 1

The next meeting will be **Thursday, September 26 at 4:00 at KVCOG.**