

June 2025 Bath Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transportation Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 4:00 pm; Bath City Hall

Members present:

- Tim Blair, Co-Chair
- Megan Mansfield-Pryor, Co-Chair, City Council
- Karl Best, Secretary
- Kevin Shute
- Connor English
- Jeanne Twomey
- Chief Andrew Booth, Bath Police Dept
- Rod Melanson, Bath Director of Sustainability
- Brian Salter, BIW representative
- Travis Wolfel

Members absent:

- Nancy Sferra
- Rick Kessler
- Chris Marks, City Council
- Michael Trundy, RSU1 representative

Guests present:

- Ginger Arnold, Sustainability Department intern
- Megan Hannan, Metro Breez
- Mike Trembly, Metro Breez
- Amelia Nielson, Resilient Bath
- Julie Rabinowitz, BIW Director of Communications

1. Introductions
2. Meeting Minutes, Action Items and Updates from Previous Meetings and Subcommittees
 - o Approval of May Meeting Minutes
Motion, second, approved.
 - o Approval of June Outreach and Advisory Meeting Minutes
Motion, second, approved.
3. Review of Action Items from previous meeting
 - o ArcGIS audit survey – Travis/Rod to follow up
 - Travis still needs to finalize survey questions with Rod. Outreach subcommittee to review and send to full committee. Question about whether to extend the use of the web app form beyond committee members; subcommittee to discuss.

- o Update on MDOT/BIW/COB planning scope and timeline (A2K related, but no updates)
 - A2K and MDOT scopes are now tied together to the BIW project but remain separate projects. Scope for both to be finalized and out to bid within the next month; efficiencies for combining management. MDOT needs to review A2K feasibility.

4. Subcommittee Reports and Chair Updates

- o Statewide convening for Easy Coast Greenway
 - Tim and Megan attended the meeting of the East Coast Alliance, who maintains East Coast Greenway through Maine. A2K is part of this network. Acknowledged that marked highways are not always suitable for riding and it is important to convey that many routes are aspirational.
- o RSU1 representative joining
 - Mike Trundy has accepted our invitation to participate in the committee. Will attend in July.
- o Help Bath Thrive Drive 25
 - Need volunteers to display signs in yards. Connor will coordinate who has taken signs. Need instructions for sign placement, and disposal at end of campaign. Cards and keychains are also available. Rod can handle email requests for signs. Megan to work with Gabby on handouts for police officers to distribute with speed warnings.
- o Outreach and Advisory Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee members toured Lincoln Street for the June meeting. More discussion below.
- o Amelia – Bike Group Update
 - Developing a state-wide Bike/Ped meeting for communities interested in starting bike/ped activities. Committee members invited to attend; contact Amelia if interested.
- o Comprehensive plan parking; Now in the BIW/DOT project
 - The city is looking at parking more broadly and in relation to the BIW parking project. The city is looking at opportunities to improve and expand bus service. BPT committee activities on hold until these have progressed or completed.
- o Succession plan – think about co-chair roles for 2026

- Neither Tim nor Megan will be continuing as co-chairs for 2026; committee members should start thinking about who might be able to serve.

5. Staff updates

- o Parking ordinance updates
 - Chief Booth looking at 93 streets with parking concerns (narrow space, etc.). A 20' wide street does not allow parking on both sides with space for fire trucks. He'll be making recommendations to the City Council. Spots in front of Café Creme and the old dry cleaner need to be repainted; eliminating space on the corner in front of the old dry cleaner. Still considering the potential for one-way at Front & Centre.
- o Sidewalk improvements
 - Approved by City Council. To be distributed to committee
- o Zoning code update
 - The City Council working on this; public meetings for comments; web form feedback. Rod to distribute prior to July meeting.
- o Public Works
 - Denny Road water and repaving through end of the month. Can we provide input for bike routing prior to repaving?
- o Crosswalk painting/stripping
 - In progress

6. Committee Discussion Items

- o Guest speaker: Metro Breez service updates
 - Adding a route to and from Portland to accommodate BIW daytime shift (paid by BIW); promoting BIW workers use of bus and reduced vehicle traffic. If successful, there will be a possibility for additional routes in the future. To be publicly announced tomorrow. 30-person capacity bus; can carry bicycles. \$4 each way to and from Portland. Promotion via direct mail, social media, etc.
- o Lincoln Street demo projects
 - The subcommittee visited Lincoln Street to look at crosswalks. Target is to install demo projects before end of summer, then remove before snow. Rod is working with staff to review plans, working with MDOT on funding. The city has some funding to contribute, but work can't start until MDOT funding is available.

- o BIW projects – public participation, upcoming public meeting schedule and who hosts
 - Public meetings through January 2027.
 - GO MAINE challenge for employees to provide incentives for the use of alternative transportation. BIW winner of overall savings of emissions among large employers; Maine Med is a close second. 622 BIW employees enrolled in the program.
 - Lewiston BlueLine Express bus runs at close to capacity.
 - BREEZ Portland Metro service launching soon. Connections to Portland Amtrak and Jetport.
 - Survey of Bath-based employees. 623 Bath residents; 110 respondents (only 300 have email). 71 work at the main shipyard; almost all on main shift. 21% work from home for two days. Most live 2+ miles away, but many <2 miles. 69% drive alone; 11% ride share; some commute via bike or walking in good weather but 88% don't change mode during summer. 14 bicycles on average parked in racks in good weather: concern about safety of bikes and exposure to weather. Suggestion for additional covered, secure bike parking.
 - Brian/Julie will distribute slides, as well as analysis of the 2019 transportation study.

7. Items proposed for future meetings

- o Riverwalk – members to watch video, attend events if possible, and share feedback. Share via email by July meeting so Tim and Megan can draft a follow-up letter to Jenn.
- o A2K Trail
- o Age-Friendly Communities (July)
- o Fire Station
- o BIW response to 2019 traffic study

8. Action Item Review

- o Connor will coordinate who has taken signs.
- o Megan to work with Gabby on handouts for police officers to distribute with speed warnings.
- o Rod to distribute revised zoning codes prior to July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm