

July 2025 Bath Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transportation Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 4:00 pm; Bath City Hall

Members present:

- Tim Blair, Co-Chair
- Karl Best, Secretary
- Kevin Shute
- Connor English
- Chief Andrew Booth, Bath Police Dept
- Rod Melanson, Bath City Dir. Sustainability
- Brian Salter, Community Representative, BIW
- Nancy Sferra

Members absent:

- Megan Mansfield-Pryor, Co-Chair, City Council
- Jeanne Twomey
- Travis Wolfel
- Rick Kessler
- Chris Marks, City Council
- Michael Trundy, Community Representative, RSU1

Guests present:

- Ginger Arnold, intern
- Gary Anderson, resident
- Michelle Melanson, Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec
- Karin Sadtler, Age-Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec
- Amelia Neilson, interested citizen and volunteer

1. Introductions
2. Presentation from Age Friendly Communities of the Lower Kennebec:
 - Concerns about the ability of seniors to move around the city; transportation gap. 28% of 65+ residents live alone. Bus passes utilized. Volunteer transportation program “Essential Rides for Everyday Living” with 23 registered volunteer drivers and 20 riders; Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Woolwich. Supported by AARP and UMaine.
 - The program is growing with a focus on local residents providing services.
 - BPT Committee and AFCLK will continue to look for opportunities to collaborate.
3. South End Transportation Study (2019) and BIW updates
 - Some recommendation items from 2019 study have been completed, and some paused for and will be completed by BIW during 2026 project

- High/Centre intersection being studied by TY Lin; recommendation in three months
 - Vegetation and turn lanes on High Street off ramp waiting on MDOT
 - Parking 20' from crosswalks and ADA compliance as part of city-wide assessment
 - The committee identified a benefit to keeping track of which crosswalks meet ADA compliance. Rod to identify how or whether that's possible.
 - o BIW assesses applications for parking permits based on job responsibilities; all-day shuttles to satellite lots; increased parking for van shuttles; evaluate shift change times.
 - o Suggestion for staggered release times would require change in union agreements, and also difficult from a management and car pool perspective. The proposed parking garage will be for management and can be staggered.
 - o Brian will update the spreadsheet of items status.
4. Meeting Minutes, Action Items and Updates from Previous Meetings and Subcommittees
- o No quorum, so no approvals of minutes. The committee will approve June and July minutes in the September Meeting.
5. Review of Action Items from previous meeting
- o Connor to organize HBTD25 sign distribution/tracking
 - Committee members to tell Connor where signs have been installed
 - Signs not to be installed in public right of way
 - Feedback that a redesign of the signs could improve understanding of the HBTD25 message. The Committee will consider options when we run out of signs.
 - o Rod to distribute zoning updates for review
 - Rod has distributed documents; committee members should read at least the Executive Summary; committee members become familiar and individually provide comments on the City's website or bring bike/ped/trans specific comments to the committee. Tim will send a reminder to Committee members to review Zoning Update materials, submit comments using a form provided by the City, and share important comments with Committee Co-Chairs.
 - o Rod to follow up on Denny Road sidewalk prioritization
 - Water main break repair turned into a paving project. Sidewalk is still a high priority but given the situation was not able to be included this time around.
 - o Brian to distribute BIW update to South End Transportation Study Tasks
 - See above

- o Riverwalk feedback from committee members
 - Committee letter was submitted; plan has been updated since letter was drafted; committee members should review documents again. Tim will send reminder to the committee to send comments in.
6. Subcommittee Reports and Chair Updates
- o Breez Pilot Bus Ride – Amelia
 - Bus is operational starting this week. Amelia took Breez bus from Portland to this meeting. Ribbon cutting ceremony on August 5th at 11am at the Train Station / Information Center in Bath.
 - o Bike Party Plans – Kevin and Amelia
 - August 6th Wednesday ride to include a bike party. Decorate bikes. Music and refreshments. Possible Police Dept participation. Amelia has developed flyers.
 - Kevin is organizing a practice ride on July 30th at 4pm - meet at the freight shed.
 - o Co-Chair Succession Planning
 - Tim and Megan not continuing as co-chairs in 2026. Asking for one or two committee members to express interest in committee leadership.
 - o Land Use Code
 - Requesting input and will discuss in September meeting
7. Staff updates
- o Chief Booth is continuing work on parking ordinance changes.
 - o Rod finalizing MoUs with MDOT on A2K trail and BIW transportation study. He expects RFP to go out shortly.
8. Committee Discussion Items
- o Lincoln Street Traffic Calming
 - Rod has submitted project to MDOT; waiting for approval and funding. Intent to install before beginning of school year.
 - Need to determine if committee members will host a site walk with residents prior to installation.
 - Flyers for Lincoln Street residents and Survey questions were shown.
 - Committee members to review final details; discuss at Aug 6th subcommittee meeting. Rod/Ginger to send out links to story map and related materials.

- o Sidewalk inventory tool
 - Quick review of app for mobile use; committee members to review. Tim will send a reminder to the committee.
 - Review further at subcommittee meeting on Aug 6th
 - Future discussion for organizing and assigning the data collection
- 9. Items proposed for future meetings
 - o Riverwalk discussion
 - o Fire Station

10. Action Item Review

No meeting in August

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm