

Attendees:

David McCarthy
Scott Brown
Brian Ross
Brendan Summerville – Town Planner

Topics Discussed:**Bike Events in 2025**

Bike Rodeo: May 14 at CRES. While total attendance was down from previous years, the Rodeo participants and families were actively engaged. The attendance drop was largely due to conflicting baseball make-up games that were postponed due to weather. This year's 40 + participants compares with 80 in 2024 and about 100 pre-Covid.

The committee believes we should consider reducing the rodeo to an hour and a half for next year.

Family Ride: Family ride took place on Sunday, May 18 in limited form due to minimal attendance. Possible causes of the lack of attendance were iffy weather and the change from Saturday to Sunday to avoid a conflict with Voting Day.

The Committee participated in the *Climate Action Fair* on May 3rd. We hosted a table promoting safety, upcoming events, e-bikes, and active transportation.

Route 1 study. In May, voters approved funding for the Route 1 study from the Kittery Line to Mountain Road. The study will look for ways to improve traffic flow, provide accessible and safe infrastructure for vulnerable users (walkers, cyclists, and mobility challenge road users), assess crosswalks needs, and promote active transportation to reduce vehicle miles traveled.

Brendan distributed copies of the statement of work for potential bidders and asked if any Bike/Ped Committee members could work with Town Staff and contractor(s) in conducting the study. Brian volunteered to take the lead for the Committee. Other Committee members will assist when needed.

Complete Streets Policy/Bike Friendly Community Application. Town staff received an inquiry from the Bicycle League about York submitting an application to be certified as a Bike Friendly Community. Dave suggested that resources could be better spent focusing on development of a Complete Streets Policy which is required by the Comprehensive Plan and would be a foundational element of any Bike Friendly application.

Development of a Complete Streets Policy requires active participation of key Town Staff who will be responsible for implementing the policy. This policy is often not viewed as urgent as the individuals involved in many aspects of creating complete streets support complete streets concepts in their daily efforts. Further, current procedures like the paving planning, establishing the capital plan, planning board deliberations, street condition surveys, have led to generally good outcomes for all road users. Town voters have by and large supported these efforts with budget approvals.

The Route 1 study will be a demonstration of how well existing processes and procedures can result in a complete street on York's busiest street. It will be a challenge.

Crosswalks Discussions deferred concerning improved visibility and safety of crosswalks with focus on Long Beach Avenue. Taylor Maguire was unable to attend the meeting. Her work on designing upcoming seawall/sidewalk layouts would inform Committee efforts and provide for crosswalk improvements during the seawall projects. Brendan will see if there are any designs for the upcoming upgrades. A crosswalk by the General Store is of particular interest to the committee.

Using bike corrals and/or paid motorcycle parking on the beach side of the road would provide greater visibility for pedestrians and oncoming north bound motorists. Other alternatives would be to restrict parking near crosswalks to compact cars and/or added cautionary signage. The crossing signage near the gazebo in York Beach is an example.

Minutes were approved for the June meeting. The minutes will be sent for posting on the Town web site.

Next Meeting:

August 12, 2025 at 3:15 at the York Public Library

No meeting will be held in July.

Agenda:

Approve Minutes

Route 1 Study

Complete Streets

Crosswalks and crossings