

Attendees:

David McCarthy
Brian Ross
Jeannie Adamowitz
Scott Brown
Judi Sewell
Brendan Summerville – Town Planner

Route 1 study.

A kick off meeting was held on August 20. Jeannie and Dave participated in the meeting. The presentation and discussions focused on key elements impacting safety of all road users.

- Intersection design
- Speed limit rationalization
- Sidewalks
- Bike Lanes/Shoulders
- Turning bottlenecks

Brian will be the primary Bike/Ped Committee Representative to the Steering Committee.

Complete Streets Policy/Plan

A discussion continued on Complete Streets processes and procedures. By and large, Town officials, boards, and committees actions have been consistent with Complete Streets philosophy. (e.g. Village Revitalization Design, Organug road upgrades, Mountain Road capital improvements). The purpose of having written policy and procedures approved by the Selectboard is to assure continuity of progress to improve safety and accessibility of for all road users and to identify what, if any, changes or adjustments need to be made in existing procedures and or ordinances to allow staff and boards to fully implement the complete streets policy.

Approaches to building a workable complete streets policy/plan could be capturing how actual projects are identified, approved, funded, and implemented. This might include checklists, flow charts, decision trees, or other keys that inform citizens and future staff how to be successful.

Hot links to information sources:

Maine DoT Complete Streets Policy:

<https://www.maine.gov/dot/sites/maine.gov.dot/files/inline-files/MaineDOT%20Complete%20Streets%20Policy%202024.pdf>

[Active Transportation | Maine Department of Transportation](#)**Crosswalks**

Discussions were 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. Taylor will be invited to join the October 21 meeting. 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.

Issues with Out of Class Electric Vehicle (OCEV) operation

“OCEVs, often mistaken for e-bikes, are illegal to operate on roads and trails, unlike Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes which are regulated by state law.”

[Portsmouth police increase enforcement of reckless e-bike, OCEV riders](#)

[E-Bike & Electric Mobility Community Meeting | City of Portsmouth](#)

Complaints about use of small electric motor cycles have been noted. Often, riders are under age 16. Some of these cycles can go as fast as 50 mph. Portsmouth has begun to establish rules for dealing with these illegal vehicles. The above links to an article and a scheduled meeting are how Portsmouth is proceeding.

Dave will check with York Police and Maine DoT to find out how they are approaching the problem.

Mountain Road improvement priority?

The committee has asked for a recommendation on whether the next phase of Mountain Road improvements should prioritize the lower section (Route 1 to Chases Pond) or the upper section above the recently completed capital project to Mt A. One consideration is how Mountain Road may become part of the Eastern Trail network. Scott will follow up with the Eastern Trail alliance for updated information.

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

Next Meeting:

October 21 2025 at 3:15 at the Grant House (Parks and Rec)

Agenda:

Long Beach Ave Crosswalks

Additional bike rack at the library

Approve Minutes

Route 1 Corridor Study update

Complete Streets process

Crosswalks and crossings