



BACTS Policy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

*Brewer Auditorium
318 Wilson Street
Brewer, ME 04412*

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of December 16, 2014 Minutes
- 3) TIP Process Presentation
- 4) Technical Issues
 - a. Construction Progress Reports
- 5) Transit Report
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Adjournment

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2014 9:30 am

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Don Cooper	BACTS
Barbara Veilleux	Penobscot County
David Pardia	Penobscot Nation
David Gould	City of Bangor
Bob Osborne	Town of Hampden
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Rob Yerxa	City of Orono
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Scott Perkins	Hermon
Laurie Linscott	Community Connector

Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:37 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Bob Osborne made the motion to accept the minutes of October 21, 2014 Policy Committee meeting. Scott Perkins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Review of TIP Project Selection Criteria

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The Maine DOT has asked BACTS to go through the TIP Project Selection every year rather than every other year. The projects submitted this year will be for the third year out. Before receiving projects from the municipalities, BACTS staff wanted to review the selection process.</p> <p>During the last process, changes were made in the scoring. More emphasis was put on preservation.</p>	

	<p>This didn't make a big difference in overall scoring of the projects. Does the committee have any changes in the scoring process for this year? If any changes are made, there will be a 30 day public comment period.</p> <p>Dianne will bring to the next meeting the list of projects not funded during last year's process.</p> <p>Rob Yerxa mentioned the state-wide Municipal Partnership Initiative, which is a 50/50 program with the state. Municipalities work directly with John Devin, and is responsible for 50% of the cost. There is approximately \$1 million available for the Bangor area. The project must be a road project, but can also include curb, sidewalk and drainage. BACTS will send out information on this program.</p>	
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Technical Issues

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Construction Progress Reports	<p>Orono – Next year work is scheduled for College Avenue, Main Street, and part of Bennoch Road.</p> <p>Bangor – Next year: Broadway study, two traffic signals, Hammond Street, Mall area, Main Street, left hand turn onto Stillwater Avenue.</p>	

Other Business

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Transit	<p>Transit funding is in crisis in Maine. At the current level, it would take 80 years to replace all buses in the fleet.</p> <p>Maine Military, located in Limestone, is buying buses that are still in working condition and rehabbing them. The cost of one of these buses is approximately \$50,000 for municipalities. Eventually, it will be possible to have current buses rehabilitated in their shop.</p> <p>The Orono bus during September and October had over 7,000 riders per month. During the last operating season, there were over 60,000. Service has been extended on Saturdays.</p>	
STIC	<p>Rob distributed the STIC grant application and the Memorandum of understanding between the four</p>	

<p>Regional Planning Grant</p>	<p>MPOs. The grant is for finding a solution to help first responders locate traffic incidents better. There have been problems in Southern Maine where someone was sent to the wrong town. BACTS will receive \$10,125 from the grant.</p>	
<p>Local Share</p>	<p>The State sent a scope for what rural contracts will look like and asked for feedback. The feedback period ended last Wednesday.</p>	
<p>City of Bangor</p>	<p>The letters for local share will be going out in the next two weeks. The amount will cover the calendar year 2015.</p> <p>In-kind letters have already gone out. If you have not done so, please get the information to Cindy as soon as possible.</p> <p>John Theriault of the City of Bangor distributed information on a project he would like funded from the Holding PIN. The Maine DOT has a project scheduled for Odlin Road and Outer Hammond Street for summer 2015.</p> <p>The City of Bangor would like to lengthen the right turn lane in the Odlin Road/I-395/Outer Hammond Street intersection. This will better accommodate the heavy right turn movement. Maine DOT has agreed to incorporate the work into their project, but the City of Bangor will need to pay the cost of approximately \$23,000.</p> <p>Rob explained that PL funds cannot be used for maintenance projects. He needs more information from the state on what type of project this is. The request will be considered at the next Policy Committee meeting.</p>	

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<p>Adjournment</p>		<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.</i></p>