

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2014 9:30 am

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Jim Ring	Bangor
Dana Wardwell	Bangor
Bob Osborne	Hampden
Belle Ryder	Orono
Frank Higgins	Brewer
David Gould	Bangor
Scott Perkins	Hermon
Mike Gladu	Milford
Linda Johns	Brewer
Scott Rollins	Maine DOT
John Devin	Maine DOT
Ron Harriman	Orrington

Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the April 15, 2014 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:42 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to accept the minutes of March 18, 2014 Policy Committee meeting. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Signatory Powers

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Signatory Powers	<p>At last month's meeting, the Committee made a motion to allow Frank Higgins to fill in as Chair until the normal election process in July.</p> <p>As Acting Chair, Frank needs to have signatory power, and Art Morgan needs to be taken off the resolution.</p> <p>Frank asked if the By Laws addressed what happens when an officer of the Committee retires.</p>	<i>Dana Wardwell made the motion to authorize removing Art Morgan as signatory and adding Frank Higgins. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimous.</i>

	Rob explained that the By Laws only specified when elections were done.	
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Technical Issues

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Signal Battery Backup	<p>Rob and Dianne attended a presentation on the battery backup systems for traffic signals. These devices would be used at critical intersections to keep traffic flowing during a power outage. The batteries last 3 to 4 hours during an outage, and are plugged in to keep a constant charge.</p> <p>John Cyr did some investigating on companies that sell battery backups. Two were invited to present their product. Econolite was the first company to present. If purchased through them, there would be some difficulty retrofitting to the existing cabinets, and the units are heavy. An exterior cabinet would have to be attached to the existing cabinets.</p> <p>The second company was out of Connecticut. Their product is more expensive but the product is lighter and the cost of fitting them into the existing systems would be less.</p> <p>The first battery is good for five years. The battery can then be returned for a discount, with the next battery lasting three years.</p> <p>The cost of the unit is \$8,500. Going forward the only price would be the replacement of the batteries.</p> <p>It would be advantageous to install the backups at critical intersections now, and from this point forward, include the backups in all signal projects.</p> <p>Linda Johns asked if there was a list of critical intersections. Belle asked who would be responsible for the cost of maintenance for the backups. This would fall to the municipalities.</p> <p>Rob suggested the conversation be taken to the Signal Committee to discuss and bring their suggestion back to the Policy Committee.</p>	

<p>Construction Project Updates</p>	<p>Union Street, I-95 Overpass Bridge Replacement – The ramp from north bound on-ramp to Ohio Street is being closed today. The Water District will be working nights.</p> <p>Bangor Main Street – The Bangor Infrastructure Committee is meeting on the proposed median on Main Street after the Airport meeting.</p> <p>Wilson Street widening in Brewer is scheduled to start next week.</p> <p>The bid opening for Brewer’s State Street project and the Hampden 1A preservation project is scheduled for tomorrow.</p>	
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TIP Amendment Approval

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	<p>The comment period for the TIP amendment will end on Monday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. To date there have been no comments.</p> <p>Rob asked for a motion to move forward with the amendment unless there are any comments.</p>	<p><i>Jim Ring made a motion to authorize Rob to move forward with the TIP Amendment at the end of the comment period if there are no comments. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimous.</i></p>

Other Business

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<p>Orrington Project</p>	<p>Rob had distributed a map of the original scope of the project, as well as a modified scope. The project was adding a right hand turning lane on Snows Corner Road. The original scope was extremely close to the existing house and included a retaining wall.</p> <p>The second option of design would reduce the impact of the homeowner’s land. It would take land from both sides. No concerns have been expressed by the property owner on the opposite side of the road. The town is looking for additional funding for the second option.</p> <p>John Devin indicated that the estimate is probably a conservative one. He asked how the project would be administered.</p>	

<p>Governance Committee</p> <p>Orono Round-a-bout</p> <p>Transit</p>	<p>Ron Harriman didn't think the project would be a local administered project.</p> <p>John Devin pointed out that the project field office could be eliminated, saving money from the project. He also pointed out that there is a fee for striping, but DOT normally does the striping. This would eliminate another \$7,000.</p> <p>The project is scheduled to be done in 2015.</p> <p>Jim Ring talked with the town manager and is familiar with the location. The encroachment is significant and he feels the cost might be more than the estimator thinks. He believes the alternative is a better solution. The second option uses significantly less right of way and can be constructed in the existing right-of-way.</p> <p>With Art Morgan retired, there is a vacancy on the Governance Committee and it is time to review Rob's contract for renewal.</p> <p>Linda Johns asked if the Committee was made up of just Officers. Rob explained that Bangor and Brewer wanted to allow other towns to participate if interested. They didn't want the Committee to be a Committee of the two biggest towns.</p> <p>Don Cooper attended meetings in Orono yesterday. There is a proposal to build a 900 bed development called The Avenue. The discussion also included a gas station/Dunkin Donuts and a coffee shop both going in across the street from Rangely Road.</p> <p>Don received a notice that Transit will be getting more money from the State. He has been talking with Laurie to see where it will do the most good.</p>	<p><i>Dana Wardwell made a motion to support the second option for the Orrington project, while trying to stay within the existing budget. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimous.</i></p> <p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to appoint Rob Yerxa to the Governance Committee to fill the vacancy. Dana Wardwell seconded the motion. Unanimous.</i></p>
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Adjournment

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