

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

Machias Savings Bank

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Ron Harriman	Orrington/Old Town
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Barbara Veilleux	Penobscot County
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Dean Bennett	Town of Hampden
John Theriault	City of Bangor
John Devin	Maine DOT
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT
Jeremy Parker	Maine DOT
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Minutes</b>	<p>Frank Higgins called the April 19, 2016 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:38 am, at Machias Savings Bank.</p> <p>BACTS staff received emails from two people who had attended the March 25 meeting. They asked for the minutes to amended regarding their statements.</p> <p>Gretchen Heldman asked her statement be corrected to state, "There is a possibility that if the 2B-2 route is built, then I may see a reduction in traffic in front of my house. Therefore, I may see some benefit as a result, but I am sill opposed</p>	<p><b><i>Linda Johns made the motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2016 Policy Committee meeting with the change requested by Gretchen Heldmann and Larry Adams. John Theriault seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

	<p>because of the bigger picture implications for our community.</p> <p>Larry Adams asked his statement be corrected to read, "Our property abuts the newest and most expensive home in our quiet country neighborhood. Soon that home will be razed to make way for a new road that does not meet the study's original-near-decade-long purpose and needs."</p>	
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**MOU for BACTS and Community Connector**

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	<p>Laurie Linscott explained that the Community Connector is going through their Tri-Annual Review. The MOU with BACTS needed to be updated for this review. Rob will sit in on the meeting with Federal Transit Administration for the planning piece of the review.</p> <p>Linda asked Rob if the Community Connector had a voting position on the Policy Committee. Rob explained that it was part of the four votes the City of Bangor has.</p> <p>Linda asked if the By-Laws should be changed to show the Community Connector as one of the Committee members. Rob indicated he is going to contact each municipality to get an official list of who represents the municipality. Once this is done, the by-laws will be changed.</p>	<p><b><i>Dana Wardwell made a motion to authorize Rob Kenerson to sign the MOU with the Community Connector. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

**TIP Amendment – Hampden Project**

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	<p>The large project on Route 1A in Hampden had been included in the TIP in February under a different WIN. Federal Highway stated all expenses for the project should be under the same WIN. An amendment needs to be done and put out for public comment in order to put the project under the correct WIN. There are no changes to the project.</p>	<p><b><i>Linda Johns made a motion to authorize Rob Kenerson to put the TIP Amendment out for public comment. John Theriault seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

**Critical Problem Areas in BACTS Region for Long Range Plan**

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	<p>Each month going forward, Rob will be bringing one section of the Long Range Plan to the Committee for input. Next month the section on climate change will be looked at. This month Rob asked for problem areas within the BACTS boundary the Committee feels should be in the Long Range Plan.</p> <p>The following areas were listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Street/Wilson Street triangle in Brewer</li> <li>• Broadway from Stillwater Avenue to Pushaw Road in Bangor</li> <li>• College Avenue/Stillwater Intersection in Old Town</li> <li>• Hogan Road/I-95 Interchange</li> <li>• Hammond Street/I-95 Intersections</li> <li>• I-95 Study Recommendations</li> <li>• South Main Street/Grove Street and Pendleton Street Intersection in Brewer</li> <li>• Route 2 North of Proposed Ranglely Road Roundabout.</li> <li>• Light at Snow’s Corner in Orrington</li> <li>• Route 1A/Route 9 Intersection in Hampden</li> <li>• Maine Avenue, Griffin Road to Hammond Street in Bangor</li> </ul> <p>Dianne has requested a list of which roads in the BACTS area are collectors and above.</p>	

**Transit Report**

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	<p>The Community Connector has two new buses and is looking in Florida for a few more that will go to MMA.</p> <p>Laurie will be working with Rob over the next few months to look at alternate routes.</p> <p>Old Town is looking to add a third bus.</p>	

**MDOT Report**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Randall has a lot of projects ready to go. The Holden/Dedham project may start around May 15. The job is a mill and fill beginning at Holden school and stretching approximately seven miles east. It should be completed by July 1.</p> <p>Stillwater Avenue has not been scheduled yet. The job needs to be done when school is not in session.</p> <p>Parkway South in Brewer has not been awarded yet.</p> <p>The I-395 mill and fill advertises this week. The signs are up warning about the closure of the bridge.</p> <p>Gerry Audibert announced that this meeting would be his last. He is transferring to Regional Planning for Regions 2 and 3. Darryl Belz is the new MPO coordinator. Frank thanked Gerry for his years of service to the Committee.</p> <p>Randall announced that Jeramy Parker is a new project manager for Maine DOT.</p>	

**Other Business**

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	<p>The Committee will be starting the next work plan at the next meeting. Dianne has all the projects. The next step will be to create a short list. She will send out information before the meeting on the projects submitted.</p> <p>The Project Ride will be between now and the next meeting. Dianne will send some dates out to everyone to find the best date.</p> <p>Dianne asked the Committee to let her know as soon as possible if they need any counts done this</p>	

	<p>year. She will have a student from the University of Maine helping with counts.</p> <p>Rob told the Committee that BACTS will need to do a contract for estimates. He explained that it is more difficult to do a contract with a company that is not on the State’s prequalified list. Rob will check the list to see if Sewall is on it. He is looking for authorization to put a contract together.</p> <p>Rob announced that Greg Nadeau, FHWA Administrator, is holding a Round Table on May 4. They are inviting 40 of the top positions in companies throughout Maine. They are asking for freight projects or generators for this area. He asked the Committee for recommendations.</p> <p>The following companies were listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hartt</li> <li>• Pottels</li> <li>• LMS</li> <li>• Dysarts</li> <li>• GE</li> <li>• UPS</li> <li>• FedEx</li> <li>• Cianbro</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Dana Wardwell made the motion to authorize Rob Kenerson to spend up to \$10,000 for estimating projects. Ron Harriman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>
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Adjournment		<b><i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.</i></b>