

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2015

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Don Cooper	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer
Barbara Veilleux	Penobscot County
Bob Osborne	Town of Hampden
Mike Gladu	Town of Milford
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Scott Perkins	Hermon
David Pardilla	Penobscot Nation

Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the April 21, 2015 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:42 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Bob Osborne made the motion to accept the minutes of March 17, 2015 Policy Committee meeting. Mike Gladu seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

TIP Process

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	<p>Gerry and John Devin are looking into funding for the Orono Route 2 culvert. There is no definitive answer at this time. Gerry will let Dianne know when she gets one.</p> <p>The Project Ride will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. from the parking lot at the end of Acme Road in Brewer. Lunch will be at the Brewer Auditorium in the Senior Center downstairs. Brett Hart from Sewall will be joining the group. He will be providing scope and cost estimates for projects.</p>	

BACTS By-Laws Update

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	It was decided to hold this discussion until the May meeting because there were not enough members present for a quorum to change the By-Laws (a two-thirds vote is necessary).	

BACTS Public Participation Plan

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	<p>The Public Participation Plan was last updated in 2013. BACTS is supposed to look at it every three years. Rob took out any mention of the Technical and Traffic Signal Committees.</p> <p>It is costly to put ads in the newspaper, some costing over \$700. Putting notices in the paper is still part of the plan. Rob would like to put a couple sentences in the paper directing people to the website rather than a full ad. He would also like to change the Public Comment period from 30 days to 10 days for TIP amendments.</p> <p>There is a 45 day comment period for any changes to the plan. Rob will bring the plan back to the Committee in June. Bob Osborne suggested listing a contact name and email address with the plan in case anyone has questions.</p>	<i>Mike Gladu made a motion to post the changes to the document for public comment. Dave Pardilla seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

BACTS Financials 2014

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	Members will take the financials home to look at. A vote will be taken on acceptance at the May meetings. The financials will be sent to those members not at today's meeting.	

Technical Issues

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Construction Progress Reports	The project at Snow's Corner in Orrington is approximately \$17,000 more than what was budgeted. They may be coming back to ask for additional funding.	

	<p>There is a state funding project in Milford. They will be doing a 26 foot rebuild on the Main Road (Route 2) and 760 feet on the Call Road. This includes water, sewer and rebuild. The project includes a railroad crossing. They will be connecting Call and County Roads through Pine Street Extension to manage traffic.</p> <p>Hermon was awarded \$500,000 under the Partnership Initiative.</p>	
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Transit

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	<p>There is an amendment to the Transit element of the TIP. The Committee needs to formally approve the amendment to the TIP for 2015. It has been changed for 2016 and 2017 to match 2015. It has gone out for comment. The comment period ends on May 15.</p>	<p><i>Bob Osborne made a motion to approve the amendment to the Transit element of the TIP subject to receiving no negative comments. David Pardilla seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

Maine DOT

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The MPO Quarterly Meeting will be on Friday, May 8. They will be discussing DOT's paving plan.</p> <p>There was a public meeting on the Broadway study. T.Y. Lin explained their recommendations. The final report should be completed by the end of May.</p>	

Other Business

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Maine STIP	<p>Maine DOT is adding the I-395 extension right-of-way. The cost is \$250,000. In order to get into the STIP, it has to be added to the BACTS TIP. We need approval to amend the TIP.</p> <p>Rob passed out a document indicating important dates. He put definitions on the back of the sheet for the acronyms used.</p>	<p><i>Mike Gladu made a motion to amend BACTS' TIP to include I-395 extension project (16-17) and put out for public comment. Scott Perkins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

	<p>There is a good chance funding will be coming for rapid flash beacons. Steve Landry wants a list of contacts. Let Dianne know if your town wants any.</p>	
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Adjournment		<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.</i></p>