

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2016

Machias Savings Bank

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Don Cooper	BACTS
John Theriault	City of Bangor
John Devin	Maine DOT
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Karen Cullen	Town of Hampden
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Paul White	Town of Orrington
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden
Nancy Grant	Bicycle Coalition of Maine
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Minutes</b>	John Theriault called the August 23, 2016 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:36 am, at Machias Savings Bank.	<b><i>Frank Higgins made the motion to accept the minutes of July 19, 2016 Policy Committee meeting. Paul White seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b>

### Consultant Selection Committee

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Rob sent the RFP for the Stillwater Corridor Study to five consultants. One has decided not to submit a proposal. A committee is needed to review the proposals once submitted and choose a consultant. Rob asked for volunteers. The	

	<p>following members will serve on this committee: Rob Yerxa, John Theriault, Darryl Belz, John Rouleau, and Belle Ryder.</p> <p>The next RFP to be sent out will be for the two chapters in the Long Range Plan on pedestrian and bicycle. A selection committee is also needed for this project. The committee members will be: John Theriault, Belle Ryder, Linda Johns, Patrick Adams, and Dana Wardwell.</p>	
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### Bicycle/Pedestrian RFP Approval

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	<p>Rob shared the Scope of Services from the RFP for the Bicycle/Pedestrian chapters of the Long Range Plan. The consultant will meet with the Advisory Committee prior to the beginning of the study, as well as meeting with the Advisory and Policy Committees a couple times during the process.</p> <p>The timeframe has not been set for this study, but Rob expects it to take about 4 or 5 months. The RFP will go out this week.</p>	

### Technical Issues

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<p><b>Construction Updates</b></p>	<p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkway South is 99% complete. A five gallon can of diesel fell off a truck, so there is some cleanup necessary. Other than that and striping, it will be done.</li> <li>• Eastern Avenue from Pierce Road to Lambert Road will be closed for approximately three weeks beginning Monday August 29, 2016 for the culvert project.</li> <li>• Brewer has a project with a 50/50% State/Local share to repair a retaining wall on North Main Street.</li> <li>• Phase 2 of the River Walk Trail is being looked at. The trail passes by the Chamberlain Bridge area. Rather than having people going through the busy intersection, it was decided an opening</li> </ul>	

	<p>would be cut through the bridge for the trail. The City is looking to start Phase 2 next summer.</p> <p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clinton/Hammond signal is in.</li> <li>• The Broadway 50/50 project is done.</li> <li>• The design for the State Street 50/50 project have been completed.</li> <li>• Griffin Road 50/50 has started.</li> </ul> <p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All paving is finished for the year.</li> <li>• There are four more culvert projects to complete.</li> </ul>	
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### Transit Report

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	<p>Laurie Linscott told the Committee that the Community Connector has a consultant in Texas looking at a fleet of buses. The buses are used, but will be new to the Community Connector. If everything goes well, Bangor will have four new buses, and Brewer will have two. Laurie should receive word either today or tomorrow.</p> <p>Rob explained that BACTS and the Community Connector worked on the MOU. FTA looked it over and asked for a few changes. There is a list of tasks for BACTS on the first page. Rob needs approval of the MOU with changes.</p>	<p><b><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to accept the MOU with the changes. Ted Trembley seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

### MDOT Report

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	<p>It was announced that Route 1A has been accepted into the Highway Safety Improvement Program.</p>	

### Other Business

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<p><b>Title VI</b></p>	<p>Don has begun work on the Title VI document that is due at the end of September. BACTS has to ensure that disabled people have access to</p>	

	<p>federally funded programs. One of the considerations is those with limited English proficiency. This covers families who don't speak English at home and speak English less than very well. In the BACTS area, 185 speak French at home and 487 speak Chinese at home. BACTS must put a plan in place to have translators available.</p>	
<p><b>Long Range Plan</b></p>	<p>BACTS staff is still waiting for information from Maine DOT in order to move forward with the Long Range Plan. Also, the Master Plan for the airport is in draft form, and Rob is waiting for word from Tony Caruso when the plan has been approved.</p>	
<p><b>TIM</b></p>	<p>Andrew Allen has looked at the I-95 Corridor and developed detour plans at just about each section between off-ramps. Dana Wardwell attended a TIM meeting where the detour routes were looked at. Dana made some comments on how the routes may be changed for better traffic flow. At some point in the future, the plan is to put permanent signage up at each point to direct traffic in the event of an incident.</p>	
<p><b>2020-2021 Work Plan</b></p>	<p>Dianne indicated there were 26 projects submitted for the next work plan. Sixteen of these projects are resubmittals and ten are new. Dianne is collecting data on the new projects. She will have the score sheet done by November. Dianne will then ask the Committee to make a short list, so the list can be sent to MDOT for review and BACTS can hire a consultant to do the estimates. In April or May, the Committee will be choosing projects and be done for both 2020 and 2021 work plans.</p> <p>Maine DOT asked the City of Bangor if, once the Union Street signals are up, they would want to keep the signals on Hammond Street up. The Council wanted to keep the signals, but they are in bad shape. It was decided that the signals on Hammond would be taken down. Once the traffic has calmed, the City will do some counts to see if the signals are warranted.</p>	

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<b>Adjournment</b>		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.</i>