

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2015

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Barbara Veilleux	Penobscot County
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
John Devin	Maine DOT
Bob Osborne	Town of Hampden
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Mike Gladu	Town of Milford
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Scott Perkins	Hermon
Shawn Davis	Maine DOT
Ron Harriman	Orrington/Old Town
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
Patrick Adams	Maine DOT
Bill Hurley	Maine DOT

Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the February 17, 2015 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:40 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Bob Osborne made the motion to accept the minutes of January 20, 2015 Policy Committee meeting with changes. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

TIP Process

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	Dianne received everyone's submitted projects and created a list. Most of the projects that were submitted were in the last process. The current list is for review purposes only. Dianne asked that the members review the list and decide whether they	

	<p>want to keep the projects on the list or remove them. She reminded them that \$706,640 needs to go toward NHS projects. That amount is federal only, so another 20% needs to be added to account for state and local shares.</p> <p>No scoring has been applied to the projects. Scoring will be added next month, when the list will be shortened according to the scoring. Once scored, the list will be sent out prior to the meeting.</p>	
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Technical Issues

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Construction Progress Reports	<p>Municipalities shared upcoming projects in their area that are being prepared to go out for Bid.</p> <p>There was a meeting with business owners concerning the traffic study being done on Broadway. About 35 people attended. The meeting was for their comments. No recommendations have been received from the consultant yet.</p> <p>There was a public information meeting on Thursday concerning adding a left hand turn to the off-ramp on Stillwater Avenue in Bangor. The findings of the study were that there would be no significant increase in traffic.</p> <p>Patrick Adams announced that a new process has been developed for submitting projects. Maine DOT receives approximately \$2.3 million in federal funds annually for bicycle/pedestrian projects.</p>	
Bike/Pedestrian	<p>Projects are judged on an individual basis, not compared to other projects as was done previously. The 20% local share must be available at the time the application is submitted. The projects must be off-road transportation related trails rather than recreational trails.</p>	

Maine DOT

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	<p>Forty Planning outreach meetings have been scheduled. The meeting in this area will be held at</p>	

	<p>the Machias Savings Bank conference room on March 16. There will be two sessions, one from 2:00 to 4:00 and one from 6:00 to 8:00.</p> <p>Gerry Audibert asked the committee to look at the 2015-2016 TIP list. Both the BACTS TIP and the State TIP will need to be amended to allow these projects to begin earlier than what was originally listed in the TIP. There will be a 30 day public comment period.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made a motion to accept the TIP amendment to move projects up to begin before October with the condition of changing the description of the Hampden project to include Route 1A if there are no public comments received. Bob Osborne seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>
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Adjournment		<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.</i></p>