

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016

Machias Savings Bank

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT
Scott Perkins	Town of Hermon
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Ben Condon	Maine DOT
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the January 19, 2016 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:34 am, at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Linda Johns made the motion to accept the minutes of December 15, 2015 Policy Committee meeting. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Draft BACTS 2016-2017 TIP

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	Rob Kenerson explained that the Draft BACTS 2016-2019 TIP needs to go out for public comment. The TIP is the document that includes a list of projects chosen by the Committee. The State would like to have the TIP by February 19, so the document needs to be put on the website today in order to meet the 30-day comment period that is required.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve the Draft BACTS CY2016-2019 TIP and authorize BACTS to put it on the website for public comment. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

MDOT/MPO Process Improvements

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	<p>Gerry discussed three issues that Maine DOT wanted to discuss with each of the MPOs relative to our communication and process.</p> <p>First, Maine DOT is requesting that any projects other than minor paving projects be submitted for PE and right-of-way only. This way construction funds are not tied up while PE, right-of-way and utilities are being conducted. It also should improve cost estimate accuracy. The following year, the construction and CE costs can be funded in the workplan.</p> <p>Gerry suggested putting more money toward paving projects for the 2019 process, then putting more money toward the larger projects in the 2020 process and less toward paving.</p> <p>Second, Maine DOT does not foresee increasing funding for the MPOs. IF a project is extraordinary, is cost prohibitive for a municipality, and has created regional significance, the Maine DOT will be willing to look at possibly collaborating on a solution.</p> <p>Third, Maine DOT wants better communication on MPO studies to ensure that no study recommendations are released to the public without the Study Advisory Committee, including MDOT, has signed off on them with approval.</p>	

Technical Issues

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	<p>Orrington – The bid for WIN #020572.00 came in \$18,000 over. The money from BACTS allowed the town to award the project.</p> <p>Orono – The Stillwater project WIN #018643.00 will be ready to go out for bid in February.</p>	

	Bangor – Once the Union Street I-95 overpass is completed, work will begin on the Ohio Street bridge. The plan is to close Ohio Street I-95 overpass, which will allow the project to be done quicker.	
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Maine DOT

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	Gerry will be getting out the three party agreements for Hampden and Orono soon.	

Other Business

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	<p>Maine DOT has approved the audited overhead rates and 2015 year-end financials The indirect rate submitted for 2016 has been approved.</p> <p>Rob explained that it is time to put out an RFP for financial services. It has been three years, which is the industry standard for changing.</p> <p>Maine DOT has not given the four MPOs a new two-year agreement, but they did extend the last two-year agreement for one month.</p> <p>Dana told the committee that Bangor has met with the Coast Guard and USGS about concerns with flooding now that the dams have been taken out. A study is being done to see what areas would be affected in the event of a big flood. Rob mentioned that resiliency is part of the Long Range Plan. Don is looking at storm severity and how it affects infrastructure.</p>	

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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.</i>