

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Don Cooper	BACTS
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
Rob Yerxa	City of Orono
Mike Gladu	Town of Milford
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Scott Perkins	Hermon
Laurie Linscott	Community Connector
Gibran Graham	City of Bangor
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer

### Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the January 20, 2015 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:36 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<b><i>Rob Yerxa made the motion to accept the minutes of October 21, 2014 Policy Committee meeting with changes. Bob Osborne seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b>

### TIP Process Presentation

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	<p>Rob pointed out that the schedule shows a Technical Committee meeting on March 17. That should be a Policy Committee meeting as there is no Technical Committee.</p> <p>A list of projects for 2016-2017 that were not funded was provided for the members to look at.</p>	

	<p>Rob informed the Committee that if anyone is resubmitting a project from the list for this round, there is no need to fill out another form. Just let Dianne know which project you want to resubmit.</p> <p>The total for this year is \$2.78 million.</p> <p>Gerry indicated that the schedule looks good until June. He will send Dianne a calendar from DOT.</p> <p>Rob will be looking for someone to replace John Theriault for estimating projects.</p>	
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### Technical Issues

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<p><b>Construction Progress Reports</b></p>	<p>Orono is putting things together for overlays. Also there was a meeting earlier this month regarding the roundabout. Construction will begin in 2017. The sketch plan has been done. Maine DOT is doing the design.</p> <p>Bangor has a couple studies going on at this time.</p>	

### Transit

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	<p>The Community Connector is down by approximately 80,000 rides. This is partially due to the increase in ticket cost and the elimination of one route.</p> <p>Laurie Linscott from Community Connector announced the office has a five year investment plan. Don will be coming to the Committee asking for a TIP amendment to allow Laurie to draw money down.</p> <p>The City of Bangor is allowed to bond money to buy new buses. The buses that are currently owned may benefit from rehab. New ones must be purchased before taking the older buses out.</p> <p>Due to changes in MaineCare, there is a projected rider loss. MaineCare will now longer be issuing monthly passes. They are now issuing single ride</p>	

	<p>tickets only for those going to a MaineCare eligible appointment.</p> <p>A statewide strategic transit plan is being developed. A draft is being worked on at present. Some recommendations are dramatic, so when the plan is put out to the public, there will be some noise, both in the urban and rural areas.</p> <p>Historically, Maine’s contribution has been very low. One of the recommendations in the strategic plan is to get more money from the State for transit. This funding would come out of tolls, lottery and anything they don’t spend.</p>	
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**Other Business**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>New Agenda Item</b>	Rob is adding an agenda item for Maine DOT reports.	
<b>TRB Conference</b>	Rob attended the TRB Conference in Washington, DC. There were 11,700 people pre-registered for the conference. One meeting had discussion on the states who are considered on cutting edge. Rob left the discussion because Maine is still ahead of them.	
<b>Bangor Electrician</b>	Dana has interviewed candidates for the electrical technician position. This will be the first time Bangor has had two people who know about traffic signals. The top candidate has verbally accepted the offer.	
<b>Bangor Fire Chief</b>	<p>Rob noted that the vote for the new Fire Chief will be held next week. He met Thomas Higgins at the last TIM meeting, and he seemed very supportive. He would be a great addition to the group.</p> <p>TIM trained 75 first responders during the month of November. More trainings will be held later in the year.</p>	

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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.</i>