

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2014 9:30 am

Hampden Council Chambers

Name	Representing
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Rob Yerxa	Orono
Dana Wardwell	Bangor
Bob Osborne	Hampden
David Pardilla	Penobscot Nation
Frank Higgins	Brewer
David Gould	Bangor
Barbara Veilleux	Penobscot County
Mike Gladu	Milford
Linda Johns	Brewer
Jen Rowe	Orono
Belle Ryder	Orono
John Theriault	Sewall
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Carlos Pena	FHWA

Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the June 17, 2014 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:44 am, at the Municipal Council Chambers in Hampden.	<i>Bob Osborne made the motion to accept the minutes of May 20, 2014 Policy Committee meeting. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Technical Issues

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TIP Process Update	Dianne inspected 22.5 miles of roads this year. She distributed a copy of the TIP project list with costs plus a spreadsheet showing the scores of each project, explaining that these documents were only for review. No final decisions would be made today.	

<p>Construction Updates</p>	<p>This year had the worst pavement condition ratings, with all but two projects scoring under two. The Bangor project under preservation (Pres 14) rated higher than other projects. A Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at 9:30 a.m. It is important that each municipality has at least one representative present.</p> <p>Dana Wardwell asked if it was possible to move the Hampden Route 1A project from development to rehabilitation. John Theriault of Sewall explained that the Hampden project really needs a total reconstruction in his opinion, so it shouldn't be moved to a different category.</p> <p>Frank asked if the committee wanted Dianne to remove the Pres 14 for comparison purposes and see where other preservation projects would fall without being compared to such a low PCR score. Dianne agreed to take out Pres 14 with the understanding that the project would be funded automatically and then do a comparison with other projects. She will get the list out to the committee today.</p> <p>Rob suggested holding a combined meeting of the Technical and Policy Committees on July 8 rather than having two meetings in July. The final voting would still be only those members of the Policy Committee.</p> <p>Bob Osborne suggested keeping the July 15 open in the event that issues come up during the July 8 meeting.</p> <p>Bangor: The water district work on Main Street is approximately half completed. The I-95 overpass project has gone better than expected.</p> <p>Brewer: Wilson Street widening is ahead of schedule. The fifth lane is in and the project is scheduled to be done by July 4. Milling has started on the State Street project. This is running on the same schedule as the Wilson Street project.</p>	
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	<p>Dana Wardwell, Rob Yerxa, and Frank Higgins met with Rob to discuss his review. Rob handed out copies of last year's contract. It was recommended that Rob's contract be renewed for another year, which included a nominal raise.</p> <p>Belle Ryder asked if it was possible to do a three-year contract rather than a one-year contract.</p> <p>Frank indicated that the by-laws would need to be looked at to make sure changing the contract term is allowable. He suggested keeping the annual contract this year and look at changing the contract to a three-year in the coming year, depending on what the by-laws state.</p>	<p><i>Rob Yerxa made the motion to renew Rob's contract for one year. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

Other Business

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<p>Transportation Committee</p>	<p>The transportation bill is due to end in September. At this point, there is not enough to fund the bill at the current level. Rob will keep the committee informed.</p>	
<p>Broadway Traffic Study</p>	<p>Five firms have been chosen from the State's prequalified list. Rob narrowed down the list according to which firms had offices in Maine and which had an engineer licensed for Maine.</p>	
<p>STIC</p>	<p>Three MPOs collaboratively submitted a proposal to STIC. It is the only application submitted. The Committee will meet on Thursday to vote.</p>	

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		<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.</i></p>