

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Don Cooper	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
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
David Pardilla	Penobscot Nation

Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:34 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to accept the minutes of February 17, 2015 Policy Committee meeting with changes. Gerry Audibert seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

TIP Process

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	Dianne sent out a list of projects submitted prior to the meeting. She explained that the committee needs to create a short list. The projects were scored using historical data. Prior estimates were used for any project that was submitted in the last	

	<p>Capital Work Plan and estimates for new projects were calculated using the costs of similar projects.</p> <p>Members discussed the projects on the list. After much discussion, a short list was created. The short list includes:</p> <p>Rehab Projects include Rehab 1 -Town of Orono –replace a box culvert @ 430 Main St.</p> <p>Preservation Projects – include Mill and Fill and Mill and Fill Plus Pres 6 - Hampden Western Avenue - Main Road to the RR crossing. Pres 9 and 10 Bangor –Main Avenue, Hammond Street to Johnson St (2 projects) Pres 12 - Bangor - Union Street, Hammond to I-95 ramps Pres 8 - Bangor –Broadway, Stillwater Ave to State Street. Pres 7 Hermon –Coldbrook Road, I-95 off ramps to RR crossing Pres 5 - Brewer – Wilson Street, Thompson to Dirigo Drive Pres 4 - Brewer –South Main Street, Abbot Street to Elm Street</p> <p>Development Projects – include complete reconstruction projects Dev 1 - Hampden on Main Road North /1A</p> <p>Operational and Safety Intersection Projects – Include equipment and geometrical changes or just equipment OSI + G 1 - Bangor – Fourteen and Union OSI 7 - Bangor – Main and Hammond Streets OSI 2 - Brewer – Wilson Street and Walton Drive</p>	<p><i>Bell Ryder made a motion to accept the short list as listed with the condition that Bangor may come back with priority OSI projects. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>
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BACTS Financials

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	<p>Rob discussed the financials. We have not received the final financial document but should have it next month. The Committee will be voting on it then so the document can be forwarded to DOT.</p>	

	<p>We spent more indirect than we got last year. This past year we spent less. It may even out when looking at a three year period.</p> <p>We have not used the line of credit in quite a while. Things are going well.</p>	
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Construction Progress Reports	<p>Bangor Gas will be on Main Street in Bangor next week to relocate the gas lines.</p> <p>The Wilson Street project will go out to bid next month.</p>	

Transit

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	<p>Ridership has declined. Another housing development has been proposed for Orono with 900 beds. The Community Connector office is looking at how many empty seats can be filled by the new project residents.</p>	

Maine DOT

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	<p>The Municipality Partnership Initiative for 2016 has been allocated. Bangor has three projects and Hermon has two.</p> <p>Three party agreements are needed for current workplan projects. Gerry will send these to Dianne for municipal signatures.</p>	

Other Business

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Public Comment Period	<p>One comment was received on the 2015-2016 TIP list that was put out for public comment. The comment was a concern for the Orrington sidewalk project which is being funded by the State through an</p>	

	<p>Enhancement Grant and is not a BACTS funded capital project. The town is still supporting the project, although the final design has not been received yet.</p> <p>. Rob has drafted a letter of response. It will be sent after the Public Comment period has been met.</p> <p>Carlos stated that the Maine DOT list is missing the consultation piece. He felt the MPO should receive a list of projects prior to this point and have the opportunity to make recommendations on what would be best for the BACTS area. That is the role of the Policy Committee.</p>	
Workplan/TIP	<p>Rob will provide a schedule for documents at next month's meeting. The TIP has four years of projects. We will be doing one for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. The TIP is updated every two years. The workplan is done every year. The Long Range plan will be due June of 2016. We will begin working on that toward the end of summer.</p>	
By Laws and Public Participation Plan	<p>Right now we have a 30-day Public Comment period as part of our public participation process and would like to change it to 10 days to make the process more efficient.</p> <p>Rob will be contacting towns to get an official list of who is representing what town. We need to document that we have the right people at the meetings.</p>	
Broadway Study	<p>John Theriault announced they will be meeting with business owners. He received the existing conditions report. It will be put on the Bangor website.</p>	

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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.</i>