

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Don Cooper	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Barbara Veilleux	Penobscot County
Martin Rooney	Maine DOT
Mike Gladu	Town of Milford
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Steve Bodge	Maine DOT
Susan Lessard	Town of Hampden
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
David Gould	City of Bangor
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
Dean Bennett	Town of Hampden
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Scott Perkins	Town of Hermon
Linda Johns	City of Brewer

### Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the May 19, 2015 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:36 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Scott Perkins made the motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2015 Policy Committee meeting. Dana Wardwell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

### 2018 BACTS Workplan Progress Update

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Dianne is collecting all the data. She will send out the scored list prior to next month's meeting. The list will not have pricing as Dianne won't get the information from Sewall until June 12. She will bring the pricing information to the meeting.	

	The Committee will need to choose which project funding will be allocated to and approve the final project list Dianne will need to get the approved final list to DOT by the end of July.	
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#### Hampden Route 1A Options

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The last estimate for this project is in the \$5.5 to \$6 million range. The bulk of the town's share will be due at the beginning of the project, with the rest due at the end.</p> <p>It was suggested that the town leave the concrete slab and make the project a widening/preservation project. MDOT will come back with estimates for both leaving the concrete and taking it out. The Committee will need to decide which option to choose at the June meeting.</p>	

#### BACTS Financials

Topic	Discussion	Action
	The financials are for the time period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Maine DOT needs to determine a new indirect rate. The rate was high at the beginning due to the move and start-up costs. Rob spoke with someone in the audit office at DOT. She told Rob to have the 3 month financials and the 2013 financials combined.	<i>Linda Johns made a motion to authorize Rob to send the 2014 financials to the state. Scott Perkins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

#### BACTS By-Laws Update

Topic	Discussion	Action
	The By-Laws were changed to reflect the decision to eliminate the Technical Committee.	<i>Linda Johns made a motion to accept the By-Laws as amended. Rob Yerxa seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

#### Letter of Support for MDOT Tiger VII Grant (Maine Regional Railways Project)

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Rob was contacted by David Cole regarding the Maine Regional Railways Project. He requested a letter of support from BACTS for the Tiger VII proposal. The project is looking to get \$34 million.	<i>Linda Johns made a motion to authorize Rob to write a letter of support for the Maine Regional Railways Project. Scott Perkins</i>

		<i>seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>
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**BACTS TIP Amendment – I-395 Connector**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The TIP Amendment for the I-395 connector has been put in the newspaper and on the BACTS website for public comment. There have been no comments to date. BACTS is not putting any funding into this project.	<i>Belle Ryder made a motion to approve the amendment to the TIP subject to receiving no negative comments. Mike Gladu seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

**Mayor’s Challenge for Safer Streets**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Dianne is on a Bike – Ped safety committee and at the last meeting was asked to distribute information to the Policy Committee about the Mayors Challenge. The challenge has been ongoing for a while. She asked that the members pass the information on to the town councils. If any community is interested in joining, there is a web site for registration. Dianne will send the link out to the members.	

**Technical Issues**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Construction Progress Updates</b>	<p>Orono – Maine DOT are doing overlays on Kelly and Bennoch Roads, as well as College Avenue and a large portion of Route 2. The bid came in under budget. Lane Construction won the bid.</p> <p>Bangor – The Union Street overpass is being paved today and tomorrow. The project is scheduled to be switched over on June 8 with the second section being completed by November of 2016.</p> <p>The lights are going in on Main Street. Hogan Road is done with the exception of striping.</p>	

	<p>Brewer – Wilson Street utilities are beginning now.</p> <p>Next May, I-395 will close at Webster Street for 84 hours over a weekend.</p>	
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**Transit**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	The State-wide Strategic Transit plan will be presenting the draft report on May 22.	

**Maine DOT**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Maine DOT sent the environmental memo on Route 2 culvert in Orono to Dianne. Dianne forwarded it to Brett Hart at Sewall.	

**Other Business**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>FHWA</b>	Rob announced that Greg Nadeau has been recommended as head of FHWA.	

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.</i>