

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2014 9:30 am

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
John Rouleau	City of Old Town
Scott Rollins	Maine DOT
John Devin	Maine DOT
David Gould	City of Bangor
Bob Osborne	Town of Hampden
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Rob Yerxa	City of Orono
Belle Ryder	City of Orono
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Scott Perkins	Hermon
Ron Harriman	Orrington
Steve Linnell	GPCOG
Rebecca Schaffuer	GPCOG

### Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Frank Higgins called the November 18, 2014 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:35 am, at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>John Rouleau made the motion to accept the minutes of October 21, 2014 Policy Committee meeting. Ron Harriman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

### Alternative Fuel Presentation

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Rebecca and Steve attended the meeting to discuss alternative fuels language for the Long Range Plan.  Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) received a grant from the US Department of Energy to advance alternative fuel markets in New	

	<p>England. They are now working with the four Maine MPOs to incorporate alternative fuels language into their respective Long Range Plans. Their presentation offered draft language and recommended strategies and actions for consideration in the next iteration of the BACTS Long Range Plan.</p>	
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**DOT Regional Planning RFP**

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Maine DOT is sending out an RFP for the Rural Transportation contract. This contract has normally gone to the RPOs, but EMDC no longer has transportation planners on staff.</p> <p>The Governance Committee met a week prior to the Policy Committee to discuss whether this was something BACTS would want to take on. After careful consideration, the Governance Committee decided to recommend to the Policy Committee that BACTS respond to the RFP.</p> <p>The RFP will be going out to quazi-governmental agencies only. The amount of the contract is \$55,000, with some opportunities to get additional funding for planning projects. This would be a separate contract outside of the MPO contract.</p> <p>If BACTS were awarded the contract, Rob will need to hire another part-time person to administer the contract. BACTS will benefit from having this in-house because it will help lower indirect.</p>	<p><b><i>Rob Yerxa made a motion to authorize Rob Kenerson to continue investigating the Regional Planning RFP, with the option of not responding to the RFP if it's not beneficial for BACTS. Bob Osborne seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

**Employee Health Insurance Renewal**

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The Governance Committee met to discuss the health insurance for employees. The cost of the insurance has gone up 7 and 9 percent. The Governance Committee recommends paying the same percentage that BACTS paid in the previous years.</p>	<p><b><i>Dana Wardwell made a motion that BACTS continue to pay the same percentage of the health care plans for employees as has been paid previously. Bob Osborne seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

### Technical Issues

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<p><b>Construction Progress Reports</b></p>	<p>Bangor – The islands are in on Main Street with some curb and sidewalk work completed.</p> <p>The City is building a sidewalk on the Bangor Mall Boulevard on the opposite side of Toys R' Us.</p> <p>The striping on Hogan Road will be done in the spring.</p>	

### Other Business

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<p><b>TIM</b></p> <p><b>Conference</b></p>	<p>The Traffic Incident Management team held trainings in November:</p> <p>November 13 in Bangor with 25 participants            November 17 in Brewer with 25 participants            November 20 in Orono with 20 participants</p> <p>The trainings went well. The team will meet to discuss what went well and what needs to be improved.</p> <p>Rob attended the FHWA conference with approximately 150 attendees from New York and New England states. BACTS was recognized for the work they are doing with Traffic Incident Management group.</p>	

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<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>		<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.</i></p>