

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2016

Machias Savings Bank

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
Don Cooper	BACTS
Jeremy Clay	City of Bangor
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
John Devin	Maine DOT
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Paul White	Town of Orrington
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Ted Trembley	City of Bangor
Scott Perkins	Town of Hermon

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Rob Yerxa called the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:31 am, at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Paul White made the motion to accept the minutes of September 20, 2016 Policy Committee meeting. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Approval of WIN 21767.00 Bangor River Walk

Topic	Discussion	Action
	This project is one the State put in. They are amending the project to add funds. It was posted for public comments. None were received.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve the TIP Amendment for WIN 21767.00. Ted Trembley seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Community Connector MOU

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Jeremy Clay from the Community Connector has been working with the FTA consultant on the MOU between the Community Connector and BACTS. FTA was looking for more specific tasks rather than the general tasks listed in the MOU. The MOU was missing standard federal language, specifically in the public participation section. Now that the document has been changed, BACTS needs approval from the Policy Committee.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve the MOU between the Community Connector and BACTS as presented. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

BACTS Public Participation and Bylaws Review

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	<p>Rob explained that all MPOs are working with Maine DOT to synchronize public comment periods. These have not been finalized yet, so Rob will be bringing a draft copy to the next meeting for approval to put out for 45 day public comment period. It will then come back for final approval.</p>	

Questions for Local Costs for Orrington Snow's Corner Project Overrun

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	<p>This project was finished last year. There were some striping issues, but they were taken care of. Orrington received the invoice, which included project overrun of \$7,000. Normally overruns are charged fully to the town. In the case of this project, it was agreed that any overruns would be subject to the 80-10-10 split. The Town and Maine DOT are looking for the reason for the overrun.</p> <p>Rob explained that he needs approval from the Policy Committee to provide the 80% of the cost overrun once the reason has been determined.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve a transfer of funds up to 80% of the overrun cost. Frank Higgins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

Technical Issues

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<p>Construction Updates</p>	<p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Griffin Road sidewalks will be paved today, and the road will be paved tomorrow. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harlow/Cumberland and Burleigh/Broadway detection is up. • The temporary lights on Hammond Street are currently on flash. They will be taken down next month. • Bangor is reclaiming the parking lot at Cross Insurance Center. <p>Orono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stillwater Avenue/I-95 signals need work because they are not coordinated with other signals in the corridor. • Rangeley Road/Park Street roundabout public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. • Forest Avenue will be getting a shim coat tomorrow. <p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MRC project is moving forward. <p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parkway South is completed. • North Main retaining wall is done. • Eastern Avenue is now open. The culvert installation is complete. Paving is scheduled for next week. 	
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Transit Report

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	<p>The City of Bangor has developed a task force to do comprehensive planning for the Community Connector. The first meeting was last week. Longer operating hours will be part of the proposed improvements for discussion.</p> <p>Jeremy Clay told the Committee that the Bangor City Council has approved funding for new office space for the Community Connector staff in 2017. They will also be hiring another full-time dispatcher. Bangor received a FAST Act grant for \$1.4 million which will allow Community Connector to buy four new buses.</p>	

MDOT Report

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	A several year project for Route 3 in Trenton from Pirate’s Cove to Bar Harbor is planned.	

Other Business

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	<p>The Maine Transportation Conference is scheduled for December 1 in Augusta.</p> <p>Rob is traveling to New York for an “Every Day Counts” (EDC-4) summit on November 1 and 2. This is part of his duties as a member of the Maine State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC).</p> <p>Rob reminded the Committee that he needs suggestions for the Stillwater Avenue Advisory Committee by Wednesday.</p> <p>There were no proposals submitted for the Bike/Ped section of the Long Range Plan. Rob is looking to meet with the Governance Committee to look at where BACTS is now and where the organization is going. He would like to hire someone to work on the bike/ped section and, eventually, move into Don’s position.</p> <p>Dianne informed the Committee that she is doing the last of the turning movement counts today. She will distribute a list of the projects in November. The Committee will need to create a short-list so Dianne can get the consultant working on estimates for the projects. The project ride will hopefully be scheduled for April.</p> <p>Miovision asked BACTS to host a meeting in the Bangor area for a presentation on their new product line called Spectrum. The meeting will be held on November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The vender will buy lunch. Dianne will send out the invitation as soon as a location is found.</p>	

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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.</i>