

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Brewer Auditorium

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Gerry Audibert	Maine DOT
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT
John Devin	Maine DOT
Scott Perkins	Town of Hermon
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Dean Bennett	Town of Hampden
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Ron Harriman	Orrington/Old Town
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Michael Wight	Maine DOT
Aurele Gorneau II	Maine DOT

### Call to Order and Minutes Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Minutes</b>	Frank Higgins called the September 15, 2015 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:36 am, at the Machias Savings Bank.	<i><b>Ron Harriman made the motion to accept the minutes of August 18, 2015 Policy Committee meeting. Rob Yerxa seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</b></i>

### Stillwater Bridges & Corridor Study Input, Old Town

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Michael Wight from Maine DOT joined the meeting to discuss the Stillwater Bridge and Corridor Study. He handed out a document that included the data for the analysis of Stillwater Avenue traffic.  The summary for the analysis states:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slow traffic growth expected in the long term.</li> <li>• Stillwater Ave @ College Ave is the “bottleneck”</li> <li>• A two-lane bridge has adequate capacity for the foreseeable future</li> <li>• Intersection capacity can be improved without more lanes on the bridge.</li> </ul> <p>Michael indicated they are starting the preliminary engineering and will decide on the design by October 2016. Construction will be in 2018-2019.</p> <p>Ron Harriman pointed out that 30 acres of Stillwater Avenue are targeted for development.</p> <p>Gerry Audibert suggested conducting a long-term corridor study to identify needs.</p> <p>The bridge will be able to be widened if the need is there in the future.</p> <p>Michael also reported that the bids were opened for the I-395/Webster Avenue bridge replacement. They are looking to award the project within the month. There will be an extensive campaign for the closures. The work will begin next May.</p>	
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**Orrington Snow’s Corner Funding Shortage**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>Aurele, the project manager, attended the meeting to discuss the Orrington project. At a previous meeting, BACTS had approved additional funds for the project. However, the project is still short. There were four bids, all of which came in higher than expected. They were not able to award the project immediately, so they will have to go out to bid again for a spring completion.</p> <p>The PE, CE and construction were all more than estimated due to the change in the right-of-way. The footprint of the project remains the same.</p> <p>There was a question as to whether the project really needed to replace the existing flasher in the</p>	

	<p>intersection. Aurele agreed to look into eliminating the upgrade.</p> <p>Rob told the Committee that Federal Highway requires the funds be put into the project prior to going out to bid again. The issue will be brought up at the October meeting.</p>	
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**FY 2018 BACTS Work Plan Project Funding Shortage**

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Gerry explained to the Committee that the latest estimates are higher than original. Maine DOT is looking to change the way they look at projects at the beginning. He will continue to work with Dianne to get definite numbers for the Committee.	

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Long Range Plan Update RFP**

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Rob is looking to update chapters of the Long Range Plan. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Study needs to be updated. It was a significant project last time. The consultants rode their bikes around all of the BACTS area roads. This time they will be looking at conditions. He is looking for authorization to get the study started.	<b><i>Belle Ryder made a motion to authorize Rob to get approval from Maine DOT to release an RFP for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Study. Linda seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b>

**Final CY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Rob has finished assigning costs to each of the tasks in the UPWP.</p> <p>Task 1 – Rob put additional funds in for the audits. The type of audit BACTS needs is still in discussion.</p> <p>Task 5 – BACTS is looking at the option of getting a new model and/or hiring a consultant to do the modeling. The current software is not working well anymore. It needs to be updated.</p>	<b><i>Belle Ryder made a motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program pending comments from Maine DOT. Rob Yerxa seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b>

**Technical Issues**

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	<p>Brewer – Wilson Street is under construction. Milling is almost complete. Elm Street is ready to mill. Both should be done over the next three or four weeks.</p> <p>Bangor – Union Street is being milled today. Hammond Street has one to one-and-a-half weeks left.</p> <p>Main Street and Broadway have just a little bit of clean-up left.</p>	

**Maine DOT**

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Route 2 in Milford is on schedule for next year.	

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<b>Adjournment</b>		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.</i>