

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

Machias Savings Bank

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
Don Cooper	BACTS
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Jennifer Grant	Maine DOT
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Scott Perkins	Town of Hermon
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Rob Yerxa called the September 20, 2016 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:33 am, at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to accept the minutes of August 23, 2016 Policy Committee meeting. John Theriault seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Stillwater Avenue Corridor Study – Consultant Selection

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>BACTS received three proposals from T.Y. Lin, Gorrill Palmer, and Milone and MacBroom. The Selection Committee decided to go with Gorrill-Palmer. Rob indicated that he needs the Policy Committee's approval to enter into an agreement with Gorrill-Palmer.</p> <p>Rob will also develop an Advisory Committee to provide input on the project. He asked the Policy Committee for suggestions. Belle and Rob Yerxa</p>	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to authorize Rob Kenerson to sign a contract with Gorrill-Palmer not to exceed \$49,200. Unanimously approved.</i>

	will talk with Dave Milan and the University. Rob Kenerson will reach out to Old Town.	
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Technical Issues

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Construction Updates	<p>Hermon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor has been chosen for the project in Hermon. The project will begin with a shim on September 28 and build out from there. The projected end date is July 2017. <p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signal improvements at Broadway & Griffin WIN # 18579 and Harlow and Cumberland WIN # 18577 Union Street paving project by Lane Construction is underway. Union Street Overpass project is delayed until the traffic signal controller arrives. <p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The retaining wall on North Main Street is just about finished. <p>Orono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A public meeting has been scheduled for October 25 for the Rangeley Road intersection design. 	

Transit Report

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Laurie and Don are working with a group called Transportation for All. The group has been a vocal supporter of transit. The members volunteer to do surveys on buses and train new riders. They were a great advocate for the extended hours for the Community Connector. It has been a positive experience working with this group.</p> <p>Rob received an email from Laurie while at the conference. Evidently there have been minor</p>	

	changes made to the Memorandum of Understanding. Rob has not seen the revisions yet.	
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MDOT Report

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	<p>A synergy meeting has been set up for October 3. BACTS staff has been invited to go over all projects that are in the BACTS area before they are put into the work plan.</p> <p>The MPO Quarterly meeting will be held next Thursday, September 29.</p> <p>Darryl informed Dianne that the information needed for the Long Range Plan has been reviewed by FHWA and Chris will be sending it to us shortly</p>	

Other Business

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	<p>BACTS received two proposals for the financial audit. One of them is the same firm that did 2013-2015 last year. Rob was planning on setting up a committee to go over the proposals, but since only two have come in and one is familiar with the BACTS financials from last year, he decided to discuss it at today's meeting. MacConel and Dodd was selected because of their experience with BACTS last year and their price was more than half the other proposal.</p> <p>Dianne announced that the Policy Committee would be short listing projects for the 2020-21 work plans at the November meeting. There are only 27 projects this round, and the projects are smaller in size which should keep costs low so hopefully more projects will be able to get funded.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve a three-year contract with MacConel and Dodd for the financial audit. Dana Wardwell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

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