

**PUBLIC COMMENTS NOTIFICATION OF STATEMENT OF REQUEST TO
APPROVE AN INTERIM BACTS LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) Policy Committee voted to approve an Interim BACTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This effectively extends the current 2011- 2035 MTP, with no changes, once the Maine DOT gives final approval. This action will allow BACTS and MDOT amendments to the current TIP and STIP, while BACTS completes the 2018-2038 Plan update by early 2018.

There are no major revisions to the Plan's goals/policies, demographics, financial information, traffic forecasts, and project listings at this time. Delays in response to an RFP to update the bicycle and pedestrian chapters and in obtaining other necessary data, factor in to the delays in the Plan update. Changes in the latest federal transportation legislation, the FAST Act and the desire to address transportation planning performance measures and targets more fully in the BACTS area also factor into this request.

Since BACTS is in attainment for air quality conformity, this Interim Plan has no impact or change to that conformity.

The Interim Plan will not alter any of the planning assumptions, findings and transportation policies.

A copy of the existing and Interim MTP are on the BACTS website at www.bactsmmpo.org.

Public comments on BACTS' requests for MDOT, FHWA, and FTA's approval for this Interim Plan shall be made in writing and must be received on or before 4:00 p.m., October 20, 2017. Any questions or written comments should be directed to Cindy Meservey at 12 Acme Road, Suite 104, Brewer, Maine 04412 or by e-mail at cindym@bactsmmpo.org.