

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2018

Machias Savings Bank

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Connie Reed	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Janna Richards	Town of Orono
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor, Community Connector
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	John Theriault called the January 16 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:40 am, at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Linda Johns made the motion to accept the minutes of November 21, 2017 Policy Committee meeting. Dana Wardwell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

MTP Discussion and Approval

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The draft of the 2018 – 2038 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) was approved at the November meeting to be released for public comment. The public comment period ended on January 3. BACTS staff held two public meetings and posted the information on the website.</p> <p>Rob and Connie presented the public comments received. Erik DaSilva was unable to attend the meeting, but after reading the meeting materials, emailed a suggested addition to the response</p>	

	<p>about using the Veazie railroad bed as a trailway. He suggested adding, “Bangor Land Trust purchased the 80.5 acre property known as The Northeast Penjajawoc Preserve in 2006-2007 with support from the Land for Maine’s Future Program and North American Wetlands Conservation Act Funds. Bangor Land Trust did extensive trail remediation to protect the wetlands and make the trails more pleasant. These trails connect to the old Veazie railroad bed, which lead to Walden-Parke Preserve or the Bangor City Forest. The Railroad Trail begins in the Bangor Land Trust and continues into the Orono Land Trust. Current efforts are underway by the Orono Land Trust to connect the trail all the way to Kirkland Road in Old Town. It is anticipated that this will be completed next year.”</p> <p>Public comments received did not raise any new material issues which would alter the content of the Plan, so the MTP will not have to go out for another public comment period.</p> <p>The Policy Committee needs to respond to each of the comments. Rob asked the Committee to review what Connie had written and approve if satisfied with responses. The final 2018-2038 MTP will contain the Policy Committee’s responses to all relevant comments received on the draft, as well as listing of the approved changes to the final plan.</p>	<p><i>Frank Higgins made the motion to approve the responses to the public comments received, with Erik’s suggested addition, and approve the 2018 – 2038 MTP as final. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>
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Draft TIP Approval for Public Comment

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The draft 2018 – 2022 TIP includes Maine DOT projects as well as BACTS sponsored projects. The separate Errata sheet shows projects that either required an edit, or were missing from the MaineDOT generated project list. Rob asked for approval to post the draft TIP for public comment. The comment period will end just before next month’s meeting, so BACTS staff will be asking for approval of Final TIP.</p>	<p><i>Linda Johns made the motion to approve the document for public comment. Sean Currier seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

Revisit Safety Performance Measures

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>At the last meeting, there was discussion about the performance management regulations and requirements, as well as the specific safety performance targets set by MaineDOT. It was decided BACTS would adopt and support the State set Safety Performance targets. Connie identified that the information presented in MaineDOT's memorandum showed targets as a five-year total rather than an annual number, so she indicated that she would confirm with MaineDOT what the annual targets for 2018 would be calculated as. MaineDOT provided the annual target and additional information about how the targets were calculated. Need an approval to adopt the state targets as presented.</p>	<p><i>Frank Higgins made the motion to adopt the Safety Performance Targets set by the state. Dana Wardwell seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

FY2017 Financial Review

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>No action is necessary for the Financial Review. This is for information only.</p> <p>The 990 has also been electronically filed.</p> <p>BACTS has received the signed 2018/2019 2-year contract with MaineDOT.</p>	

BACTS Pavement Committee

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Street Scan has proposals ready for the municipalities. Rob reviewed them and told Stan to remove the Interstate mileage. Proposals should be going out this week or next.</p> <p>The proposal is to contract with BACTS for the entire scope of work and the . municipalities who choose to join in on the contract would reimburse BACTS for any work on their local roads. The larger municipalities with staff and resources would be able to access the data portal and BACTS staff would access the data portal for the smaller towns who may participate, such as Bradley, Milford, and Veazie.</p>	

	There was talk of creating a sub-committee, which would report back to the Committee. Rob asked for names. Dana Wardwell and John Theriault volunteered to represent Bangor. Jeremy Caron will represent Brewer. Rob Yerxa was designated to represent Orono.	
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Transit Report

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	The Community Connector staff has moved into the new space. There are a few problems. John Theriault offered to go to the office to see what needs to be done.	

Technical Issues

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Construction Updates	<p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted is designing the Maine Avenue project. <p>Orono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State received bids for the Round About. Bids came from Gardner, Sargent, RF Jordan, McMillan, and Maine Earth. 	

Other Business

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LD-1754	This is a request for the state to prioritize spending toward rural roads by increasing funding for them. A public hearing was scheduled for Thursday. Rob asked if the Committee would like him to either attend the hearing or to send in written comments. Dana Wardwell offered to travel to Augusta with Rob.	
Rapid Flashing Beacons	FHWA issued a notice in December that MUTCD is rescinding their interim approval of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons because MUTCD prohibits patented devices from experimentation, IA, or inclusion in the MUTCD.	
BACTS Activities	The FHWA discovered that there are four existing U.S. patents, and at least one pending patent	

	<p>application, covering aspects of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) device. . FHWA therefore has rescinded its approval for all new installations of RRFB devices. Installed RRFBs may remain in service until the end of useful life of those devices and need not be removed</p> <p>.</p> <p>This rescission appears to be solely the result of the patent issues and does not present any safety concerns or mechanical defect concerns. MaineDOT indicated that they would be sending information out to the municipalities which are awaiting the RRFBs from the State.</p> <p>Rob distributed a list of BACTS projects and activities for calendar years 2018 and 2019 with anticipated timeframes, put together by the staff at their meeting in the previous week. Rob also mentioned that the Bike/Ped RFP would be going out in February with the study being completed by fall.</p>	
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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.</i>