

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT
BACTS 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2018 TRANSIT ELEMENT CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) is responsible for carrying out much of the transportation planning in the greater Bangor urbanized area and produces a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all transportation projects where federal transportation funding will be expended. BACTS is seeking public comments on the proposed changes and additions to the fiscal year 2018 projects in the transit element of the 2018-2021 TIP.

The greater Bangor urbanized area public transit provider, City of Bangor – Community Connector, is a direct recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program. Pursuant to FTA Circular 9030.1E, Chapter 5, Section 6(d), the public notice, public involvement procedures and time established for public review and comment associated with the TIP amendment process will satisfy the City of Bangor’s Program of Projects (POP) requirements under 49 USC Chapter 53, §5307(b).

§5307 Funding - At the start of fiscal year 2018, \$615,000 in §5307 funds were carried forward from prior year. Fiscal year 2018 apportionment of federal §5307 funds to the City of Bangor is \$1,243,410, making \$1,858,770 in federal §5307 funds available for obligation.

New Project - The City of Bangor is proposing a new project using §5307 funding to undertake a transit planning study to examine and analyze the existing system and suggest short, medium and long-term implementation strategies to enhance reliability, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of the bus service, limiting the time required to travel between important origins and destination points and servicing the geographical areas on the days and times with the highest demand for public transit.

Project Description	Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Bangor - Transit Planning Study to evaluate system design, routes, and schedules	\$ 80,000		\$ 20,000	\$ 100,000
	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 100,000

Project Changes - The City of Bangor is proposing changes to programmed projects related to daily operations of the bus system to include contracted ADA complementary paratransit service, capital-eligible preventative maintenance, and system administration and operations.

WIN	Project Description	ANNUAL PROGRAMMED TIP APPROVED 02.20.18				FY 18 AMENDMENT FUNDING REQUEST				FY 18 AMENDMENT INCREASE (DECREASE)			
		Federal	State	Local	Total	Federal	State	Local	Total	Federal	State	Local	Total
020720.18	City of Bangor - ADA Complementary Paratransit Operating Assistance - Contracted Service	\$ 100,000		\$ 25,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 80,359		\$ 43,270	\$ 123,629	\$ (19,641)		\$ 18,270	\$ (1,371)
022757.18	City of Bangor - Capital-Eligible Preventative Maintenance Assistance	\$ 310,000		\$ 77,500	\$ 387,500	\$ 509,372		\$ 127,343	\$ 636,715	\$ 199,372		\$ 49,843	\$ 249,215
022761.18	City of Bangor - Small Urban Transit System Operating Assistance	\$ 772,000	\$ 101,110	\$ 670,890	\$ 1,544,000	\$ 592,769	\$ 101,110	\$ 735,877	\$ 1,429,756	\$(179,231)	\$ -	\$ 64,987	\$(114,244)
		\$ 1,182,000	\$ 101,110	\$ 773,390	\$ 2,056,500	\$ 1,182,500	\$ 101,110	\$ 906,490	\$ 2,190,100	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 133,100	\$ 133,600

§5339 Funding - At the start of fiscal year 2018, \$170,841 in MaineDOT allocated federal formula §5339(a) funds were carried forward from prior year. Fiscal year 2018 MaineDOT allocation of federal formula §5339(a) funds to the City of Bangor is \$127,530, making \$298,371 in federal §5339(a) funds available for obligation.

Project Changes - The City of Bangor is proposing changes to programmed projects related to bus and bus facilities to combine §5339(a) formula funding with §5339(b) competitive funding awarded in fiscal year 2016 to purchase five (5) new 30-foot buses. Staggered delivery is planned for two (2) vehicles in fiscal year 2019, two (2) vehicles in fiscal year 2020, and one (1) vehicle in fiscal year 2021. The total estimated project cost is \$2,205,000.

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		Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total	Federal	Local	Total
022386.00	FY16 Competitive Bus and Bus Facilities Award to purchase five new buses	\$ 1,441,600	\$ 254,400	\$ 1,696,000	\$1,441,600	\$ 385,291	\$ 1,826,891	\$ -	\$ 130,891	\$ 130,891
022769.16	MaineDOT Small Urban Capital Assistance	\$ 170,841	\$ 42,710	\$ 213,551	\$ 170,841	\$ 45,658	\$ 216,499	\$ -	\$ 2,948	\$ 2,948
022769.17	Allocation Carryover Funds									
022769.18	MaineDOT Small Urban Capital Assistance Allocation	\$ 94,000	\$ 23,500	\$ 117,500	\$ 127,530	\$ 34,080	\$ 161,610	\$ 33,530	\$ 10,580	\$ 44,110
		\$1,706,441	\$ 320,610	\$ 2,027,051	\$ 1,739,971	\$ 465,029	\$ 2,205,000	\$ 33,530	\$ 144,419	\$ 177,949

Comments must be made in writing and received on or before **4:00 p.m., June 18, 2018**. Comments will be presented to the BACTS Policy Committee for their consideration.

Any questions or written comments should be directed to:

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Public notice and time established for public review and comment on the proposed TIP amendment satisfy the intent of Title 23, Part 450, Subpart C §450.326(b).

Title VI Notice: The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System is committed to ensuring that the fundamental principles of equal opportunity are upheld in all decisions involving our employees and contractors/consultants and, to ensuring that the public-at-large is afforded access to our programs and services.

To that end, no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any BACTS program or activity on the grounds of race, color, national origin, income, sex, age, disability, or limited English proficiency. BACTS assures all its programs and activities will be free from discrimination, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

BACTS conducts its Title VI/Environmental Justice Program in a team approach involving all BACTS personnel. The Director of BACTS is responsible for BACTS' compliance with the Title VI/EJ implementing regulations. Inquiries concerning BACTS' policies, investigations, complaints, compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and concerns regarding compliance with Title VI/Environmental Justice, may be directed to the Director, Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System, 12 Acme Road Suite 104, Brewer, ME 04412, telephone 207-974-3111.