

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

Orono Council Chambers

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Dianne Rice	BACTS
Connie Reed	BACTS
Don Cooper	BACTS
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
John Devin	Maine DOT
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Scott Rollins	Maine DOT
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden
Carlos Pena	FHWA
Linda Johns	City of Brewer

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	John Theriault called the February 21, 2017 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:32 am, at Orono Council Chambers.	<i>Linda Johns made the motion to accept the minutes of January 17, 2017 Policy Committee meeting. Frank Higgins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Approval of BACTS 2017-2020 TIP

Topic	Discussion	Action
	The 30-day public comment period for the 2017-2020 TIP ended last Thursday with no comments received. The description for the Hampden project was changed to reflect the accurate description of the project. It was listed in two tables, both were changed. The wording on the certification page	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve the BACTS 2017-2020 TIP with the minor modifications. Sean Currier seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

	was also changed to include the FAST Act rather than Map21.	
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Orono Park Street Study Support Letter for PPI

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	<p>Rob Yerxa asked BACTS staff to have a study done from Crosby Street to the Old Town line to address left turns out of streets once the round about is in.</p> <p>Orono will be submitting the study under PPI. Rob needs to write a letter explaining why this project should qualify even though it is not outside the MPO area. No PL funds will be used for this project, but Rob needs Committee approval in order to write a letter of support.</p>	<p><i>Frank Higgins made the motion to approve writing a letter of support on BACTS letterhead for the Orono study. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

Technical Issues

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Construction Updates	<p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brewer received DEP approval for the slope stabilization of Mill Street. The project will begin in 2018. This is a MPI 50/50 project. <p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a public meeting scheduled for March 2 for Broadway. The City is doing a mill and fill, as well as some improvements from the study. 	

Transit Report

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	<p>The City is looking at various alternatives for the Community Connector hub. They are still considering Pickering Square Improvement and the Washington Street site. Abbott Square will be too tricky for the buses turning in from Harlow Street.</p>	

Maine DOT Report

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	<p>John Devin asked Rob about the schedule for the Stillwater Avenue Corridor Study. Rob indicated it should be done in April or May. The 2nd Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled.</p> <p>Scott Rollins told the Committee that the Diverging Diamond Interchange for Hogan Road is going into development. Maine DOT is still waiting on word from FHWA for AID grant.</p> <p>Maine DOT is working with FHWA on changing the criteria for an STIP/TIP amendment versus modification. Currently it goes by dollar amount, looking at changing to a percentage.</p>	

Other Business

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	<p>Any significant studies for CY 18/19 will need to be included in the BACTS UPWP. BACTS staff will be bringing information on the UPWP at each meeting. The document needs to be to Maine DOT by June or July.</p> <p>The indirect rate has been approved for the period ending June 30, 2016. BACTS needs make corrections for using a higher rate in the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 fiscal year.</p> <p>The 990 was filed last week. Each member will be receiving a copy.</p> <p>The Traffic Incident Management group is holding a training on March 1 at the State Police Barracks on Maine Avenue in Bangor. Please pass on the information to anyone in the fire/police.</p> <p>Don asked Belle whether the Main Street study in Orono had been completed. Belle indicated the study is in draft form. The Town has made comments on the document and are waiting to hear back.</p>	

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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.</i>