

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2018
Brewer Auditorium

Members

Name	Representing
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Dana Wardwell	City of Bangor
Scott Perkins	Town of Hermon
Andy Fish	Town of Orrington
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Kyle Drexler	Town of Orono
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor
Linda Johns	City of Brewer

Maine DOT

Name	Representing
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT

Staff

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Connie Reed	BACTS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	John Theriault called the October 16 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:43 a.m. at the Brewer Auditorium.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to accept the minutes of September 18, 2018 Policy Committee meeting. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Coldbrook Road Intersection WIN 22877.00 TIP Administrative Modification

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	<p>Rob received an email from Dan Loring indicating that the Project Manger needs additional funds for the signal project at the intersection on Coldbrook Road near Dysarts. The bids have come in higher than expected for other projects, so it is anticipated to be the same for this one. The total cost for the project is \$226,200. The project manager is requesting \$24,118 from BACTS holding PIN to cover the increase.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to approve transferring \$24,118 from Holding WIN #14272.40 to WIN #22877.00. Scott Perkins seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>
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Orrington WIN 22446.00 Scope Change

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	<p>The scope for this project originally estimated a mill and fill would be adequate. Randall Barrows attended a Selectman’s meeting where one of the selectmen voiced concern about the mill and fill being enough for an area of the project. Randall conducted a pavement condition assessment and found the area was lacking pavement structure.</p> <p>Randall suggested removing the existing pavement layer for the full travel and way and replacing it with 3 inches of base pavement prior to shim. There are also two 48 inch reinforced concrete pipes where the ends have separated. He recommends resetting them and tying them together. The additional cost for both fixes is \$1,000.</p>	<p><i>Linda Johns made the motion to approve transferring \$1,000 from Holding WIN #14272.40 to WIN #22446.00 for the scope change. Sean Currier seconded the motion.</i></p>

Transit Report

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	<p>Laurie Linscott announced that the City of Bangor was awarded a FTA fiscal year 2018 bus and bus facilities grant of \$2.8 million to purchase 7 buses and technology for current buses. The technology will be purchased prior to the purchase of the new buses. The City is planning on ordering these seven buses next year. Laurie also announced that she will be taking a trip to New Flyer to see if she wants to order New Flyer buses with this grant instead of Gillig buses.</p> <p>Laurie told the committee she is going to California in November to inspect the first two Gillig buses</p>	

	<p>purchased with the \$1.4 million FY2016 discretionary bus and bus facilities grant. These two buses will be delivered in November, another in April and another in July.</p> <p>Laurie stated that she intends to piggyback on the MaineDOT contract with Gillig to purchase the five buses awarded with the FY2017 discretionary bus and bus facilities grant of \$1.9 million. When she is at Gillig in November inspecting buses, she intends to negotiate with them to have all five of these 30-foot buses delivered at the same time.</p> <p>Laurie received an email from FTA indicating the Community Connector’s Triennial Review by FTA will be done in 2019. She is expecting a package any day for the process.</p> <p>Connie told the group that Maine DOT is working on developing additional transit performance measures and targets, beyond what is federally required. MaineDOT intends to have these performance measures, standards and requirements outlined within the next year.</p>	
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Technical Issues

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<p>Construction Updates</p>	<p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine Avenue was striped yesterday. Some widening of the road was done, which was funded by the City. There is now a turn lane at the University of Augusta entrance. • John is working with Mark Holmes on evaluating the downtown system. The signals will be getting interconnected through wifi. <p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD Electric has told the City that they will be starting the signal work later this week. • Frank and Jeremy have been swapping the street lights to LED lights. A couple have stopped working but are under warranty. The electric bill has gone from \$12,000 per month to \$1,400. • The River Walk Trail Phase II is just about finished. The lamp posts and tunnel should be done by the beginning of December. 	

	<p>Orono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Route 2 culvert project will begin the Right of Way phase in the near future. The project team is meeting to discuss detouring traffic. The raised crosswalk in the roundabout was supposed to be curb to curb with no joints. There was a change so they now taper down into the curb with a 1 foot drop. This will cause a significant challenge with snow removal. <p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Avenue/1A intersection signals poles are being changed to mast arms. Sewer work is being done from Western Avenue/1A back to Route 202 and from Old County Road to Mountain View. Emera is switching all street lights in the town to LED. The bridge that is part of the Route 1A project has been changed from steel beam to composite. The project team is working out how to hang the utilities from the composite technology. 	
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MDOT Report

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	The Brewer Wilson Street project should wrap up next week. Coldbrook Road and Route 9 projects may wrap up next week as well.	

Other Business

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Old Town Signal Project	Rob received the notice from Maine DOT to proceed. He will be talking with John Rouleau to find out what information is needed for FEMA. BACTS is planning to use the simplified acquisition process to try to hire Sebege Technic as they did the original design for the intersection.	
AID Grant	Rob is looking to put a team together to look at applying for the AID Grant. Federal Highway normally funds 3 projects in an area. There are	

	<p>already 3 in Maine, but Wayne Emington is calling Washington to see if it is worth applying.</p>	
<p>BACTS Triennial Review</p>	<p>BACTS' Triennial Review has been scheduled for November 8. Carlos is setting up the meeting. They will come to the BACTS office.</p>	
<p>Quarterly MPO Meeting</p>	<p>Part of the meeting was training on ProjEx. Dianne was able to get computer issues resolved and get more access to the site, including video from the ARAN van.</p>	
<p>Every Day Counts 5</p>	<p>Rob will be traveling to Albany, NY with Maine DOT and FHWA employees. Nine innovative areas will be highlighted. The Maine participants will be looking at this list of new focus areas and set goals on the areas that are chosen.</p>	

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<p>Adjournment</p>		<p><i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.</i></p>