

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2018
Machias Savings Bank

Members

Name	Representing
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
Eric Willett	City of Bangor
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Andy Fish	Town of Orrington
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Kyle Drexler	Town of Orono
Dean Bennett	Town of Bradley
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer
John Rouleau	City of Old Town

Maine

Name	Representing
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT
John Devin	Maine DOT
Carlos Pena	FHWA

Staff

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Connie Reed	BACTS
Dianne Rice-Hansen	BACTS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Rob Yerxa called the December 11 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Belle Ryder made the motion to accept the minutes of October 16, 2018 Policy Committee meeting. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

2018-2021 TIP Amendment

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Rob told the Committee that Maine DOT is looking to adding partial construction funding of \$35,800,000 to WIN 18915.00 Brewer-Eddington I-395/Route 9 Connector Project. This amendment will bring the total available funding for the project to \$54,050,000. IN addition, MaineDOT is requesting to add a lineage WIN (18915.20) from WIN 18915.00 for a replacement bridge at Wilson Street and I-395 (Bridge #1564) for the I-395/ Route 9 Connector Project. The total funding needed for this project is \$11,100,000. BACTS put the Amendment out for public comment and received none.</p> <p>A vote is needed from the Committee to amend the BACTS TIP.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to amend the 2018-2021 TIP to add \$35,800,000 for partial construction funding in WIN 18915.00 for the Brewer-Eddington I-395/Route 9 Connector construction; and to create a lineage WIN 18915.20 from WIN 18915.00 for a bridge replacement at Wilson Street and I-395 (Bridge #1564) in the amount of \$11,100,000. . Sean Currier seconded the motion. The motion carried with two opposed.</i></p>

Orrington Overlay and Sidewalk WINs 22446.00 and 18884.01

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The bid for the Orrington overlay and sidewalk project came in over bid by \$150,000. Andy Fish met with Rob Kenerson and Randy Barrows on Friday. The Town’s share will be \$55,000. Although the Town Council met the night before the Committee meeting, they were unable to vote because the topic was not on the agenda when published.</p> <p>Andy asked what the implications of withdrawing from the sidewalk portion of the project would be. Randy explained that there would be some costs that would need to be absorbed. Additional work and supplies estimated at \$60,000.</p> <p>Frank Higgins asked if there would be a benefit from bidding at a different time of year. Randy told him the cost could be lower or higher than the current bid. Randy is looking at combining the project with a Brewer project to see if he could get a better bid.</p>	<p><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to table further discussion until more</i></p>

	It was decided that there was nothing that could be done until the Town Council meets and makes a decision on what they want to do.	<i>information is received from the Town of Orrington. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>
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BACTS MPO FHwA/FTA Planning Review Report

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	<p>BACTS had their MPO Planning Review review with FHwA and FTA in November. The group used the INVEST tool for the review, which goes through the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Committee was provided the criteria sheet showing the categories and possible scores, as well as the score BACTS received.</p> <p>Carlos said the discussion was the most useful part of the review. It went very well and all participants were pleased. He noted BACTS is doing all the right things, but the documentation within the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is not there. There were no red flags, and the region is doing a good job.</p>	

BACTS FY2018 Audit

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	<p>The overhead audit has been completed. There were no findings and the new indirect rate is 1.34%. The financial review was done at the same time. Rob is reviewing the draft and will receive the final once he gives the okay. The next step is to send the information to Maine DOT to get their approval. The financial review will be brought to the January meeting.</p> <p>Rob is also reviewing the 990. Once done, each member will receive a copy.</p>	

Transit Report

Topic	Discussion	Action
	Two new buses are now on the road. Community Connector will be getting another new one in April and two more in July.	

	Laurie received the FTA Triennial Review Information Request, which is due January 13. She will be attending the Triennial Review Workshop next week.	
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Technical Issues

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Construction Updates	<p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is much happening at this time. There are a lot of projects that will be happening this spring. <p>Orono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rangely Road is pretty much done. Electric poles and fixtures are due this week or next. Traffic flows well in the morning, but it's not as smooth in the evening. Orchard Trails remains an issue needing to be addressed. 	

MDOT Report

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>The Maine DOT workplan has gone through several drafts. The final draft is out now. They are looking to finish in January.</p> <p>John Devin received his AASHTO 25-Year Pin at the 68th Maine Transportation Conference at the Augusta Civic Center on December 6..</p>	

Other Business

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Stillwater Avenue, Old Town	Old Town is looking to mill and fill the section of Stillwater Avenue from Abbot Street to Jefferson Street, approximately .28 miles. This will tie into the earlier project on Stillwater. The rough estimate is \$18,000. The City is looking to advertise for bids in March.	
Old Town Center Lights	FEMA has now left, so everything needs to go through Texas at this point. Rob indicated that whether the project goes through FEMA or not, the design will be able to be done.	

<p>Susan Collins Announcement</p> <p>MPI</p>	<p>John Devin announced that company reopening the mill has a goal to double the previous maximum output. He asked if this was taken into account for the intersection design. Rob asked if the company has done a traffic study. If the traffic in and out is over 100, they need to do a traffic impact study. John said he would check with Bruce Mattson.</p> <p>Frank Higgins read that Susan Collins helped get Maine more funding. The article stated that Maine DOT is looking to take over maintenance of detection statewide. Rob Kenerson told the Committee that it was one of the items included in the Mobility Study, but the idea is still in discussion phase. One thought was to have each MPO contribute to hire someone.</p> <p>John Devin is not sure if the MPI program will continue with a new Commissioner. The program has worked well for several municipalities. There is an application process where a municipality can request up to \$500,000. The funding is 50/50 with any cost overruns being the responsibility of the town.</p> <p>John also informed the Committee that the BPI is similar. This funding is for businesses and is split 1/3 DOT, 1/3 business and 1/3 municipality. The project has to be roadway improvements.</p>	
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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.</i>