

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2019

Brewer Auditorium

Members

Name	Representing
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Eric Willett	City of Bangor
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
John Rouleau	City of Old Town
Jim Chandler	Town of Hampden
Kyle Drexler	Town of Orono
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer
Richard Cromwell	City of Bangor
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor

Maine DOT/FHwA

Name	Representing
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Carlos Pena	FHwA
John Devin	Maine DOT

Staff

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	<p>John Theriault called the March 19 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Brewer Auditorium.</p> <p>John Devin made a change to the paragraph under Other Business/State Workplan.</p>	<p><i>Eric Willett made the motion to accept the minutes of February 19, 2019 Policy Committee meeting with change. John Rouleau seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

Approve Draft BACTS FY 2019-2022 TIP For Public Comment

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	<p>Rob told the group they should have received a copy of the draft TIP via email last week. The Errata sheet distributed today shows a list of projects that were omitted or contained errors in information.</p> <p>BACTS has two changes to make to the Errata sheet before it goes out for public comment. One is for Community Connector 5307 Urban Capital project to change from \$50,000 to 52,500.</p> <p>John Theriault noticed that the extension from Haskell Road to the I-95 bridge for the Hogan Road paving project was not in the TIP. BACTS staff will add this information.</p> <p>Jeremy Caron asked if the Brewer River Walk should be in the TIP this year because he didn't see it in the book. John Theriault found the project on Page 40.</p> <p>Darryl Belz noted that any projects not closed out need to be included in the book.</p> <p>Rob noted there will probably be some additional changes to the draft TIP before next month's Policy Committee meeting, but they shouldn't be significant enough to need to put the document out for public comment again.</p>	<p><i>Eric Willett made the motion to approve putting the TIP out for Public Comment with the two changes noted. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

BACTS UPWP Modification – Information Only

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	<p>Rob explained that any study being done in the BACTS area with Federal funding needs to be included in the UPWP. The Transit Planning Study was not originally in the plan, so needed to be added. Rob noted that there is no change to the BACTS budget, and there is no need for a vote.</p>	

Transit Report

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	<p>Laurie told the group that the study is going well. The study is due to be completed either the last of May or the first of June. Rich indicated the deadline has been extended a week due to additional work requested by the City.</p> <p>Belle Ryder asked if there was a funding deadline for the study. Rich explained that the City wanted to have it finished in time for the budget, but with the extension, this will not happen. One of the areas the City is looking for is a recommendation for technology. Rich has asked the consultant to push this portion of the study up in order to get recommendations in time for the budget.</p> <p>A new bus is expected to arrive in April and two more are due in July.</p> <p>The Community Connector is in need of bus drivers, as well as a dispatcher and safety/training.</p>	

Technical Issues

Topic	Discussion	Action
<p>Construction Updates</p>	<p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickering Square was put out to bid. The bids are due by April 3. This project will move the entrance to the parking garage to the other end of the building. Bus movement will remain the same for now. • Hogan Road and Union Street projects have gone out to bid. • Ted will be putting the Main/Union traffic signal project out to bid next week. • John spoke to Andy at A&D Electric. It sounds like they are gearing up for work this summer. <p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Eastern Avenue bids were opened. They came in less than expected. The cost per ton for pavement was \$71.80. A week 	

	<p>later a municipal bid was opened and the pavement cost was \$74.50 per ton.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The River Walk Trail will be finished by May. <p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bid on School Street project came in less than expected. This is a water/storm water project. 	
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MDOT Report

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	<p>Randy gave John Devin a list of projects in the BACTS area to report on that are currently out for bid. Three projects were combined into one bid. The bids will be opened two weeks from tomorrow.</p> <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brewer South Main Street • Old Town Stillwater Avenue • Orrington Route 15 	

Other Business

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Bike/Ped Draft Report	<p>The draft report for the Bike/Ped Long Range Plan is currently out for public comment. The deadline for comments is April 3.</p> <p>A public meeting was held last week. There were five people there from the public. The rest were committee members. There were some good comments on the plan.</p>	
TIP Public Comment	<p>Next month's meeting will need to be moved back a week, making the meeting date April 23. This is to allow a full 30 day public comment period for the TIP.</p>	
Quarterly Meeting	<p>The Congestion Management Study recommendations were discussed at the MPO Quarterly Meeting. There is no funding behind any of the recommendations yet.</p>	

<p>Old Town Center Street Signal Project</p> <p>Traffic Counts</p> <p>Work Plan</p>	<p>One of the recommendations was to provide funding for larger municipalities, the City of Bangor in the BACTS area, to take care of signal maintenance Eric Willett is scheduled to meet with the Commissioner, Steve Landry, as well as representatives of Lewiston and Portland to discuss this.</p> <p>Old Town received a letter from FEMA stating the project does not qualify for funds because the project is located on a federal functionally classified road. Steve Landry contacted Rob and told him Electric Light was going to give an estimate for the project. Rob contacted Steve yesterday for the outcome. Steve told Rob to continue with the contract with Sebago Technic because the estimate was way too high.</p> <p>Dianne asked the Committee to contact her if they will need any traffic counts this summer. She is currently working on her schedule.</p> <p>Dianne will be wrapping up the next Work Plan in June. If there are any projects that were submitted for consideration that need to be taken off the list, please let her know.</p>	
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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.</i>