

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2019

Machias Savings Bank

Members

Name	Representing
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Eric Willett	City of Bangor
Sean Currier	Town of Hampden
John Rouleau	City of Old Town
Jim Chandler	Town of Hampden
Kyle Drexler	Town of Orono
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer
David Pardilla	Penobscot Nation
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Joan Gibson	Town of Orrington

Maine DOT/FHwA

Name	Representing
Darryl Belz	Maine DOT
Carlos Pena	FHwA
Randall Barrows	Maine DOT

Staff

Name	Representing
Rob Kenerson	BACTS
Cindy Meservey	BACTS
Connie Reed	BACTS

Public

Name	Representing
Erik daSilva	Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Rob Yerxa called the April 23 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:32 a.m. at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Eric Willett made the motion to accept the minutes of March 19, 2019 Policy Committee. John Rouleau seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Approve FY 2018-2021 TIP Modification/Amendment - Hampden

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>MaineDOT submitted two Administrative Modifications and one Amendment to the FHWA-MaineDOT projects on the 2018-2021 TIP. The Administrative Modifications increase funding for WINS 21673.00 and 21673.10 (both are I-95 bridge replacement projects in Hampden).</p> <p>The Amendment adds the FHWA-MaineDOT project WIN 23224.00 (bridge (#5970) substructure rehabilitation on Coldbrook Road in Hampden) to the 2018-2021 STIP/TIP. This project does not affect BACTS funding. This was posted for public comments but did not receive any.</p> <p>The Committee only needs to take action on the amendment. The administrative modifications are for information only.</p>	<i>Frank Higgins made the motion to amend the 2018-2021 TIP to add the Coldbrook Road/I-95 Bridge (#5970) project WIN 23224.00 . Jeremy Caron seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

Approve BACTS FY2019-2022 TIP

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	<p>The Committee approved posting the draft BACTS' 2019-2022 TIP for public comment at March's meeting. The 30-day public comment period ended on Friday, April 19 with no comments received.</p> <p>There are a couple changes proposed to the draft TIP that were forwarded to the Policy Committee. The changes are to the transit section of the document on page A-13 to adjust the table showing 2019 FTA §5307 Projects to add a Capital Project for \$52,500 and reduce WIN 22761.19 (Operating Assistance) by that same amount; page A-16 to adjust the table to reflect the adjustments</p>	<i>John Rouleau made the motion to approve the BACTS FY 2019-2022 TIP with the changes to the draft and attached Errata Sheet as presented, and an additional change to the tables on pages A-11 an A-12 of the annual FHWA-MPO sponsored projects to include the Hampden 1A project. Jim Chandler seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

	<p>made in the tables on both pages A-13 and A-17; and page A-17 to adjust the FTA Section 5303 Funding to match what MaineDOT shows for funding for one year only. Changes to the transit projects and other projects submitted by MaineDOT discovered to have been omitted from the FHWA-Maine-DOT project sheets were included on the revised Errata Sheet as well.</p> <p>Rob Yerxa asked that prior to publishing the final 2019-2022 TIP that the tables on Page A-11 and A-12 showing the annual FHWA-MPO Sponsored projects be edited to also include the Hampden 1A project in order to reflect the total funding estimate for the region.</p>	
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Update on BACTS Long Range Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan

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	<p>The Committee approved posting the draft Long-Range Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan for public comment at last month’s meeting. A public meeting was held on March 13. The 30-day public comment period ended on Wednesday, April 3. . The Policy Committee is responsible for final acceptance of the Plan as well as to review and respond to public comments received during the public comment period. The comments received with draft proposed responses were emailed to the Policy Committee for review and consideration prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Comments received did not raise new material issues. However, comments pointed out that some important clarifying information was omitted from the Plan. When staff reviewed the Plan and requested the Consultant review for consistency and incorporate clarifying information into the Plan, the updated document did not meet expectations. Because of this, the draft is not ready to present to the Policy Committee for final approval.</p> <p>This prompted a more in-depth review of the entire draft Plan. Once this in-depth review is complete, it is anticipated that there will be several additional edits to the Plan. While the</p>	<p><i>Linda Johns made the motion to respond to the public comments received on the draft Plan as proposed; to have staff work with the Consultant to make revisions and email the revised Plan to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan Advisory Committee for review; and post the plan for a 10 day public comment period prior to the Policy Committee approval of the final Plan. Eric Willett seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

	<p>edits are not expected to affect any of the recommended projects, there will be a significant number of changes to the document Staff recommends that an additional 10-day public comment period be provided once the final Plan is prepared prior to Policy Committee approval.</p> <p>Once Connie has completed the thorough review of the document, , she will work with the Consultant to get the necessary edits and forward the revised Plan to the Advisory Committee for review.</p>	
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Recent Bid Results and Discussion Concerning Budgeting Shortfalls

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	<p>The Hampden Route 1A road/bridge/utility project bid came in between \$300,000 and \$400,000 over estimate. The highway portion of the bid was \$667,741 over estimate. The water and sewer utilities replacement portion of the bid was under the estimate. The Town is using Clean Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) funds for the utility work along this corridor so any savings on the utility bid cannot be used on the highway bid portion.</p> <p>WINs 22410.00, 22445.00, and 22446.00, Brewer, Old Town and Orrington projects were bundled and bid as one project in an effort to get lower bid prices. This bid came in \$771,562.59 over the estimate. The amount needed with the 3% contingency and extra PE costs is \$846,596.41 There was discussion on rejecting the bid and separating the projects to send out individually. This may allow smaller companies to bid on them.</p> <p>BACTS Holding WIN currently has \$418,823 available. This is not enough to fund all shortfalls.</p> <p>John Theriault asked if it was possible to postpone the 2021 projects and use those funds for these projects. Darryl explained that the 2021 funds are not available until October of 2020. The funds from 2020 would need to be used.</p> <p>There were two bids that came in for projects in Bangor. The Main Street/Union Street Intersection</p>	

	<p>Improvement project came in over estimate by \$47,670.00. The Hogan Road resurfacing project listed in the 2020 project list came in under by \$38,507.70. If the surplus on the Hogan Road project was transferred to the Main/Union Street signal project, an additional \$9,162.30 would be needed to fund the project. This could be taken from the Holding WIN.</p> <p>John Theriault urged the Committee to consider funding the signal because there would be a benefit to all of BACTS communities to have a new traffic signal contractor in the area. This is a chance to get another company to bid future signal projects for this area.</p> <p>Rob Yerxa suggested that Rob Kenerson set up a meeting with the Town and MaineDOT to get more information and discuss options for the Hampden project; BACTS approve the two Bangor bids and fund the projects as proposed; and reject the bid for the Old Town, Orrington, and Brewer projects, and put them out to bid as separate projects with revised project estimates and three-party agreements.</p> <p>In the interim, the Committee can look at restructuring the work plan. For the next Policy Committee meeting, staff will prepare a spreadsheet showing the list of all projects in the workplan with scope and how much has been spent to date on each project so that the Committee can review and revise the workplan.</p> <p>Frank Higgins wanted it on the record that, while he supports the motion, he is opposed taking projects out of order by funding the 2020 Hogan Road project before funding the 2019 projects.</p> <p>Frank asked what projects were scheduled for 2020. Rob Kenerson read the list to the Committee and told them they can find it on Page 11 of the TIP document.</p>	<p><i>Joan Gibson made the motion to reject the bid for the Brewer, Orrington, and Old Town bundled projects – WINS 22410.00, 22445.00, and 22446.00, request MaineDOT to revise the estimates and agreements for each of the projects, and bid each project separately; approve both of the Bangor bids and transfer \$38,507.70 from the Hogan Road project WIN 23517.00 to the Main/Union Street project WIN 22827.00 and transfer \$9,162.30 from the Holding WIN 14272.40 to WIN 22827.00. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>
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Transit Update

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	<p>A new bus was received on Friday (April 19). Two more will be arriving in August. Laurie expects to have the new bus in service on Monday (April 29).</p> <p>Stantec will be in town next week (April 29). They will be here Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday. They plan to go over the interim report and ask more questions. A public meeting is being held Tuesday, 2:00 to 3:00 and 6:00 to 7:00 at Bangor City Hall.</p> <p>Connie Reed announced that the Municipal Partners Transit Committee will be meeting next Wednesday (May 1). Evan Richert will talk about implementing Transit TIF Districts. Connie asked members to invite relevant municipal staff who may be interested in learning or have questions to the meeting.</p>	

Technical Issues

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<p>Construction Updates</p>	<p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickering Square was awarded to Hughes Brothers. They will be moving the entrance to the parking garage and some landscaping. • Work is being done downtown at State and Exchange Streets. <p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampden Route 1A utility project has started. • Construction on School Street has started. <p>Penobscot Nation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two projects from last year are restarting. • Working on a Long Range Plan and looking to add transit 	

Other Business

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	John Theriault commented on the quality of pavement after spending so much money on it. Projects that were completed two to three years ago are looking bad already. Randy explained that it's a combination of the quality of the new pavement and aggregate.	

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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.</i>