

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2019

Machias Savings Bank

Members

Name	Representing
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Eric Willett	City of Bangor
Jim Chandler	Town of Hampden
Kyle Drexler	Town of Orono
Jeremy Caron	City of Brewer
Linda Johns	City of Brewer
Laurie Linscott	City of Bangor
Frank Higgins	City of Brewer
Joe Hayes	Town of Orrington

Maine DOT/FHwA

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-Hanson	BACTS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Rob Yerxa called the June 18 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:34 a.m. at Machias Savings Bank.	<i>Eric Willett made the motion to accept the minutes of May 21, 2019 Policy Committee. Linda Johns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

2020-2021 BACTS UPWP Possible Studies

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Last month the Committee discussed possible studies for the 2020-2021 UPWP. A few suggestions were given: Orono signal coordination for emergency evacuation; Bike/Ped design guide based on the recent study; multi-modal issues on the Penobscot Bridge, pedestrian crossings in Brewer on Wilson/State.</p> <p>Linda Johns asked if it made sense to do a multi-modal study on both bridges. Rob said he will include the Joshua Chamberlain bridge to the proposed study.</p> <p>Rob also noted that because of limitations placed on the agreements with MaineDOT, UPWP studies are not able to be funded in more than one UPWP; therefore, the I-395/Odlin Road intersection study will have to be moved to the 2020-2021 UPWP.</p> <p>Rob will be reaching out to the individuals who suggested each of the studies to develop a proposed summary to provide to MaineDOT for review.</p>	

Transit Report

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Laurie said the City of Bangor should be getting the recommendations from the bus study any minute.</p> <p>Two new buses will be shipping at the end of July.</p> <p>There will be a lot of changes implemented on July 22.</p> <p>Laurie mentioned she was given the authorization to apply for another grant. The application is due on Friday, June 21.</p> <p>The current three-party Metropolitan Planning Agreement required under the Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming Regulation between Maine DOT, the City of Bangor, and BACTS expires at the end of June</p>	<p><i>Linda Johns made the motion to authorize Rob to sign the Metropolitan Planning Agreement between Maine DOT, the City of Bangor and BACTS. Jim Chandler seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></p>

	<p>because the City of Bangor had asked for an initial one-year term. A revised draft has been circulated to all parties for review and comment. The revisions combine some duplicated language since performance measure rules are fully implemented, and also clarifies what is actually occurring. . Rich Cromwell indicated to Rob that the City of Bangor is prepared to bring the Agreement to City Council next week for authorization to sign. MaineDOT has not provided any comment. Rob needs authorization from the Committee in order to sign the agreement.</p>	
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Technical Issues

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	<p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union Street sidewalk is being used even though the project is not done. This is a good sign the sidewalk was needed. • Sewer/water project on Main Street. • Work at Pickering Square is moving forward. The temporary bathrooms have been delivered. • A seven-foot diameter culvert pipe has separated and dropped, so will need to be fixed. This is a Stormwater Utility funded project. • Paving will begin on Harlow and Exchange Streets <p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Riverwalk has been dedicated and opened. The City is currently working on the punch list. • AD Electric is in Brewer working on the signals. • Eastern Avenue will get a mill and fill. This project will be done prior to school opening in the fall. • Patrick Adams agreed to adding a pedestrian crosswalk with a RRFB at North Main Street in front of City Hall. • Batteries and generators are being installed for signals. 	

	<p>Orono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardner is returning to Orono to work on the punch list for the roundabout. The Town is waiting on a contract from Emera to convert the streetlights to LED. <p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schoolhouse Lane will be finished by the end of this week. A fire line to the business park is being installed on the shoulder of Route 202. Sean is working on the paving list. 	
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Maine DOT Report

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	<p>Randy will be advertising the Brewer and Orrington projects by the end of July. He is currently working on moving the Brewer project to a day project, using an alternate route.</p> <p>There probably will not be much work on the Hampden project this year. The exception is utility work this fall.</p> <p>John Devin announced that the Commissioner created two groups. One group will be looking at the cost of projects. John believes there are industry representatives in this group. The second group will look at pavement quality and longevity.</p> <p>Dianne has set a count schedule. She asked the Committee members to let her know the dates of projects in their town/city. This way she will avoid those areas. Rob reminded the Committee that this information needs to be given to the Community Connector as well.</p>	

Other Business

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	<p>At the last meeting, the Committee decided to move the Penobscot Corridor from 2021 to 2022. An official vote will be needed at the next meeting to decide what other projects will be funded in 2022.</p>	

	<p>Dianne explained that after the funding for the Penobscot Corridor projects, the reserve will need to be replenished. This leaves approximately \$874,000. The suggestion is to not fund anything else until the Brewer and Orrington projects have been bid.</p> <p>Rob asked the Committee to provide updates on any of the projects that have been funded. If additional funding is needed for any, the group will need to decide where the funding will come from.</p> <p>Dianne noted that next summer the Committee will be going through the formal process for projects in 2023.</p>	
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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.</i>