

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2019

Town Office, Hampden

### 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
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono
Joan Gibson	Town of Orrington

### Maine DOT/FHWA

Name	Representing
John Devin	Maine DOT

### 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 May 7 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. at Hampden Council Chambers.	<i>John Theriault made the motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2019 Policy Committee. Eric Willett seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

## Funding BACTS Projects

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	<p>Rob Yerxa explained that the reason for the meeting was to develop a strategy for funding the Hampden project and look at options for the Orrington and Brewer project bids that were rejected at the last Policy Committee meeting.</p> <p>Rob Kenerson asked the MDOT Project Managers to look at projects that were construction complete or almost complete that still had a surplus of funding. Four projects were found with \$396,273.71 of federal and state funding available, two on Maine Avenue in Bangor and two on Wilson Street in Brewer. This money has already been transferred into the Holding WIN.</p> <p>Last month, the Committee approved transferring \$38,507.70 from WIN 23517.00 - Hogan Road project to the Holding WIN. Rob explained that he received an email from the project manager stating that the typical 3% reserve had not been added to the bid price. The adjusted amount available to be transferred is \$18,355. No money has been transferred at this time.</p> <p>Rob Yerxa and John Rouleau discussed deferring the Orono Route 2 Culvert (WIN 2098.00) and Old Town Stillwater Avenue (WIN 22445.00) projects for two years. The available Construction and CE funds could be transferred to the Holding WIN. They are willing to defer these projects with the promise that the projects would be funded by 2021</p> <p>Rob Yerxa told the group that the first priority is the Hampden project. There is a shortfall of \$606,783. Hampden has put in 10 percent. The second priority is Orrington Route 15 (22446.00) and Brewer South Main Street (WIN 22410.00) projects. Maine DOT is working on new estimates and will put each project out for bid separately. If the new bids are reasonable, there will be enough in the Holding WIN to fund both.</p>	<p><b><i>Frank Higgins made the motion to revoke the motion made at the April 23, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting to transfer \$38,507.70 from WIN 23517.00 to WIN 22827.00 and transfer \$18,355 from WIN 23517.00 to the Holding WIN 17272.40; transfer \$47,670.00 from the Holding WIN 14272.40 to WIN 22827.00; Transfer \$317,179 from WIN 22445.00 and \$220,959.03 from WIN 20898.00 to the Holding WIN 17272.40 with the understanding that both WINS 22445.00 and 20898.00 will be funded for FY 2021 before any other projects. Belle Ryder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i></b></p>

Rob Kenerson and Rob Yerxa looked at the Orrington project to see if it could be delayed. They determined the project could not be delayed.

Rob Yerxa said it makes sense to bid each separately, as this gives the Committee more flexibility. There is a big benefit that comes with putting out to bid with a flexible timeline for completion.

Rob Kenerson spoke with Dan Loring, who is talking about bundling the Hermon signal project with the signal project at Wilson Street and Dirigo Drive in Brewer. He also mentioned possibly waiting for a signal project in Bangor at State Street and Forest and putting all three out. This would have to wait until the fall. Scott Perkins is okay with that. John Theriault rejected the idea of Bangor being added because this project is an LAP.

Frank Higgins asked if this transfer would allow the Hampden Route 1A contract to be awarded and moving forward with the work. He also asked if there was any chance the Town will come back to the Policy Committee asking for more money. Jim Chandler asked what would cause the town to come back to the Committee? Frank answered that overruns can happen. Rob Yerxa said the Committee trusts that the town will closely monitor the project.

After the vote, Jim Chandler told the Committee that Hampden thanks everyone at the table for being so supportive of this project.

Rob Kenerson will email the Project Manager for the Orrington and Brewer projects and let him know that the Committee wants to put the projects out to bid separately, with a completion date of July 2020. Frank Higgins indicated that he would like to ask contractors if there is any benefit to bidding a project as a day project rather than a night project. Rob Kenerson agreed to summarize the information in an email to Randy.

It was noted that if both Orrington and Brewer project bids come in at the same amount as the

***Belle Ryder made the motion to transfer \$606,783 from Holding WIN 17272.40 to the Hampden project WIN 11577.00. John Theriault seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.***

	rejected bids, the Holding WIN will be short \$4,000. Rob Kenerson will need to get permission from the current Acting Director of Planning, Andy Bickmore to use any of the reserve.	
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Adjournment		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.</i>