

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2019

Orono Council Chambers

### Members

Name	Representing
Rob Yerxa	Town of Orono
John Theriault	City of Bangor
Eric Willett	City of Bangor
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
Belle Ryder	Town of Orono

### Maine DOT/FHWA

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

### Staff

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

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	Rob Yerxa called the July 16 meeting of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee to order at 9:35 a.m. at the Orono Town Office	<i>Eric Willett made the motion to accept the minutes of June 18, 2019 Policy Committee. Laurie Linscott seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.</i>

### Work Plan Project Submission

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Rob went over the expenditures proposed at the June meeting to make up for the shortfalls. There is currently a shortfall in the reserve which will need to be replenished in 2020. He recommended that the Committee not add any projects until next year's process.</p> <p>The Brewer and Orrington projects have not gone out to bid yet.</p>	<p><b><i>Belle Ryder made the motion to fund the Penobscot Corridor projects for 2022, replenish the reserve next year and not fund any further projects until the remaining project bids come in.</i></b></p>

### Transit Report

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>There will be five route changes Monday. The Community Connector was able to include College Avenue.</p> <p>Laurie will be in California to inspect the last two buses.</p> <p>The Consultant is expected to finalize the report on the transit study by the end of the week.</p>	

### Technical Issues

Topic	Discussion	Action
	<p>Brewer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Avenue Municipal Partnership Initiative (MPI) resurface is in progress.</li> <li>• Three intersection projects have been completed.</li> <li>• Patrick has found funding for the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the crosswalk on North Main Street in front of Town Hall.</li> </ul> <p>Bangor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three signal projects have not been completed.</li> <li>• Union Street sidewalk project is done, as well as the crosswalks.</li> <li>• Pickering Square project is under way.</li> <li>• Union Street MPI will be put out to bid the end of next week.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Hampden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schoolhouse Lane project is completed.</li> <li>• Route 1A project has been delayed until next spring.</li> </ul>	
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**Maine DOT Report**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<p>John Devin rode around to potential projects yesterday. The BACTS region will get one or two road projects.</p> <p>John reminded the Committee about the MPI program for construction projects in 2021. The state is looking at revamping the cost shares to encourage small communities to apply.</p> <p>Rob Y. and Belle asked when the roundabout project would be done. John thought it was already finished. Rob explained that signs aren't up and there are paving repairs that need to be done. John will check up on it.</p>	

**Other Business**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>BACTS 2019 Audit</b>	Rob is currently working on a three-year contract with the auditors.	
<b>Odlin Road/395 Intersection</b>	Rob and John Theriault discussed the intersection study to be done next year. Rob thought about a Diverging Diamond Interchange approach, but he's not sure if FHWA would allow signals on I-395. He will be talking to Ed Hanscom at MaineDOT.	
<b>Traffic Counts</b>	Dianne has been doing traffic counts. She received new software from Jamar. It works much better than the older software.	

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<b>Adjournment</b>		<i>The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.</i>