



Policy Committee Meeting

June 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

Agenda

1) Call to Order

2) Public Comment

Members of the public in attendance of today's meeting have an opportunity to provide public comment on today's agenda items.

3) Approval of May 19, 2020 BACTS Policy Committee meeting minutes (Attachment A)

4) Staff Report (Attachment B)

5) 2020 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Staff Report

All federally funded projects must be in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order to receive federal funding. BACTS must update the TIP when there is a change to any project. Once BACTS approves the revised TIP, MaineDOT also revises the STIP and submits the changes to FHWA and FTA. In March, the City of Bangor Community Connector was appropriated \$4,003,121 in CARES Act funding, which can be used for expenses occurring after January 20, 2020. This funding is available at 100 percent federal share, with no local share required. Community Connector will be utilizing the CARES Act funding for all operating expenses for the period of April 1 to June 30. Therefore, the City of Bangor is requesting the following modifications to projects programmed with §5307 formula funding in the 2020 TIP:

WIN 020720.20	Urban Transit ADA Paratransit Service Operating Assistance	Increase	\$28,581	Federal Total	\$172,581
WIN 022757.20	Capital – Eligible Preventative Maintenance	Decrease	\$102,257	Federal Total	\$352,743
WIN 022761.20	Urban Transit System Operating Assistance	Decrease	\$118,685	Federal Total	\$657,315
WIN 024665.00	Capital Purchase - Customer Service and Reporting Software	Decrease	\$25,049	Federal Total	\$14,951

Proposed Action: Approve the proposed 2020 TIP modifications for WINs 020720.20, 022757.20, 022761.20, and 024665.00.

6) Work Plan Development

Staff Report

2022 Remaining Allocation

BACTS has an unprogrammed FHWA allocation of \$770,293.00 (does not include the 10% local match of \$116,015.00). All of the 2019-20 projects have been bid and there is no need for additional funding. There are 4 projects scheduled for 2021, all of which have sufficient funding based on the most current estimates. In 2019, BACTS Policy Committee voted to withdraw funding from the Bangor Route 2 intersection improvements, to fund the shortfalls in the 2019 project. The Bangor Route 2 intersections project is part of a larger Penobscot Corridor Signal Project. At that time, the Committee agreed to prioritize funding for projects that were postponed or where funding was removed when funding became available. The estimated need for the Bangor portion of the Penobscot Corridor is \$653,009.00, which could be funded with the unallocated 2022 funding. The Old Town Route 2 Intersection improvements project may also need additional funding, that project is currently in project development, an updated construction estimate is anticipated in May of 2021.

2023 Work Plan

Staff was able to get updated PCR scores for all the project submitted for consideration since Maine DOT drove those projects in June or July of 2019. Staff is working to get more up to date counts from Streetlight Data, including turning movement counts and will verify counts to ensure they are correct. If the counts can not be verified staff will use the most recent counts available. Staff attended individual online and call in meetings with Bangor, Brewer, Orono, and Hampden, municipal reps and Brett Hart and Lynn Frazier from J.W. Sewall to review the projects that were short listed and are under consideration for funding with the 2023 Allocation. BACTS project ride is still scheduled for June 24, 9-12 and staff is working on a transportation logistics plan to keep in line with COVID 19 and CDC guidelines for social distancing.

Next month the committee will need to vote to allocate the remaining 2022 funds and to allocate the 2023 funds. The 2023 allocation is \$1,780,150.00 based on an 80/10/10 split. The preliminary estimates for the projects submitted for consideration is \$4,834,935.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

7) StreetLight Insight Data Presentation

Staff Report

StreetLight Insight is an interactive transportation data platform which is derived from two types of locational big data – navigation-GPS data, and location-based services. This platform simplifies data-driven infrastructure and policy planning by providing big data resources and software together. The data processing engine turns messy data into useful transportation metrics.

Kara Aguilar, P.E. earned her B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine in 2014. She started her career at MaineDOT in May 2014 as a Transportation Aide and within months moved up to Assistant Engineer. Kara currently holds the role of Transportation Engineer. She has quickly become respected by her colleagues and peers as a subject matter expert on StreetLight Insight

Data. The presentation will provide an overview of what the StreetLight product is and what it can do, as well as and provide a few real-world examples of how MaineDOT is using StreetLight analytics in planning and decision making processes.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

8) Transit Report

Staff and transit provider will provide updates on any initiatives or projects of interest in the region.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

9) Technical Issues

Members will provide updates on BACTS funded construction projects in the region.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

10) MaineDOT Report

MaineDOT staff will provide an updated on any MaineDOT projects, policies or plans.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

11) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

12) Upcoming Meetings

Transit Retreat – June 25, 2020

Policy Committee- July 21, 2020

Policy Committee – August 18, 2020

Municipal Partners Transit Committee – August 5, 2020