

Attachment A



BACTS Policy Committee Minutes
June 16, 2020
Via ZOOM

Committee Members	Affiliation
Rob Yerxa	Orono
John Theriault	Bangor
Linda Johns	Brewer
Frank Higgins	Brewer
Eric Willett	Bangor
Jeremy Caron	Brewer
Belle Ryder	Orono
Joe Hayes/Chris Backman	Orrington
Laurie Linscott	Bangor/Community Connector
Kyle Drexler	Orono
Sean Currier	Hampden
Paula Scott	Hampden
John Rouleau	Old Town
MaineDOT	
Chris Mann, Darryl Belz, John Devin, Randall Barrows, Kara Aguilar	
BACTS	
Sara Devlin, Connie Reed, Dianne Rice Hansen, Cindy Meservey	

1. Welcome – Rob Yerxa, Chair

2. Open Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Acceptance of May 19, 2020 meeting minutes

Joe Hayes moved to accept the minutes, and John Theriault seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

4. Staff Report

Sara mentioned that the Odlin Road/Route 2/395 study RFP has gone out to bid. BACTS received 5 consultant bids. The study team will be reviewing and scoring those bids over the next month and will be coming back to the Policy Committee with a consultant recommendation at the July meeting.

5. 2020 Transportation Improvement Program Modification

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

Eric Willett moved to approve the 2020 TIP modifications for WINs 020720.20, 022757.20, 022761.20, and 024665.00. Linda Johns seconded. All were in favor.

6. Work Plan Development

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 portion of the Penobscot Corridor intersection improvements project, to fund the shortfalls in the 2019 projects. The Bangor intersection project is part of a larger Penobscot Corridor Operational and Safety Improvement 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 project 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, with an updated construction estimate anticipated in May of 2021.

2023 Work Plan

Staff was able to get updated PCR scores for all the projects 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 cannot 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. It was decided that in lieu of the traditional project ride, staff will meet individually with municipal staff to prepare information on each project for the Policy Committee to review.

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.

Rob Yerxa asked about the balance of the Holding WIN. Staff stated that we are currently in the reserve of our Holding WIN and that the Holding WIN needs to be replenished with either the 2022 or the 2023 allocation. Rob Yerxa requested that staff be prepared at the July meeting to discuss what amount is needed to replenish the Holding WIN.

7. Presentation on StreetLight Data

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. from MaineDOT provided a brief presentation highlighting the uses of StreetLight Data.

Staff stated that StreetLight Data was being used for both the Oldin Road/Route 2 study and the Orono/Old Town Signalization study as part of the Unified Planning Work Program. Members were encouraged to reach out to staff to use the data. Orono asked if the data could be used to do a speed analysis. Orono requested some assistance with that speed analysis.

8. Transit Report

Laurie Linscott provided an update on transit service in the region. On July 1st the Community Connector will be going back to regular service, passengers will be required to wear face coverings, boardings will be at the front of the bus, fare will be collected, no longer limiting boarding to 10. All buses will have the driver barriers. The Community Connector is also planning a promotional Give-a-Way to help to promote transit in the region.

9. MaineDOT Report

Light Capital Paving will continue as scheduled for Summer 2020.

10. Technical Issues

Members updated the Committee on projects in each municipality.

11. Other Business

No other business was discussed

12. Adjourn

Linda Johns offered a motion to adjourn, and Frank Higgins seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.