

## Public Notice

### BACTS Public Participation Plan Proposed Update and Public Comment Period

BACTS is proposing updates to its Public Participation Plan. As required under Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Programming regulations, a 45-day public comment period during which comments may be submitted to BACTS for consideration on the draft Plan prior to adoption of the final Plan by the Policy Committee begins on March 26th, 2021. The proposed draft Public Participation Plan can be viewed [here](#).

The following is a list of the significant changes from the 2018 Public Participation Plan:

- A listing of the BACTS committees with a brief description of their function has been included.
- Opportunity for public input at each BACTS committee meeting has been updated to reflect the current practice of having a specific standing agenda item for public input at each meeting.
- MaineDOT, FHWA, and FTA updated their agreement, and therefore the STIP Revision Procedures procedures have been revised. The current STIP revision procedures are included in the proposed update as Appendix A.
- In order to align with the MaineDOT public comment timeframes, the New TIP Public Comment Period has changed from 30 calendar days to 10 calendar days.
- The TIP Administrative Modification Process had been updated to reflect the current practice for administrative modifications to Maine-DOT-funded and sponsored projects being executed by the Executive Director following a three-business day notification and comment period to the Policy Committee.
- An item was added for BACTS-Sponsored Transportation Studies.
- An item was added for the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Key Product Update Schedule.
- Public Outreach Strategies were updated to include new social media and virtual tools.
- The Title VI/Environmental Justice Non-Discrimination Program information was corrected to state it is reviewed and updated annually and submitted to MaineDOT (not FHWA or FTA) and that inquiries may be directed to the Title VI Coordinator, not the Executive Director.
- Public Involvement Performance Measures and Evaluation Criteria were added.

Comments should be made in writing on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 10th, 2021 to:

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BACTS staff will compile all relevant public comments, or a summary of similar comments, for consideration and response (if warranted) by the BACTS Policy Committee. BACTS will prepare the final Public Participation Plan after carefully considering all of the comments and input received from the public process. All relevant comments received on the draft Plan, with Policy Committee response, will be included in the final Plan. Copies of the approved Public Participation Plan will be provided to FHWA and FTA for informational purposes and be posted on the BACTS website.