



PUBLIC NOTICE AND SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

**2021-2024 BACTS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
2022 TRANSIT ELEMENT PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) is responsible for carrying out much of the transportation planning in the greater Bangor urbanized area and produces a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all transportation projects where federal transportation funding will be expended. These projects are located in the BACTS area and are funded with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

All federally funded projects must also be listed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in order to receive federal funding. When there is a change to any project, such as a funding increase or a request to add a project to the TIP, the changes must be reflected in both the BACTS TIP and the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) STIP. MaineDOT must receive the BACTS Policy Committee endorsement when any federally funded project has a major scope change or cost increase or when MaineDOT wishes to add a project to the STIP.

MaineDOT is proposing to transfer \$1,790,800 from FFY2020 and FFY2021 Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Statewide National Distribution to the City of Bangor, as allowed by 49 USC 5339(e)(1), for the construction of the new transit center. This funding will supplement other funds already secured for the project.

This will result in an Amendment of the BACTS 2022 TIP to include the following project:

Town	WIN	Scope	Federal	State	Local	Total
City of Bangor	022779.20	Transit Service Area Capital Equipment Purchase - Transit Center Construction	\$1,790,800		\$447,700	\$2,238,500
Project Description: FTA §5339 - Capital Assistance for the Construction of the Bangor Transit Center.						

BACTS is seeking public comments on the proposed Amendment. All comments must be in writing and received on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2021. Comments should be submitted to:

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or by email at connie.reed@bactsmmpo.org

Comments received will be compiled and presented to the BACTS Policy Committee for their consideration at the September 21, 2021 meeting.

The greater Bangor urbanized area fixed-route public transit provider, City of Bangor – Community Connector, is a direct recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) §5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding Program. Pursuant to FTA Circular 9030.1E, Chapter 5, Section 6(d), the public notice, public involvement procedures and time established for public review and comment associated the TIP amendment process will satisfy the City of Bangor’s Program of Projects (POP) requirements under 49 USC Chapter 53, §5307(b).

Title VI Notice: BACTS is committed to ensuring that the fundamental principles of equal opportunity are upheld in all decisions involving our employees and contractors/consultants and, to ensuring that the public-at-large is afforded access to our programs and services.

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance and under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations, BACTS is committed to ensuring that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, income, or limited English proficiency, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by BACTS, regardless of whether programs and activities are federally funded or not.