



Transit Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 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 October 6th, 2021 Transit Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

4) Staff Report (Attachment B)

5) Ridership Report - Laurie Linscott (Attachment C)

Laurie Linscott will provide a brief overview of the ridership report.

Proposed Action: *For discussion only*

6) Transit Committee Charter (Attachment D)

Staff Report

During the October Transit Committee meeting, members discussed the need to develop a Transit Committee charter which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the committee. Staff has developed the attached draft charter for review, revisions, and approval.

Proposed Action: *Discuss and review the Transit Committee Charter and recommend to the Policy Committee for approval.*

7) Election of Transit Committee Officers

Staff Report

Historically, the Transit Committee Chair and Vice Chair have been selected on an as needed basis. In accordance with the draft Transit Committee Charter, the nomination and election of the Transit Committee Chair and Vice Chair, will be a more formalized process. Currently, Karen Fussell serves as the Chair and Belle Ryder serves as the Vice Chair.

Proposed Action: *Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the Transit Committee for a two year term.*

8) YTD Financial Report - Debbie Laurie- To be provided at the meeting

Debbie Laurie will provide a brief overview of the year to date financial report.

Proposed Action: *For discussion only*

9) Community Connector Budget Development Schedule

Staff Report

At the October Transit Committee meeting, members had the initial discussion regarding the development of the Community Connector budget, which would include an opportunity for partners to provide input.

- Discuss budget development process
- Surplus allocation discussion

Proposed Action: For discussion only

10) Community Connector Structural Analysis Study and Recommendations

Staff Report

The RLS report has been finalized after presentation to the Bangor City Council and the BACTS Policy Committee. The Community Connector and BACTS staff have collaborated on developing the following schedule for the next steps in presenting the study and recommendations to the transit partners governing boards:

- November 16th - Bangor Government Operations Meeting – Courtney O'Donnell to provide transit update
- December 1st - Transit Committee Meeting
 - Discuss with the transit partners - Budget, finances, and possible addition of a new Transit Administrator position added to cost-shared budget.
- December 2021 - January 2022 - Request Transit Partners to present the Community Connector Structural Analysis report - [here](#), one page summary (Attachment E), and link to recorded presentation - [here](#).
 - Sara Devlin will attend those meetings as an observer.
- January 2022 - February 2022 - Community Connector and BACTS staff attend transit partners council meetings to take questions/comments regarding the Structural Analysis.
 - The purpose of these meetings is to gather feedback, identify areas where additional work/analysis is needed, prior to implementation of the Community Connector Structural Analysis recommendations. A follow up meeting with the Bangor City Council prior to any implementation of recommendations.

Proposed Action: Discuss and amend the proposed schedule for presentation of Community Connector Structural Analysis to transit partner governing boards.

11) Transit Committee 2022 Priorities

Staff Report

With the new Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) starting January 2022, BACTS staff would like to discuss the transit planning priorities for the upcoming calendar year. Today we will review the 2019 Bangor Transit Study recommendations and prioritize the remaining recommendations for implementation in the 2022-2023 UPWP.

Proposed Action: Develop transit planning priorities for the 2022-2023 UPWP, to recommend to the Policy Committee for approval.

12) Community Connector Route Name Changes

Staff Report

Community Connector staff has been reviewing the current route names, as recommended in the 2019 Bangor Transit Study. Community Connector staff would like to discuss a possible route name change with the transit partners.

Proposed Action: Discussion on Community Connector Route name changes.

13) Community Connector No Smoking Sign Installations at Bus Stops (Attachment F)

Staff Report

In 2020, State legislation was passed requiring the installation of No Smoking Signs at every bus stop location. Community Connector is requesting each transit partner municipality install No Smoking signs at all existing stop locations. Community Connector will provide the signs to the partners

Proposed Action: Discussion on installations of No Smoking signs at existing bus stops.

14) Grant Funding

Staff Report

Community Connector Staff has been very successful in applying for and being awarded discretionary grant funding. Applying for discretionary funding requires a quick response from the transit partners for support of the grant application and possible funding support. Staff would like to discuss options for improving the process for applying for discretionary funding.

Proposed Action: Discussion only

15) Community Connector Winter Maintenance

Staff Report

As winter approaches, Community Connector staff would like to discuss winter maintenance for bus stops and shelters.

Proposed Action: Discussion only

16) Rural, Intercity, and Commuter Transit Provider Updates

Any transit provider in attendance will provide an update on services, initiatives, and/or projects.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

17) Municipal Partner Updates

Members will provide updates on any initiatives or projects in the region which may affect transit.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

18) MaineDOT Update

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

Proposed Action: For discussion only

19) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

20) Upcoming Meeting

February 2nd, 2022



Attachment A
Transit Committee Meeting
October 6th, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Committee Members	Affiliation
Courtney O'Donnell	Bangor
John Theriault	Bangor
Linda Johns	Brewer
Laurie Linscott	Community Connector
Amy Ryder	Hampden
Belle Ryder	Orono
Kyle Drexler	Orono
EJ Roach	Old Town
MaineDOT	
Lori Brann	
BACTS	
Sara Devlin, Paige Nadeau	
Members of the Public	
Eric Willett (Penquis)	

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Belle Ryder at 9:33 a.m.

2) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3) Approval of August 4th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Belle Ryder asked if there were any comments or corrections to be made to the minutes. John Theriault made a motion to approve, Kyle Drexler seconded. None opposed, accepted as written.

4) Staff Report

Sara Devlin provided an update on BACTS staffing, she will be the lead contact for transit related inquiries and the bus stop designation project going forward. Sara Devlin provided a brief update on the bus stop designation project including a preliminary review of stop locations and suggestions for each municipality. Sara Devlin also highlighted the release of the first Transit Times, a newsletter for the Bangor region highlighting transit related ongoing.

5) Ridership Report

Laurie Linscott provided an update. Numbers are remaining consistent (note that the September figures in the report are mid-month), with a slight increase in ridership due to college students returning. Staff are focusing on increasing awareness and education to college students about the bus system.

6) YTD Financial Report

Courtney O'Donnell provided an update, the YTD financial report will be emailed to the group within the next couple of weeks.

**7) RLS Report
Staff Report**

The RLS report has been finalized after presentation to the Bangor City Council and the BACTS Policy Committee. The Community Connector and BACTS staff would like to have a discussion with the Transit Committee to identify potential next steps for the implementation of the RLS recommendations.

Sara Devlin provided an update. Discussion ensued regarding the next steps. Sara Devlin inquired whether individual municipalities would like presentations with the recommendations laid out in the report to see which options are most appropriate. Following these presentations the group would review the results and move forward with the development of an implementation plan. Courtney O'Donnell added that the Bangor City Council would need to take action and would like to learn from partners what their thoughts and concerns are with the recommendations in the report. Belle Ryder asked how to best approach a short, concise, presentation for the councils to ensure pertinent information is covered. Sara Devlin suggested a YouTube video could be posted on the BACTS channel for the councils to watch prior to council meetings and then presentations at the meetings could be high level and primarily focus on any questions the councils may have. General consensus of the group was in agreement with Sara Devlin's suggestion for a YouTube channel followed up with short council presentations, scheduling wise prior to the end of the calendar year.

8) Community Connector Budget Development Schedule

Staff Report

Sara Devlin provided an overview on this agenda item. The purpose of this agenda item is to have an initial discussion regarding how to develop a schedule for the Community Connector Budget that best works for all members. Discussion ensued with the following points being discussed; desire for transparency and clear communication for budgeting, acknowledgement of the difficulty for City of Bangor to develop a budget while receiving input from members, general consensus is that a January/February timeline would be preferred for the members to have an opportunity to give input.

John Theriault asked if the costs vary much year to year for each member. Belle Ryder said typically operation costs are consistent but there is concern about capital planning and the budgetary impacts. Belle Ryder would like to have more information regarding capital planning and where this area stands after the development of the capital plan a few years ago.

Sara Devlin asked if Lori Brann had any suggestions, Lori Brann advised the City of Bangor to apply for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding and to be mindful of the requirements when applying for this funding.

Sara Devlin added that PACTS does a 5 year capital and operating budgets with members and updates every year. Sara Devlin suggested a follow up conversation in December to see if this is a feasible option for this budget cycle.

9) Rural, Intercity, and Commuter Transit Provider Updates

No updates at this time.

10) Municipal Partner Updates

Belle Ryder provided a brief update for Orono - The Town is trying to wrap up construction projects prior to winter. Kyle Drexler provided an update on the renovation and conversion of a few buildings on UMaine campus to hotels, this conversion is still in the planning process and construction is not expected to start until 2023, there could be an impact on transit ridership.

11) MaineDOT Update

Lori Brann would like to commend MaineDOT, the City of Bangor, and BACTs for working collaboratively to secure \$1.79M for transit center funding.

John Theriault provided a brief update on the project, excavation is nearly done, foundation work should start soon.

12) Other Business

Sara Devlin provided a brief overview of expectations for the next meeting - Election of new officers, setting of priorities, in depth conversation regarding the Community Connector Budget Development Schedule. Belle Ryder suggested implementing a formal policy for election of officers for this Committee, Sara Devlin stated that BACTS staff will draft up a charter for the committee to also be reviewed at the next meeting.

Eric Willett, Operations Manager for Penquis Transportation, provided an update for Penquis, they are the recipient of a community rides grant for \$100k and will be expanding services to surrounding communities in addition to hiring a couple new drivers and they expect to start services soon.

13) Next Meeting

December 1st, 2021

14) Adjournment

Belle Ryder asked if there were any further comments or discussion warranted. John Theriault made a motion to adjourn, Linda Johns seconded. None opposed, the meeting ended at 10:13AM.

Attachment B

Staff Report

December 2021

Service Updates - Laurie Linscott will provide an update on route changes.

Transit Center Update - Construction started on Sept 22nd, the last day of summer. Please see the website www.bangormaine.gov/transitcenter for weekly updates.

Bus Stop Designation Project - BACTS staff has identified potential stops on all the current Community Connector routes. Some of the stops required additional discussion as there were infrastructure issues with the current proposed location. BACTS staff met with the Community Connector staff to discuss stops with infrastructure concerns and collaborated on possible solutions. Next steps is for BACTS to consolidate a comprehensive list of possible stops, meet with the Community Connector to review prior to scheduling meetings with the municipalities to review stops.

Transit Newsletter - BACTS staff are developing the second edition of the Transit Times, expected to publish in January/February 2022.

Attachment C - Ridership Report through October 2021

FISCAL YEAR 2022 July 2021 - June 2022																		
Month	FIXED ROUTE														ADA		Black Bear	TOTAL FY21
	Hampden	Brewer North	BrewerSouth	VOOT 1	VOOT 2	Capehart 1	Capehart 2	Capehart 3	HammondStreet	Center Street	Center/Hammond	Mall Hopper	StillwaterAve	MountHope	Total	Paratransit	Orono Express	SYSTEM RIDERSHIP
July	1,375	2,637	2,638	2,217	2,733	3,207	3,217	0	0	0	4,584	2,115	4,008	2,422	31,153	831	0	31,984
Aug	1,386	2,640	2,431	2,388	2,889	3,130	2,846	0	0	0	4,403	1,966	3,814	2,562	30,455	852	205	31,512
Sep	1,196	2,362	2,501	2,787	3,052	3,178	2,819	0	0	0	4,528	2,149	4,108	2,885	31,565	930	2,316	34,811
Oct	1,270	2,461	2,745	2,837	3,353	3,059	3,035	0	0	0	4,562	2,226	4,192	3,147	32,887	960	1,769	35,616
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Apr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total YTD	5,227	10,100	10,315	10,229	12,027	12,574	11,917	0	0	0	18,077	8,456	16,122	11,016	126,060	3,573	4,290	133,923

PAST YEARS

FISCAL YEAR 2021July 2020 - June 2021																		
Month	FIXED ROUTE														ADA		Black Bear	TOTAL FY21
	Hampden	Brewer North	Brewer South	VOOT 1	VOOT 2	Capehart 1	Capehart 2	Capehart 3	Hammond Street	Center Street	Center/Hammond	Mall Hopper	Stillwater Ave	Mount Hope	Total	Paratransit	Orono Express	SYSTEM RIDERSHIP
July	1,678	2,720	2,413	2,168	2,141	2,413	2,002	1,438	3,059	2,740	271	1,923	3,558	2,515	31,039	630		31,669
Aug	1,600	2,774	2,378	2,133	2,483	2,187	2,138	1,382	3,027	2,436	469	1,920	3,473	2,857	31,257	655	32	31,944
Sep	1,480	2,598	2,473	2,578	2,729	2,131	2,304	1,378	3,043	2,777	378	2,132	3,578	2,846	32,425	679	965	34,069
Oct	1,587	2,846	2,680	2,569	3,086	3,111	3,057	138	3,277	3,004	503	2,229	4,194	3,050	35,331	725	914	36,970
Nov	1,146	2,474	2,364	1,973	2,621	2,746	2,634		2,778	2,668	392	1,756	3,674	2,527	29,753	626	745	31,124
Dec	1,234	2,793	2,706	1,988	2,237	2,755	2,622		2,887	2,795	347	1,915	3,921	2,970	31,170	729	227	31,899
Jan	1,189	2,582	2,503	1,773	2,116	2,666	2,605		2,573	2,573	437	1,995	3,860	2,581	29,404	683		30,314
Feb	1,128	2,467	2,307	2,032	2,321	2,470	2,704		436		3,116	1,996	3,680	2,296	27,374	640	903	28,917
Mar	1,299	3,016	2,993	2,499	2,635	3,327	3,002		4,944	2,363	4,944	2,363	4,380	2,521	32,979	857	1,084	34,920
Apr	1,313	2,671	2,855	1,849	2,788	3,024	2,940		4,523	2,054	4,523	2,054	4,054	2,345	30,416	818	882	32,116
May	1,192	2,414	2,486	1,938	2,516	3,294	3,044		4,366	2,074	4,366	2,074	3,976	2,144	29,444	793		30,237
Jun	1,473	2,498	2,691	2,384	2,880	3,106	3,128		4,756	2,318	4,756	2,318	3,990	2,369	31,593			31,593
Total YTD	16,319	31,853	30,849	25,884	30,553	33,230	32,180	4,336	21,016	19,429	24,502	24,675	46,338	31,021	372,185	7,835	5,752	385,772

FISCAL YEAR 2020July 2019 - June 2020																		
Month	FIXED ROUTE														ADA		Black Bear	Express
	Hampden	Brewer North	Brewer South	VOOT 1	VOOT 2	Capehart 1	Capehart 2	Capehart 3	Hammond Street	Center Street	Center/Hammond	Mall Hopper	Stillwater Ave	Mount Hope	Total	Paratransit	Orono Express	Bus
July	3,066	4,468	3,805	4,113	4,770	4,642	4,573	2,771	6,945	4,825	792	2,784	6,137	5,186	58,877	697		
Aug	3,049	4,675	4,010	4,142	4,864	4,698	4,573	2,564	6,933	4,974	1,068	3,052	6,915	5,311	60,828	712		
Sep	2,939	4,259	3,656	4,475	5,386	4,185	4,117	2,359	6,169	5,057	833	3,406	6,063	5,027	57,931	737	3,926	
Oct	3,255	4,915	4,264	5,149	5,692	4,769	4,628	3,077	7,110	5,245	763	3,540	7,028	5,650	65,085	823	4,397	
Nov	2,898	4,574	4,005	4,225	5,064	4,085	4,064	2,607	6,401	4,728	858	3,270	6,610	5,557	58,946	655	4,075	
Dec	2,981	4,531	3,975	3,935	4,372	3,848	3,674	2,401	5,969	4,456	722	2,901	6,474	4,758	54,997	701	3,411	
Jan	3,016	4,731	3,899	4,149	4,901	4,196	3,882	2,569	6,247	5,087	773	2,771	6,256	5,081	57,558	798	2,337	
Feb	2,653	4,518	3,800	4,077	4,838	3,693	3,819	2,421	5,965	4,554	1,011	3,003	6,126	4,836	55,314	768	5,121	
Mar	2,179	4,011	3,049	3,146	3,473	3,169	3,128	2,061	5,314	3,666	603	2,330	5,131	4,076	45,336	597	2,609	
Apr	1,084	2,387	1,833	1,221	1,373	1,692	1,810	1,101	3,056	1,668	405	1,184	2,734	1,954	23,502	322		137
May	1,182	2,574	2,121	1,387	1,567	1,855	2,074	1,167	2,711	1,866	433	1,410	2,752	2,182	25,281	484		133
Jun	1,462	3,009	2,405	1,755	2,049	2,446	2,290	1,508	3,316	2,578	466	1,990	3,305	2,550	31,129	581		
Total	29,764	48,652	40,822	41,774	48,349	43,278	42,632	26,606	66,136	48,704	8,727	31,641	65,531	52,168	594,784	7,875	25,876	270

FISCAL YEAR 2019July 2018 - June 2019																		
Month	Fixed Route														ADA		Black Bear	TOTAL FY19
	Hampden	Brewer North	Brewer South	VOOT 1	VOOT 2	Capehart 1	Capehart 2	Capehart 3	Hammond Street	Center Street	Center/Hammond	Mall Hopper	Stillwater Ave	Mount Hope	Total	Paratransit	Orono Express	SYSTEM RIDERSHIP
July	2,421	3,869	3,686	3,513	4,070	4,290	4,233	2,040	7,358	4,047	965	2,820	6,739	5,406	55,457	451		55,908
Aug	2,928	4,121	4,376	4,332	4,588	4,950	4,621	2,631	7,582	4,640	884	3,332	6,273	6,273	62,631	421		63,052
Sep	2,809	3,684	3,772	4,616	5,325	4,498	4,364	2,115	6,753	4,159	1,148	3,476	6,714	5,759	59,192	580	4,104	63,876
Oct	3,478	4,679	4,259	5,428	5,557	5,035	4,646	2,433	8,135	5,201	918	3,820	7,454	6,575	67,618	611	5,328	73,557
Nov	3,101	4,611	3,778	4,843	5,139	4,413	4,479	2,312	7,269	4,738	892	3,276	7,067	6,220	62,138	594	4,736	67,468
Dec	2,926	4,620	4,077	4,078	4,948	4,642	4,395	2,091	6,192	4,271	1,217	3,272	6,861	5,837	59,427	561	3,904	63,892
Jan	3,226	4,409	3,628	4,495	4,801	4,410	4,315	2,275	7,243	4,739	853	2,998	6,413	5,637	59,442	639	2,307	62,388
Feb	2,907	4,129	3,606	4,762	5,023	4,495	4,416	2,301	6,124	4,582	896	2,990	5,841	5,469	57,541	574	5,424	63,539
Mar	3,232	4,995	4,137	4,826	5,559	4,838	4,625	2,606	6,545	4,936	1,210	3,299	6,346	6,077	63,231	679	4,481	68,391
Apr	3,095	4,954	3,947	5,047	5,901	5,101	4,796	2,296	6,847	4,469	1,901	3,182	6,362	6,336	64,234	710	5,394	70,338
May	3,550	4,973	4,228	4,955	5,437	4,840	4,471	2,655	7,306	5,120	1,001	3,034	6,555	5,983	64,108	685	1,615	66,408
Jun	3,098	4,228	3,503	3,967	4,753	4,588	4,267	2,367	6,449	4,262	1,089	2,596	6,129	5,178	56,475	662		57,137
Total	36,771	53,272	46,997	54,862	61,101	56,100	53,629	28,122	83,803	55,164	12,974	38,095	79,854	70,750	731,494	7,167	37,293	775,954

Attachment D

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) Transit Committee Charter

Adopted December 2021

PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Section 1.1 BACTS. BACTS acts as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter referred to as MPO) pursuant to Federal statute and rules. BACTS is a collaborative organization focused on advancing the transportation interest of the greater Bangor Urbanized Area. BACTS is responsible for carrying out the federal and state mandated urbanized transportation planning responsibilities, programming Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration funds in the greater Bangor Urbanized Area.

Section 1.2 Purpose. The purpose of the Transit Committee is to foster a partnership between the public transit provider (City of Bangor - Community Connector) and the member municipalities that contribute to the operation of the public transit system within the Greater Bangor urbanized area.

Section 1.3 Authority. This is a working committee with no voting rights extended to the BACTS Policy Committee, Bangor City Council, or decision-making board of any public transit provider. The decision making boards may, at their discretion, consult and follow recommendations of the Committee. The committee's capacity is to enhance communication, coordination, and collaboration, as well as offer recommendations, to the ultimate decision-making bodies.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 Membership. The BACTS Transit Committee shall consist of one representative from the urban transit provider, two representatives from each of the municipalities served by the fixed route transit provider, one representative from the University of Maine, one non voting representative from MaineDOT and Federal Transit Administration.

OFFICERS

Section 3.1 Election, Term of Office, and Qualifications. All officers shall be elected biannually by the Transit Committee at the December Meeting. Terms of officers will be two years.

Section 3.2 Chair. The Chair shall preside over all Transit Committee meetings.

Section 3.3 Vice Chair. Any vice-chair(s) shall perform such duties and have such powers as the Chair may from time to time prescribe. In the absence of the Chair, or in the event of their inability or refusal to act, the vice-chair shall perform the duties of Chair, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair.

MEETINGS

Section 4.1 Notice of Meetings. Notice of all meetings shall be given at least seven (7) calendar days before the meeting via email to each member. Notice will also be provided to the general public via the BACTS website.

Section 4.2 Meeting Procedures. The Parliamentary authority shall be the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised for all matters not covered in the bylaws. BACTS does reserve the right to host meetings virtually on a platform which allows participation by the general public.

Section 4.3 Quorum. At all meetings of the Transit Committee at least 40% of the member municipality or agency shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the members present at any meeting.

Section 4.4 Meetings Open to the Public. Meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with applicable law; provided however, that the Committee shall have the power to go into executive session and exclude the public when authorized under applicable law.

Community Connector Structural Analysis Summary and Recommendations

In October 2020, the City of Bangor and MaineDOT, in coordination with BACTS hired RLS to perform a governance structural analysis of the Community Connector. The goal of the analysis was to evaluate the current administrative and governance structure and explore similar transit system structures and best practices. The analysis also provided alternatives and recommendations for a governance and/or administrative structure that addresses the current challenges of the regional transit system.

Over the past several months RLS has conducted one on one interviews with the Community Connector, partner communities, MaineDOT, and BACTS regarding the organizational structure, administration and partnership with the Community Connector. RLS also conducted peer reviews of similar (size, region, ridership) transit systems. RLS offered 3 alternative governance structures for consideration. RLS provided a comparison analysis of the 3 alternatives, concluding with recommendations for changes to enhance local and regional strength and sustainability of the bus system.

Alternatives Summary Table

Options	Overview	Pros	Cons
Metropolitan Planning Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Quo • MaineDOT, BACTS, City of Bangor • Partners - Cost Allocation Agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiar Structure • City has Skilled Staff • City and Partners have Established a Cost Allocation • Minimal Time Commitment for Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varying Priorities for Decision Makers • Current Administrative Structure May Not Have Capacity to Support Growth • Partner Budget Cycles Vary to City
Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) - New Transit Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Resources • Operate Transit In-House or Contract for Operations • Governing Body - Board with Regional Representation • Designated Recipient of FTA Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Structure - Familiar • Community Connector Operate Similarly • Short Term - Immediately Address Concerns • Regional Representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Partner Responsibility • Vulnerable to Funding Changes • Balance Possibly Conflicting Partner Priorities with Services
Joint Powers Agreement - No New Legal Entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Oversight Board • City Remains Designated Recipient of FTA Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Connector Operate Similarly • Regional Representation • Share Administrative Responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Partner Responsibility • Vulnerable to Funding Changes
Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Organization • Certified by MaineDOT • Potential Taxing Authority • Managed by Board of Directors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Representation - Voting in Decision Making Process • Share Responsibility for Operating and Administration of Public Transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time • Expenses • Budget for Indirect Costs Currently Covered by City • Increased Sensitivity to Revenue Fluctuations

RLS recommended the following:

- Short term - To create a joint powers agreement (JPA) and the City of Bangor would continue to be the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.
- The mid- to long-term recommendations would be to develop a regional transportation authority (RTA) which would become the designated recipient for FTA funds.

Attachment F



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In Senate, February 1, 2021

An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Bus Shelters

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 28, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Portland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1542, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 140, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed areas of public places, including bus shelters, in outdoor eating areas as provided in section 1550 and in all rest rooms made available to the public. In the case of a child care facility that is not home-based, smoking is also prohibited in a facility-designated motor vehicle within 12 hours before transporting a child who is in the care of the child care facility, and whenever such a child is present in the vehicle. Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor areas of the facility where children may be present.

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that bus shelters are considered enclosed public space where smoking is prohibited.