



Transit Committee Meeting

November 30th, 2022

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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 September 22nd, 2022 Transit Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

4) Service Updates

Laurie Linscott will provide a brief overview of any service updates.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

5) Transit Center Update

Community Connector/City of Bangor Staff will provide a brief overview of any transit center updates.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

6) Ridership Report - Laurie Linscott

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

Proposed Action: For discussion only

7) Bus Stop Design and Management Guidelines Update

Staff Report

The Bus Stop Design and Management Guidelines, formerly called the Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines, has undergone one final review and has been approved to move forward to councils for endorsement. The Bus Stop Working Group met to discuss needs for municipal council presentations which are targeted to take place this winter. To review the Bus Stop Design and Management Guidelines document, click [here](#).

Proposed Action: For discussion only

8) Vision 2043 Update

Staff Report

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, now called Vision 2043, has launched. We are currently seeking feedback on Visioning and Goals. Please share Attachment B with your networks

which includes a survey link to tell us what is important to you. Also visit our [project page](#) to find more details.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

9) MaineDOT Strategic Transit Plan Update

Staff Report

Ryan Neale will provide a brief update on the Strategic Transit Plan which is part of the MaineDOT Family of Plans update.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

10) 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

11) Municipal Partner Updates

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

Proposed Action: For discussion only

12) MaineDOT Update

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

Proposed Action: For discussion only

13) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

14) Upcoming Meeting

Tentatively week of November 7th, 2022

15) Adjournment



Attachment A
Transit Committee Meeting
September 22nd, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Committee Members	Affiliation
Courtney O'Donnell John Theriault	Bangor
Sherri Clark Laurie Linscott	Community Connector
Kyle Drexler	Orono
William Biberstein	University of Maine
Mark Leonard	Veazie
Jack McKay	Non Voting Rider Representative
MaineDOT	
Lori Brann, Ryan Neale	
BACTS	
Sara Devlin, Madeline Jensen	
Members of the Public	
None	

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Theriault at 9:35AM.

2) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3) Approval of July 20th, 2022 Transit Committee Meeting Minutes

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

4) Service Updates

Laurie Linscott provided an update, the Community Connector is still short staffed and running a modified schedule on Monday-Friday. Also have a service modification for the Mt. Hope route for mall stops to be by request only.

Discussion ensued on when full service may resume, no timeframe is available right now, contingent on hiring new drivers. The City and Community Connector are actively hiring and trying to recruit as best as possible, including discussions with a local community college for restarting a training program.

5) Transit Center Update

Laurie Linscott provided an update, construction is on schedule, nearly 95% complete, anticipated to be completed by the middle of November. October 13th at 1:30 PM there will be a tour for members of this group.

6) Ridership Report

Laurie Linscott provided an overview. Figures are slightly increasing over prior year figures, even with running at a modified service.

7) Bus Stop Designation Plan - Implementation Update

Laurie Linscott provided an overview. The Community Connector is developing the budget and implementation plan regarding the designation. Implementation is expected to begin in the Spring.

8) Bus Stop Policy Update

Staff Report

The Bus Stop Policy Work Group met at the beginning of September to review where the Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines was left off last fall and identify what information was still necessary to finalize the document. BACTS, Community Connector, and the City of Bangor are working on collecting the requested information and a follow up Work Group meeting will be scheduled in October. To review the Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines document, click [here](#).

Sara Devling provided an update. BACTS Staff and Community Connector staff will be meeting this afternoon to discuss outstanding items to work that need to be gathered in order to work towards finalizing the Bus Stop Policy. BACTS Staff anticipate another working group meeting and are hoping to have the policy finalized by the middle of November.

9) Rural, Intercity, and Commuter Transit Provider Updates

No updates at this time.

10) Municipal Partner Updates

Culvert project in Orono is nearly complete; a few paving projects are underway in Bangor as well, but none are expected to interrupt service levels.

11) MaineDOT Update

The next department work plan is being developed. Please notify Lori of any new anticipated projects.

12) Other Business

Food and Medicine has hired an organizer for Transportation for All, Jack McKay will be filling in in the interim. Sara Devlin reminded the group that the non-voting rider representative is an individual, not a representative of a group or organization, so further discussion will be needed if the non-voting rider representative would like to step down and have another individual replace them.

About 120 units of housing have been approved in Bangor, including a required bus stop at one of the sites.

13) Upcoming Meeting

Tentatively week of September 19th, 2022

14) Adjournment

John Theriault called the meeting to adjourn at 2:25PM.

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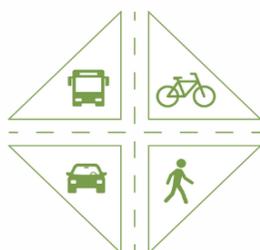


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