



Policy Committee Meeting

February 21st, 2023

9:30 AM

Orono Town Council Chambers and via Zoom

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 January 17th, 2023 BACTS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

4) Staff Report (Attachment B)

5) Bruce Van Note - MaineDOT Commissioner

Staff Report

Welcome Commissioner Van Note. Policy Committee members will have the opportunity to discuss BACTS priorities, funding opportunities, and MaineDOT partnerships with the Commissioner.

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

6) Penobscot Climate Action- Phase 2 Contract

Staff Report

Staff have prepared a contract to begin Phase 2 of the Penobscot Climate Action Plan. Phase 1 concluded in December 2022. This next phase will identify specific strategies, both large and small, that can be implemented to achieve climate action goals.

The funding breakdown is as follows:

Community Action Grant (Awarded to Bangor and Orono): \$125,000

City of Bangor: \$54,128

BACTS UPWP: \$40,000

Total: \$219,128

Proposed Action: *Authorize BACTS to enter into the Phase 2 contract for \$219,128*

7) Penobscot Climate Action - Phase 2 Introduction

Staff Report

Olivia Vilá from our project consultant, Linnean Solutions will provide a brief introduction to Phase 2 of our Climate Action Plan including an overview of the timeline, public outreach strategies, opportunities for town participation, and project deliverables.

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

**8) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Vision 2043 - Vision and Goals (Attachment C & D)
Staff Report**

Staff have created a more indepth Vision and Goals statement for this plan and received feedback from the Public Advisory Committee. See Attachment C for details. If there are no further questions or additional comments it will be finalized and used as a guiding document for the remainder of the planning process and in the final MTP document. BACTS has posted a public survey and scheduled an in-person public workshop on February 27th, at 4:30pm for the Conditions and Needs Assessment. See Attachment D for the meeting and survey flyer. Please share and post in town facilities.

Proposed Action: *Endorse the MTP vision and goals and adopt for next steps in process.*

**9) BACTS' 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
Staff Report**

Staff has coordinated with MaineDOT and the Community Connector to develop the draft 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which can be found [here](#). The draft TIP was released on February 7th for a 10 day public comment period which ended on February 17th, 2023. BACTS Staff will update members of the group if any substantial public comments were received during the public comment period.

Proposed Action: *Approve the BACTS' 2023-2026 TIP as written for submission to the MaineDOT for development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).*

**10) Request for Holding WIN Transfer- WIN 25377.00 Brewer South Main Street
Staff Report**

Current available construction funding is \$1,117,575.00. MaineDOT's current estimate is \$1,268,936.50, or \$151,361.50 over available funding. The City has identified drainage work was needed because of water problems causing icing and deterioration of the pavement. The work consists of approximately 400' of underdrain and the addition of 1 catch basin. The estimated cost for the additional scope is \$93,203.00, the remaining \$58,158.50 is due to price increases. This project is a 2023 BACTS project and is anticipated to go out to bid in March 2023.

Proposed Action: *Approve the transfer of \$151,361.50 from the BACTS Holding WIN to WIN 25377.00 Brewer South Main Street.*

**11) MaineDOT Bangor Transit Propensity Study (Attachment E)
Staff Report**

MaineDOT conducted the Bangor Transit Propensity Study as directed by LD 227. The study kicked off in June 2022 and the draft report was published in January 2023. The purpose of the study was to understand the travel and potential cost associated with enhanced or new transit service in the 130 mile corridor between Bangor (and surrounding areas) and Portland. The study included: peer corridor analysis, Streetlight Trip analysis, estimating vehicle trips for future conditions, corridor capture rates, regional/intercity trip estimates, and total propensity estimations.

The Draft Portland to Bangor Transit Propensity Study has been released for public comment. A copy of the draft document is available here:

<https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/portland-bangor-study/>

Additionally, materials from the January 19th Public Meeting are also available on MaineDOT's website at: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofps/portland-bangor-study/meetings/>

The BACTS Executive Committee reviewed the study materials and directed staff to draft a letter to be submitted to MaineDOT during the study's public comment period. The draft letter can be found as Attachment E.

Proposed Action - Discuss and approve the draft letter for public comment for the MaineDOT Bangor Transit Propensity Study, to be signed by the BACTS Chairman and submitted to MaineDOT.

12) BACTS UPWP Budget

Staff will provide budgetary information regarding the 2022-2023 UPWP budget.

BACTS 2022-2023 UPWP													
As of 01/31/2023													
Task	Project	Total Allotted	Total Spent	In-Kind	Total Remaining	Contract to Date Trend			Forecasted Trend (Projected Figures)				
						Acutal % Usage	Amount Should be as of 1/31	Variance	Total Remaining (Less In Kind)	Salary	Consultant	Direct Expenses	Estimated Remaining
	FHWA						54.2%						
1	Admin and Coordination	\$333,914	\$180,811	\$0	\$153,103	54.1%	\$180,870	\$59	\$153,103	\$137,710	\$0	\$31,161	-\$15,768
2	Programming	\$64,000	\$8,456	\$0	\$55,544	13.2%	\$34,667	\$26,211	\$55,544	\$13,976	\$10,000	\$738	\$30,831
3	Data and Studies	\$198,500	\$98,990	\$0	\$99,510	49.9%	\$107,521	\$8,531	\$99,510	\$42,965	\$40,045	\$11,451	\$5,049
4	Planning	\$184,000	\$38,808	\$0	\$145,192	21.1%	\$99,667	\$60,859	\$145,192	\$43,973	\$59,825	\$4,010	\$37,384
5	Unallocated 2020-2021	\$134,460	\$37,072	\$0	\$97,388	27.6%	\$72,833	\$35,760	\$97,388	\$8,198	\$105,653	-\$5	-\$16,459
6	*Increased PL Funding	\$144,911	\$0	\$0	\$144,911	0.0%	\$78,493	\$78,493	\$144,911	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$144,911
Total FHWA		\$1,059,785	\$364,137	\$0	\$695,648	34.36%	\$574,050	\$209,913	\$695,648	\$246,821	\$215,523	\$47,355	\$185,948
	FTA												
1	Admin and Coordination	\$80,076	\$29,186	\$5,837	\$45,053	36.4%	\$43,375	\$14,188	\$34,875	\$23,567	\$0	\$3,773	\$7,535
2	Programming	\$13,800	\$1,750	\$350	\$11,700	12.7%	\$7,475	\$5,725	\$9,290	\$2,944	\$0	\$250	\$6,096
3	Data and Studies	\$13,800	\$2,878	\$576	\$10,347	20.9%	\$7,475	\$4,597	\$8,162	\$10,844	\$0	\$495	-\$3,177
4	Planning	\$162,500	\$38,822	\$7,764	\$115,914	23.9%	\$88,021	\$49,199	\$91,178	\$41,597	\$59,856	\$108	-\$10,383
Total FTA		\$270,176	\$72,636	\$14,527	\$183,013	26.88%	\$146,345	\$73,710	\$143,505	\$78,952	\$59,856	\$4,626	\$71
Total		\$1,329,961	\$436,773	\$14,527	\$878,661	32.84%	\$720,396	\$283,623	\$839,153	\$325,774	\$275,380	\$51,981	\$186,019

DRAFT 2022 - 2023 Updated UPWP Figures				
	FHWA	State	Local	Total
	80%	15%	5%	100%
2022	\$ 477,698.18	\$ 89,568.41	\$ 29,856.14	\$ 597,122.72
2023	\$ 370,130.00	\$ 69,399.38	\$ 23,133.13	\$ 462,662.50
	\$ 847,828.18	\$ 158,967.78	\$ 52,989.26	\$ 1,059,785.22
	FTA	State	Local	Total
	80%	0%	20%	100%
2022	\$ 107,025.00	\$ -	\$ 26,756.25	\$ 133,781.25
2023	\$ 109,116.00	\$ -	\$ 27,279.00	\$ 136,395.00
	\$ 216,141.00	\$ -	\$ 54,035.25	\$ 270,176.25
FHWA Local Adjustment Letters	22-23 UPWP (Before 12% Inc.)	(Amount included on 22-23 Mod 1, paid in 20-21 as carryover)	Fully Paid as of 2/9/23 (Except Milford OS Balance)	Remaining to Invoice
Previous	\$ 39,020.70	\$ 6,723.01	\$ 45,743.71	\$ 7,245.55
DRAFT Total to Invoice		\$ 7,245.55	Final	
52.59%	Bangor		\$3,810.73	
0.76%	Bradley		\$54.71	
13.53%	Brewer		\$979.98	
5.49%	Hampden		\$397.86	
0.26%	Hermon		\$18.91	
3.30%	Milford		\$238.96	
9.83%	Old Town		\$712.11	
11.85%	Orono		\$858.54	
0.80%	Orrington		\$57.68	
1.60%	Veazie		\$116.08	
			\$7,245.55	

The following figures are approximate and will not be finalized until an amendment letter is received from MaineDOT. After BACTS receives the amendment, the figures will be updated accordingly and members will be notified of the match. The following are provided below as DRAFT figures at this time for budgetary consideration only.

Proposed Action: For discussion only.

13) Transit Updates

Staff and The Community Connector will provide updates on transit studies, operations, or other transit related items.

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

14) Project Updates

Members will provide updates on BACTS funded construction projects in the region.

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

15) MaineDOT Report

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

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

16) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

17) Upcoming Meetings

Transit Committee - March 8th, 2023 at 2PM - via Zoom

Policy Committee - March 21st, 2023 at 1PM - Hampden Town Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom



Attachment A
Policy Committee Meeting

January 17th, 2023

9:30 AM

Veazie Town Council Chambers and via Zoom

Minutes

Committee Members	Affiliation
Aaron Huotari Laurie Linscott John Theriault	Bangor
Jeremy Caron Linda Johns	Brewer
Victor Smith	Hampden
John Rouleau	Old Town
Kyle Drexler Belle Ryder	Orono
Mark Leonard	Veazie
MaineDOT	
John Devin, Jarod Farn-Guillette	
FHWA	
Patrick Adams	
BACTS	
Sara Devlin, Madeline Jensen, Evan King, Paige Nadeau, Mary O'Flaherty	

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Theriault at 9:30AM.

2) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3) Approval of December 13th, 2022 BACTS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

No comments on the minutes, Mark Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Aaron Huotari, raise of hands, all in favor.

4) Staff Report

Sara Devlin provided an update that bids were opened for the Old Town project, working with MaineDOT and City for opportunities for how to proceed due to bids coming in over budget.

5) Performance Measures and Targets

A) Federal Highway Performance Measures and Targets

Staff Report

In 2016, the Federal Highway Administration implemented the final rule on the Highway Safety

Improvement Program, requiring State DOT's and Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop safety performance targets, to be published annually. MPOs establish Highway Safety Improvement Program Targets by either:

1. Agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the State DOT safety target(s); or
2. Committing to quantifiable safety targets for the metropolitan planning area.

Staff will provide a brief overview of the development of the Performance Targets and how the MPO will incorporate those targets into our Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Unified Planning Work Program, and our Transportation Improvement Program.

Proposed Action: *Adopt the State Performance Targets and Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of MaineDOT's PM-1 Safety Performance Targets.*

Sara Devlin provided an update, the proposed action above should be amended to include all of the state performance targets, proposed action above to be as follows -

Proposed Action: *Adopt the State Performance Targets and Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of MaineDOT's PM-1 Safety Performance Targets, PM-2 Pavement and Bridge Condition Performance Targets, and PM-3 System Performance and Freight Performance Targets.*

Members of the group inquired if targets are in line with regional goals. Sara Devlin provided an overview that these targets are built into the long range plan.

Members of the group decided to adopt all performance measures and targets, for both FHWA and FTA (item 5 B, below), Belle Ryder made a motion to approve the adoption of all targets as written , Jeremy Caron seconded, group unanimously approved.

B) Federal Transit Administration Performance Measures and Targets

Staff Report

Recipients of public transit funds are required to establish performance targets, develop transit asset management and safety plans, and report on their progress toward achieving targets. An MPO may choose to set new regional transit performance targets more frequently; however, regional transit performance targets are required to be updated with the preparation and submission of the system performance report that is required as part of the MTP.

FTA does not currently impose any consequences to MPOs who do not meet performance targets.

Proposed Action: *Adopt the State Performance Targets and Agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of MaineDOT's Targets. Also, adopt Regional Planning Area Transit Safety Performance Targets calculated by the Community Connector.*

See above note.

6) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Vision 2043)

Staff Report

The Vision and Goals Survey, which closed on January 9th, received 116 responses. Staff and consultants are in the process of evaluating responses to formulate a MTP Vision Statement. Next, we will move into the Current Conditions and Projected Needs evaluation which will also include public outreach events and meetings, a survey, and an Advisory Committee meeting.

Visit the project page for more information:

<https://bactsmmpo.org/bangor-comprehensive-transportation-system-programs/bangor-transportation-studies/2043-metropolitan-transportation-plan-update/>

Maddie Jensen presented a brief presentation of the project timeline, including survey, PAC meetings, and other project milestones. Maddie Jensen also provided an overview of outreach thus far and asked members of the group to let BACTS know about future public outreach opportunities. Maddie Jensen also discussed the draft priority areas for the 2043 MTP, created from public outreach and feedback provided to date, equitable access, safety, sustainability, efficiency/reliability, and supporting community goals. Members of the group discussed various regional goals and priorities for the area.

7) MPO Funding Discussion

Staff Report

Over the past several months, Staff has been in discussion with MaineDOT and the state's other 3 MPO's in developing a formula for the distribution of programmed funding through the IIJA Bill. BACTS will likely see a retroactive increase to both FHWA planning and capital funding. Staff will discuss with the group potential changes to FHWA PL funds in the coming years and the impacts this would have on local matches.

Sara Devlin provided an overview. BACTS has been working with MaineDOT to finalize the amount of an increase for PL funding and will keep members informed of any developments.

8) BACTS' 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Schedule

Staff Report

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. These projects are located in the BACTS area and are funded with Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration funds. BACTS must update the TIP when there is a change to any project such as funding increase or a request to add a project to the TIP. These changes must also be reflected in the 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. All TIP amendments must be posted to the BACTS website for a 10-day public comment period.

BACTS Staff have been working with MaineDOT and expect to receive the listing of these projects in the coming weeks. Once BACTS staff receive this listing, we would request approval for the following:

- Amend the current 2022-2025 TIP to include the FHWA and FTA project list proposed for the 2023-2026 TIP, and associated errata sheet, once reviewed by staff. This allows all 2023 projects to be authorized at their current level of funding, with updated information, prior to the 2023-2026 STIP/TIP approval. This amendment will be posted for a 10-Day comment period.
- Post the 2023-2026 BACTS TIP for a 10-Day public comment period (per the Public Participation Plan).

Once the comment period has ended, Staff will make any necessary changes to the draft TIP. The Policy Committee will review and approve the 2023-2026 BACTS TIP at the February Policy Committee meeting. This proposed schedule is subject to change based on the delivery of the TIP project list to BACTS from MaineDOT.

Proposed Action: Authorize BACTS Staff to post the proposed TIP amendment once the listing is received by MaineDOT for a 10 day public comment period. So long as no substantial public

comment is received as part of the public comment period, authorize staff to submit the TIP Amendment to MaineDOT once the public comment period has ended. Authorize BACTS Staff to post the draft 2023-2026 BACTS TIP for a 10-Day public comment period.

Sara Devlin provided an overview. Members of the group discussed projects that will be included, projects previously agreed upon and a placeholder for future projects.

Mark Leonard made a motion to approve the motion as written, Belle Ryder seconded, group unanimously approved.

9) BACTS UPWP Budget

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2	Programming	\$64,000	\$5,818	\$0	\$58,182	9.1%	\$32,000	\$26,182	\$58,182	\$12,768	\$10,000	\$508	\$34,906
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4	Planning	\$184,000	\$35,184	\$0	\$148,816	19.1%	\$92,000	\$56,816	\$148,816	\$85,837	\$60,177	\$2,708	\$94
5	Unallocated 2020-2021	\$134,460	\$36,963	\$0	\$97,498	27.5%	\$67,230	\$30,268	\$97,498	\$1,517	\$105,653	\$5	-\$9,678
Total FHWA		\$914,874	\$338,838	\$0	\$576,036	37.04%	\$457,437	\$118,599	\$576,036	\$301,371	\$225,875	\$21,895	\$26,895
	FTA												
1	Admin and Coordination	\$80,595	\$27,698	\$5,540	\$47,358	34.4%	\$40,298	\$12,600	\$36,778	\$32,254	\$0	\$676	\$3,849
2	Programming	\$31,200	\$1,750	\$350	\$29,100	5.6%	\$15,600	\$13,850	\$23,210	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,210
3	Data and Studies	\$31,200	\$2,878	\$576	\$27,747	9.2%	\$15,600	\$12,722	\$22,082	\$6,627	\$0	\$5	\$15,450
4	Planning	\$93,600	\$35,134	\$7,027	\$51,439	37.5%	\$46,800	\$11,666	\$39,746	\$8,940	\$60,208	\$32	-\$29,435
Total FTA		\$236,595	\$67,459	\$13,492	\$155,644	28.51%	\$118,298	\$50,838	\$121,817	\$55,822	\$60,208	\$713	\$5,074
Total		\$1,151,469	\$406,297	\$13,492	\$731,680	35.29%	\$575,735	\$169,437	\$697,853	\$357,192	\$286,083	\$22,608	\$31,970

No comments from the committee.

10) Transit Updates

Laurie Linscott provided an update, Transit Center has been open for about a month, operations have been going well. Community Connector is reviewing RFP and bids for technology implementation. Community Connector and BACTS Staff have been presenting bus stop policy to participating municipalities which have been going well. Triennial review is scheduled to take place in September. Community Connector has been able to separate Hammond Street and Center Street routes and has also added back a residential area on this route. BBOE service started this morning for the semester.

11) Project Updates

Brewer discussed project design efforts and storm drainage. Bangor discussed repairs to Oak Street. No other projects were discussed.

Patrick Adams spoke with the group about safety outreach efforts from FHWA to local municipalities in this region. Patrick Adams is looking to work with communities on safety countermeasures for roadway traffic and bike/ped improvements. Members of the group discussed funding opportunities for these types of projects.

12) MaineDOT Report

MaineDOT provided an update on Light Capital Paving on Priority 3 roads.

13) Other Business

No other business was discussed.

14) Upcoming Meetings

Transit Committee - March 2023, exact date TBD.

Policy Committee - February 21st, 2023 **9:30AM** - Orono Town Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom

TIP Committee - March 2023, exact date TBD.

The meeting was called to adjourn by Belle Ryder and seconded by Mark Leonard. Meeting was ended at 10:15AM.



Attachment B

Staff Report
February 2023

Bus Stop Council Endorsement - Staff have visited each partner municipal council to seek endorsement of the Bus Stop Design and Management Guidelines and the Bus Stop Designation Plan. BACTS will not visit the City of Bangor's Government Operations committee to receive final approval so that these projects may be finalized and implemented.

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) - Staff has been working with the TIMS groups on scheduling after action reviews and quarterly TIMS meetings. BACTS continues to work with MaineDOT on implementing the recommendations from the statewide TIMS strategic Plan. Agendas for TIMs groups have been prepared for the upcoming stakeholder meetings and will be sent out by the end of the month. The Statewide TIMS meeting is scheduled for February 28th.

Collector Pavement Inventory and Analysis Data Collection - Data collection has been completed, Sewall has stated a first look at the data at a high level will be available in the next two months.

Old Town LAP - BACTS advertised to contractors 12/14. Advertisement for construction inspection services is scheduled for March. Old Town council has moved to fund the project as originally scoped and put forward additional funds due to cost increase. Contractor prequalification is currently being determined at DOT.

Orono Traffic Calming Policy - BACTS staff have completed a draft of a traffic calming policy for the Town of Orono. The policy outlines a method for determining eligibility and need for traffic calming measures on streets and roads, the types of traffic calming measures warranted, and related administrative decision-making procedures.

Rural Contract - BACTS staff are completing research for and beginning writing of the transportation element of Newport's comprehensive plan. BACTS staff have aided in determining the scope of a sidewalk improvement VPI project in Corinna - BACTS and MaineDOT are awaiting a scoping decision by the town.

Service Provider Grant - BACTS is nearing the completion of our Service Provider contract with the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future. Staff has been working to complete contract tasks for Dixmont and Old Town.

US DOT Innovative Financing Roundtable Discussion - The Executive Director attending a roundtable discussion at USDOT regarding innovative financing for capital projects and how to incorporate that into the planning process.

TIP Committee - The BACTS TIP Committee will meet at the beginning of March to discuss a schedule for evaluating, prioritizing, approving and submitting projects to MaineDOT between May and September of 2023. The committee will also discuss the matters of unallocated 112A funding and hiring a consultant to perform cost estimation for the TIP.



Meetings and Conferences

- MaineDOT Coordination Meetings
- TIMS - Team coordination meetings
- Maine Transportation Safety Coalition
- Old Town LAP coordination meetings
- MaineDOT Transit Plan Stakeholder Meeting
- MaineDOT Rail Plan Advisory Committee Meeting
- Newport Comprehensive Plan January meeting
- 2020 Census and Implications for FTA Programs Webinar
- Town of Dixmont Community Resilience Partnership Enrollment Workshop
- PTAC Meeting on the Maine State Transit Plan
- BCM Webinar- Maine State Active Transportation Plan
- USDOT Grant webinar
- BACTS Executive Committee



Attachment C **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Vision 2043 - Vision and Goals**

Vision

The Greater Bangor Region will have a safe and sustainable transportation network, including infrastructure and services, that supports equity, efficiency, and community goals.

Goals

- Support Equitable Access and Quality of Life
 - Consider all users - and those impacted - in investment decisions
 - Expand ADA accessible infrastructure and services
 - Educate on alternatives transportation options and resources
 - Promote walkable neighborhoods by supporting municipal land use and policies changes
- Ensure Safety for All Users
 - Expand facilities for active transportation users
 - Educate on pedestrian safety methods
 - Assess high crash areas for improvements
- Promote Sustainability
 - Promote transit and active transportation options
 - Support electrification of vehicles and infrastructure
 - Support development with lower environmental impacts
 - Maintain fiscal sustainability
- Support Regional, Local, and Community Goals
 - Support land use initiatives
 - Adapt to new funding opportunities
 - Create partnerships with major services and institutions
 - Promote economic growth
 - Uplift community voices
 - Support State plans and initiatives
- Maintain System Efficiency and Reliability
 - Reduce traffic congestion
 - Expand connectivity within and outside the region
 - Prepare for weather related impacts and accelerated deterioration of infrastructure
 - Ensure the existing facilities are maintained adequately
 - Increase project performance and longevity by following construction and maintenance best practices

Disclaimer

The above vision and goals are not all encompassing, specific strategies and actions will be developed for the final plan. They will be selected and applied as appropriate and within a fiscally constrained context.

Please see next page for Attachment D.



BACTS VISION 2043

TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP

Share your feedback on the current system and ideas for the future

WORKSHOP DETAILS



Date:
February 27, 2023



Time:
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm



Location:
Bangor Public Library
Laurence E. Crofutt
Community Room
145 Harlow St,
Bangor, ME 04401

ONLINE SURVEY

BACTS is updating the Region's Transportation Plan. We want to know your thoughts on **issues** and **opportunities** for the **Greater Bangor Region**. Rank your priorities. Tell us what you think!



For More Information: www.bactsmmpo.org





Attachment E

February 21st, 2023

Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Moulton,

I am writing on behalf of the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) Policy Committee to provide feedback on the draft Bangor Transit Propensity Study, dated January 2023. As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the greater Bangor region, we are committed to the safe and efficient movement of people, both within our region as well as to and from our region.

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the viability of new or enhanced transit service, including passenger rail, between Bangor and Portland, considering ridership, trip times, cost, along with other factors. As a member of the Project Advisory Group, BACTS has been involved in the study process, including a review of the study results.

BACTS recognizes the appeal of extending passenger rail service to Bangor, however, the significant capital costs associated with the rail alternative appears to outweigh the benefits and conflicts with our goal of maintaining fiscal responsibility for transportation investments in the greater Bangor region. Alternatively, BACTS would support MaineDOT investing in enhancements to the existing intercity bus services and local services in the study area.

BACTS appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on these discussions and is committed to enhancing our transportation system, both locally and statewide. We look forward to future MaineDOT partnerships on projects that further this goal.

Sincerely,

John Theriault, City of Bangor
Chair of the BACTS Policy Committee