



Please welcome Belle Ryder as the new Executive Director for Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS)! Although she just joined the professional staff at BACTS, Belle is well-versed in the mission of BACTS, having served on the board for 11 years from 2012 to 2023 when she was the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Orono.



Belle comes to BACTS from the University of Maine System where she served as the Associate Executive Director of Networkmaine from 2023-2025. Prior to her time with the Town of Orono, Belle was the Operations Manager for Union River Boat, a family-owned fiberglass boat shop, for nine years. In that role, she tackled various responsibilities, including finance, HR, inventory management, and even grinding fiberglass.

Belle holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maine and is a strong advocate for regional cooperation. She and her husband, Matt, moved to Orono ten years ago and have enjoyed raising three kids and their beloved dog made of spare parts in the Penobscot Valley. In her free time, Belle enjoys exploring regional trails and is an active member of the local pickleball community. With a commitment to improving the quality of life for Mainers, she hopes to continue driving positive change through her roles in public service and community leadership.