



Transit Committee Meeting

May 28th, 2025

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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 February 26th, 2025 Transit Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

4) Fare Structure Analysis Update

Foursquare ITP will present an update on the Fare Structure Analysis project, including the current conditions assessment and alternative scenario development.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

5) Community Connector Structural Change

The City of Bangor will update the group on the structural change that Community Connector has recently undergone and introduce the new Operations Administrator, James Landry.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

6) Ridership Report - FY25 - Q3 (Attachment B)

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

Proposed Action: For discussion only

7) Service and Project Updates

Community Connector/City of Bangor will provide any relevant service or project updates, perhaps including staffing, Bus Technology, and the Cold Bus Barn.

Proposed Action: For discussion only

8) 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

9) Municipal Partner Updates

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

Proposed Action: For discussion only

10) MaineDOT Update

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

Proposed Action: *For discussion only*

11) Other Business

Discussion of other items not on today's agenda.

12) Upcoming Meeting

For the remainder of 2025, the following Transit Committee Meetings are currently scheduled. Staff propose adjusting the Committee's meeting frequency to maximize participant time, reduce redundancy, and align with the City of Bangor's budget cycle.

- July 9th, 2-3:30pm (VIRTUAL)
- October 8th, 2-3:30pm (VIRTUAL)

13) Adjournment



Attachment A
February 26th, 2025
2:00 PM - Zoom Meeting
Minutes

Committee Members	Affiliation
Karen Fussell Linda Johns	Brewer
Laurie Linscott	Community Connector
Mitch Stone	Orono
Courtney O'Donnell	Bangor
Jack McKay	Rider Representative
BACTS	
Maddie Jensen	
Other Attendees	
Ryan Neale (MDOT) Steve Santiago (TFA) Reinaldo Germano (ITP)	

1) Call to Order

Karen Fussell called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

2) Public Comment

There were no public comments

3) Approval of October 23rd, 2024 Transit Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

Karen Fussell asked if there were any comments or corrections to be made to the minutes. No changes were suggested. October 23rd , 2024 minutes were accepted as written.

4) Financial Update

Courtney O'Donnell and Laurie Linscott gave a quarter 1 and quarter 2 2025 report. Overall expenses are on target. Capital projects are making steady progress. Discussion about overpayment allocation was conducted and members discussed strategies for supporting the capital reserves.

5) Fare Structure Analysis Introduction

Reinaldo Germano, a consultant from Foursquare ITP, gave an introduction to the Community Connector Fare Structure Analysis. Recent work included conducting interviews with Community Connector staff and launching an online rider survey. Another project update will be provided at the next Transit Committee meeting.

6) Ridership Report - FY24 (Year End) and FY25 (Q1)

Laurie Linscott reviewed the ridership report and highlighted that we are on track to surpass half a million rides by the end of FY25.

7) Community Connector Marketing/Branding Study

Due to staffing constraints Maddie Jensen recommended delaying the Community Connector Marketing/Branding Study until the next funding cycle. The Committee agreed that it was most important to focus on our existing projects, such as the Fare Structure Analysis and Cold Bus Barn Reconstruction.

8) Service and Project Updates

Laurie Linscott gave the following service and project updates

- Bus technology project (including real time information, audio/visual announcements, and automatic passenger counters) is live and running well so far.
- Equipment to add outdoor screens at the transit center has arrived and will be installed soon.

9) Rural, Intercity, and Commuter Transit Provider Updates

No comments were provided.

10) Municipal Partner Updates

No comments were provided.

11) MaineDOT Update

Ryan Neale from MDOT is reaching out to FTA about expectations for the federal funding timeline. Maddie Jensen provided an update on the work being conducted through the Public Transit Advisory Council. The final report, which was prepared in collaboration with MDOT, will be taken to the legislature soon.

12) Other Business

Jack McKay spoke in favor of expanding driver FTE status to address the driver shortage which has caused Saturday service to be cancelled.

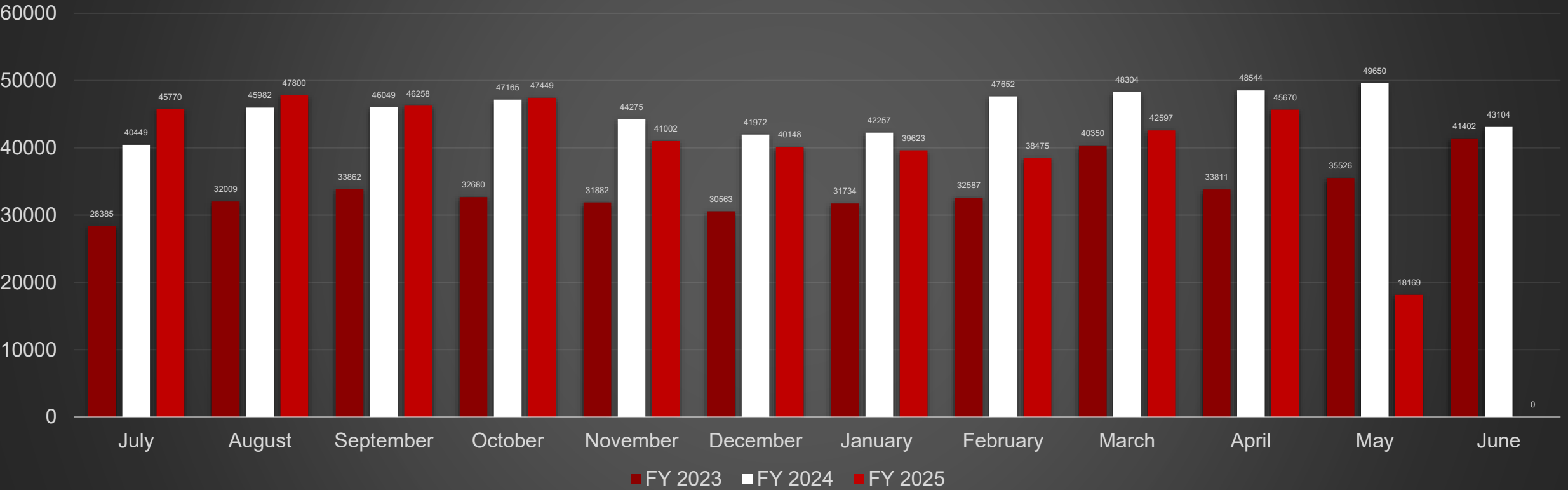
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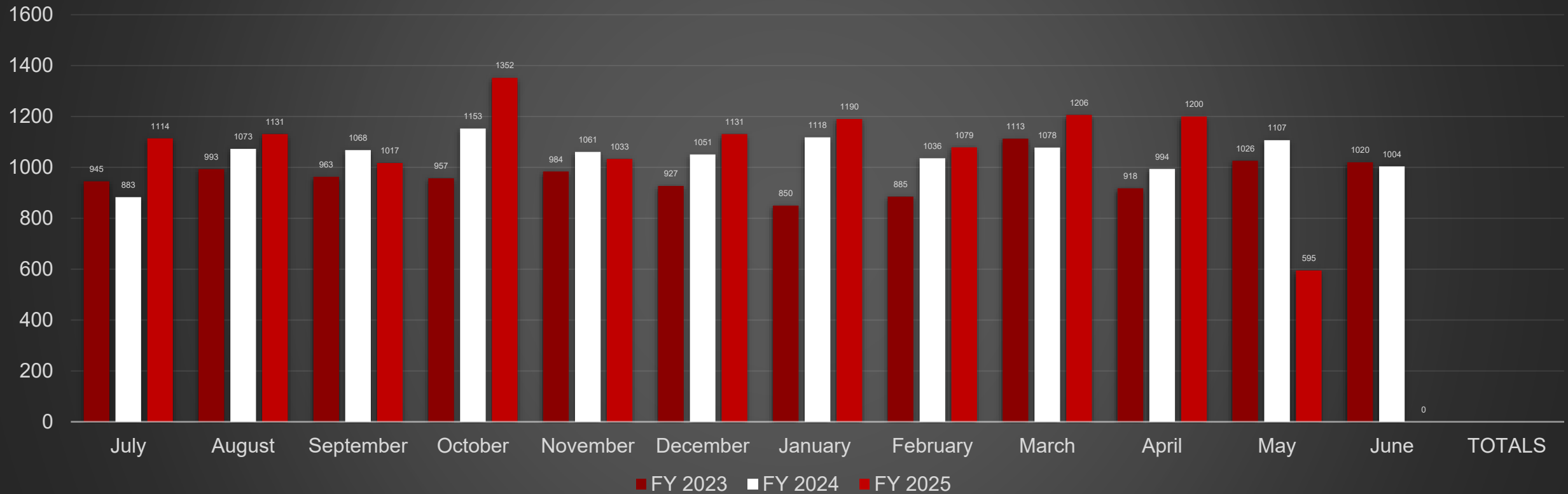
Karen Fussell adjourned the meeting at 3:17pm.

Fixed Route Ridership FY 2023-FY 2025



- FY 23 Fixed Route Total – 404791
- FY 24 Fixed Route Total – 542703
- FY 25 Fixed Route Total - 452961

ADA Ridership FY 2023-FY 2025



FY 23 ADA Total – 11581

FY 24 ADA Total – 12626

FY 25 ADA Total - 12048