



Policy Committee Meeting

May 19th, 2026 at 1:00PM

Hampden 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 March 17th, 2026 BACTS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)

4) BACTS Monthly Report (Attachment B)

5) Bicycle Coalition of Maine (BCM) Presentation on Technical Assistance and Bicycle Rack Procurement

Staff Report

BCM staff will be presenting on the launch of their bicycle rack procurement program for Maine public facilities as well as providing additional information on technical assistance they can provide to municipalities. Please check the [BCM website](#) for more information, and application forms, for these programs. Questions on these programs should be sent to Reed Silvers at reed@bikemaine.org.

Proposed Action: For discussion only.

6) Local Roads Overview

Staff Report

BACTS staff will provide a brief overview of assistance available from the Maine Local Roads Center and tips and tricks to maximize local roads resources.

Proposed Action: For discussion only.

7) 2026 Safe Streets For All Notice of Funding Opportunity

Staff Report

Staff will lead discussion regarding a proposed grant application for a 2026 Safe Streets For All demonstration project.

Proposed Action: Authorize the Executive Director to apply for a 2026 SS4A grant.

8) 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Local Match

Staff Report

Staff will lead discussion regarding calculation for the 2027 local match for members.

Proposed Action: Approve funding formula for 2027 local match.

9) Federal Funding Update

Staff will provide an update on the current status of the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization process.

Proposed Action: For discussion only.

*A list of common BACTS Acronyms can be found [here](#).

10) Transit Updates

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

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

11) Project Updates

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

Proposed Action: *For discussion only.*

12) MaineDOT Report

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 Meetings

Policy Committee - June 16th, 2026 at 1PM - Hermon Town Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom
Penobscot Climate Action Committee - July 14th, 2026 via Zoom



Attachment A
Policy Committee Meeting
March 17th, 2026 at 1:00PM
Veazie Council Chambers and via Zoom
Minutes

Committee Members	Affiliation
Anja Collette Jeff Davis Laurie Linscott David Teelon	Bangor
Jeremy Caron Linda Johns	Brewer
Amy Ryder Victor Smith	Hampden
Stephen Fields	Hermon
Earl Labonte Adam Smart	Orono
Steve Rideout	Old Town
Mark Leonard	Veazie
MaineDOT / FHWA	
Jarod Farn-Guillette, Tohn Theriault, Claire Winter	

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Caron at 1:03PM.

2) Public Comment

No public comments at this time.

3) Approval of February 17th, 2026 BACTS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

No comments on the minutes, Mark Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Victor Smith seconded, roll call vote taken, one abstain, all in favor.

4) BACTS Monthly Report

Belle Ryder provided an overview of the report. Belle Ryder provided an update, heard back from Steve Landry regarding questions following up on the signal contract that is being developed.

5) BACTS' 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

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.

At the February meeting the Policy Committee authorized BACTS staff to post the 2026-2029 BACTS TIP for a 10-Day public comment period (per the Public Participation Plan). No comments were received so the 2026-2029 BACTS TIP will be presented for final approval. A copy of the final 2026-2029 TIP can be found [here](#).

Proposed Action: *Approve 2026-2029 BACTS TIP.*

Belle Ryder provided an overview of the process. Mark Leonard made a motion to approve the action as written, Jeff Davis seconded, roll call vote taken, all in favor.

6) 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Local Match

Staff Report

Staff will lead discussion regarding calculation for the 2027 local match for members.

Proposed Action: *Approve funding formula for 2027 local match.*

Belle Ryder provided a presentation and overview of the current and proposed calculation of the local match for BACTS Members. Members of the group discussed the different funding sources. Belle Ryder reiterated that this is the proposed formula for the amount that would be invoiced in December 2026. Belle Ryder proposed bringing back this time for action at the next Policy Committee meeting for final approval.

7) SS4A Update

Draft Safety Action Plans for each BACTS member have been shared with town staff. We are looking to receive feedback in the next few weeks. Each plan outlines a reporting process for future safety evaluation. Staff would like to understand what, if any, role BACTS should play in this process.

Madeline Jensen provided an update and requested feedback from the group about the reporting requirements of the Safety Action Plans. Members of the group were in agreement about having BACTS assist with this process and BACTS Staff will follow up.

8) Transit Updates

No updates at this time.

9) Project Updates

Members provided updates on projects across the region.

10) MaineDOT Report

John Theriault provided a brief update on projects in the region.

11) Other Business

Members of the group discussed a previous agenda item briefly for additional clarification.

12) Upcoming Meetings

Penobscot Climate Action Committee - April 14th, 2026 at 2PM via Zoom

Policy Committee - February 17th, 2026 at 1PM - Milford Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom

The meeting was called to adjourn by Linda Johns, seconded by Mark Leonard. Unanimous approval. Meeting ended at 1:45PM.



Attachment B
BACTS Monthly Report
May 2026

MaineDOT Work Plan - The MaineDOT Work Plan outlines the work that the department plans to perform over the next three years. The Work Plan is calendar year-based and includes all MaineDOT work activities. The final draft of the MaineDOT Work Plan has been published and is available as a layer on the MapViewer here: <https://www.maine.gov/mdot/mapviewer/> or as a PDF or Excel file here: <https://www.maine.gov/dot/major-projects/work-plan>.

Update: MaineDOT provided a list of candidates for light treatment in 2027 (see spreadsheet below and attached map (Attachment B-1)). They are looking for initial feedback on any synergies with completed/ongoing studies or other work municipalities may be undertaking. Similar to last year's process, MaineDOT staff will vet this list down in June to a short list of candidates that are likely to actually make it into the Work Plan based on condition data and other factors. Please plan to submit any comments or feedback to belle.ryder@bactsmo.org by **EOD**

Thursday, May 21st

MapID	TOWNS_IN_ORDER	Route	BMP	EMP	Length	HCP	AADT	FFC	URB	PCR	LAST_WORK
4206	Holden-Dedham	0001A	44.89	52.73	7.84	1	14785	3	R	3.56	2016
4207	Dedham-Ellsworth	0001A	52.73	56.01	3.28	1	11720	3	R	4.18	2017
4301	Brewer-Clifton	0009B	10.28	16.98	6.7	1	5650	3	R	3.81	2017
4302	Amherst-T28 MD BPP	0009X	218.81	230.17	11.36	1	3030	3	R	4.06	2017
4306	Brewer-Holden	0001A	41.11	41.59	0.48	1	12930	3	U	3.91	2019
4402	Newport - Dexter	0007X	34.85	47.95	13.1	2	7605	4	R	3.48	2019
4502	Bucksport-Orrington	0015X	41.96	51.31	9.35	2	4150	4	R	3.83	2019
4503	Kenduskeag-Charleston	0015X	74.15	83.26	9.11	2	7480	4	R	3.66	2019
4601	Verona Island	0001X	171.61	172.76	1.15	1	9064	3	R	3.59	2018

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) - Traffic Incident Management (TIM) consists of a planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible. Effective TIM reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents; improves the safety of motorists, crash victims, and emergency responders; and reduces the frequency of secondary crashes. This contract focuses on the implementation of the Statewide TIM Strategic Plan recommendations, maintaining the Maine State TIM website, updating training materials, convening and facilitating TIM groups/committees, outreach to disciplines in rural areas of the state who are currently not involved with TIM groups, managing sub-consultants, and other tasks assigned and approved by MaineDOT.

Update: Staff worked with FHWA on the Maine State TIM Assessment. Staff hosted the Southern Maine / NH regional TIM meeting in Wells and attended the Greater Portland TIMs meeting at GPCOG. Staff worked with MaineDOT to order more TIMs safety gear and traveled to Augusta for equipment pick-up. Staff prepared and organized the TIM training which is to be hosted at the Maine Municipal Association on June 9th.

Rural Contract - BACTS receives funding annually from the MaineDOT to work with rural Penobscot County municipalities on transportation related issues and activities. BACTS staff provides transportation related technical assistance on various projects and plans such as: writing Transportation Inventory chapters for Comprehensive Plans; facilitating or aiding in grant writing and funding opportunities for trails, sidewalks, road work, or transit; providing assistance with safety audits, data collection, planning activities, or local project management; and coordinating between MaineDOT and municipalities.

Update: Staff worked with the Code Enforcement Officer of Clifton to assist with the CCA Maine Trails Grant. Staff met with the MaineDOT Region 4 & 5 to discuss rural outreach in Penobscot County. Staff updated previous comprehensive plan work for the town of Dixmont.

Culvert Inventory - *This UPWP project will provide BACTS members with current condition assessments of culverts in the Greater Bangor Urbanized Area. This inventory will offer a comprehensive evaluation of all identified road-crossing, non-box culverts and collect additional data to analyze climate projections and their impact on stormwater hazards. The inventory currently includes 500+ known culverts and will serve as the foundation for future project phases.*

Update: Staff updated the BACTS Regional Culvert Inventory to improve user experience. Staff contacted all BACTS members in relation to learning about flooding-prone areas in the region.

Traffic Signal Master Plan Support - *MaineDOT has proposed a pilot program that will augment resources of the BACTS region to advance the goals of the 2018 Mobility Report. The Mobility Report found the following: properly working signals increase mobility, reduce congestion, save time, money, and fuel, and enhance economic opportunity; properly timed signals can reduce crashes by up to 30%; and, MaineDOT should partner with all communities across Maine to maintain traffic signal controllers and traffic signal detection systems.*

Update: Staff is working with MaineDOT to finalize the contract. Concurrent with the administrative effort, BACTS staff has built a traffic signal maintenance data collection app to facilitate reporting.

Road Condition Inventory - *Annually, by August 1st the MPO will return up to 10% of the HCP 3 & 4 mileage in their network as prioritized candidates for the year after next (i.e. August 2026 provides candidates for paving in 2028). Eligible mileage will not include Light Capital Paving (LCP) program roadways.*

Update: BACTS staff is working with the Vialytics platform to customize it for HCP 3 & 4 collection. BACTS staff has started data collection.

Complete Streets - *The Complete Streets Regional Plan provides a shared vision and coordinated strategy for creating a safer, more accessible, and more connected multimodal transportation network across the region. BACTS is preparing a regional plan which can be adopted outright or used by individual communities to create their own plan/policy.*

Update: Staff are nearing completion with the first full draft of the plan. Staff will be seeking feedback on that plan from the Complete Streets Steering Committee before finalization. Once complete, BACTS staff will assist communities with adoption or personalization, if requested.

Safe Streets and Roads for All - *Using the SS4A grant, BACTS is developing 11 Safety Action Plans for member communities. These plans analyze crash data, review existing safety related policies, and make recommendations for improving safety on our roadways. The grant also funds demonstration projects for interested communities which test safety features on our roads to determine their effectiveness before permanent installation.*

Update: Draft plans have been shared with every community. Plans will be finalized as feedback is received and incorporated. BACTS is also supporting the approval and installation of demonstration projects for the five communities who've opted to install a demonstration project in summer 2026. Staff are working with FHWA to approve a grant amendment to release funds for the next phase of work.

GIS Mentorship - *In order to build internal GIS capabilities in technical skills and practical experience, select staff members are receiving formal training and one-on-one mentorship support to complete ongoing projects.*

Update: Formal training is in process and expected to continue through to the end of August. Staff members undergoing training have received education in the use of ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro,

and will soon begin learning the use of ESRI applications such as Field Maps and StoryMaps. Sebago staff have provided mentorship to BACTS staff in the development of ongoing GIS tasks including, the Culvert Experience Viewer, Complete Streets Experience Viewer, and detour maps for TIMs.

Meetings and Conferences

- MaineDOT Rural Contract Coordination Meetings
- Talking TIMs Webinar Series
- Southern ME / NH TIMs
- Greater Portland TIMs
- Maine Bike & Pedestrian Group
- FHWA TIMs Self Assessment Meeting
- PCA Working Group Meetings
- BACTS Transit Study Kick-off
- MaineDOT Highway Safety Manual Technical Training
- UMaine Class Presentation
- MPO Directors Meeting
- ITS Architecture Information Gathering
MaineDOT

2026-2027 UPWP Budget and Project Updates

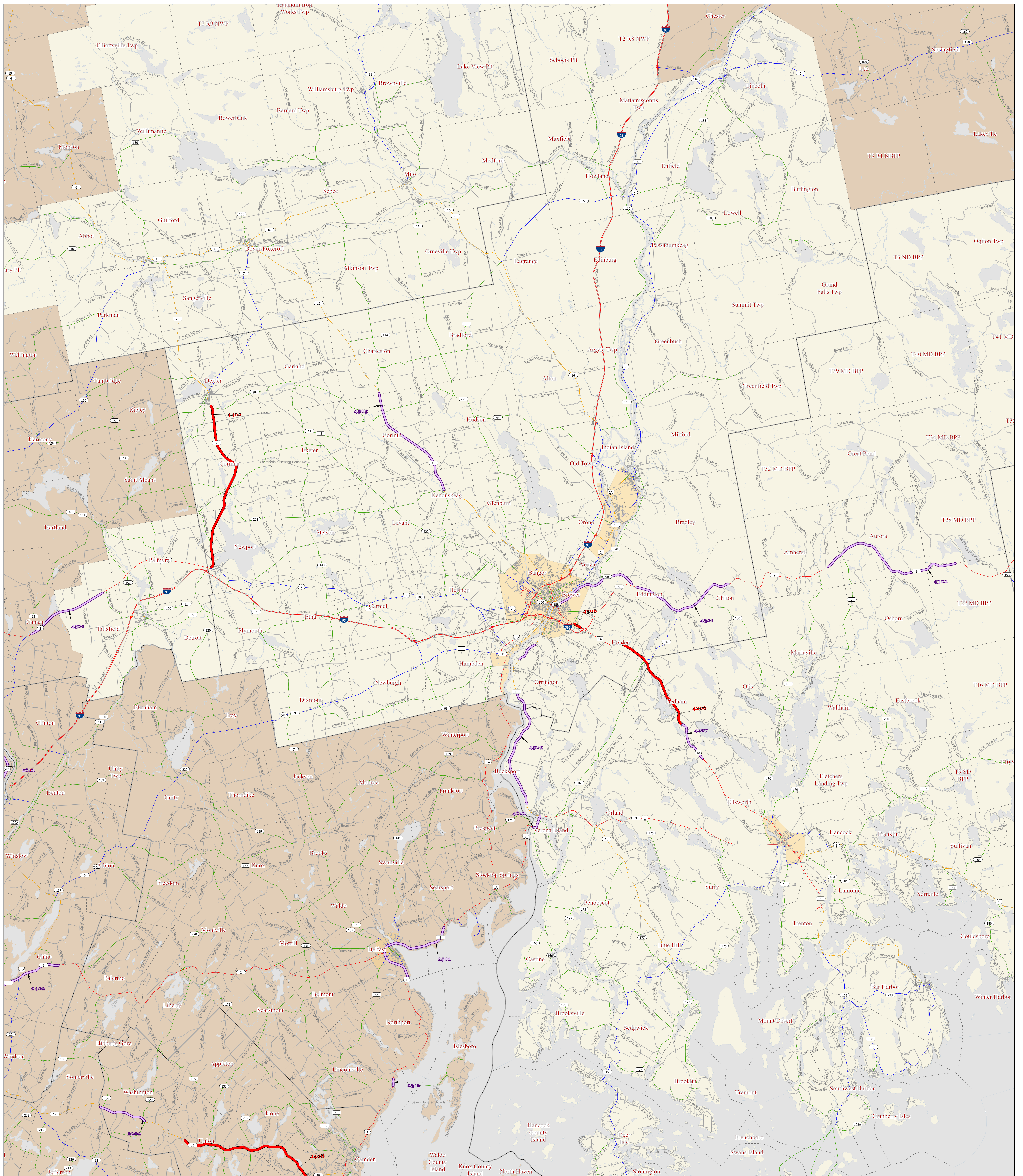
BACTS 2026-2027 UPWP														24 Total
As of 4/30/26														4 Months into contract
Task	Project	Total Allotted	Total Spent	In-Kind	Total Remaining	Contract to Date Trend			Forecasted Trend (Projected Figures)					20 Months left in contract
						Actual % Usage	Amount Should be as of 4/30	Variance	Total Remaining (Less In Kind)	Salary	Consultant	Direct Expenses	Estimated Remaining	
FHWA														
	1 Operation and Coordination	\$364,056	\$46,483	\$0	\$317,573	12.8%	\$60,676	\$14,193	\$317,573	\$289,995	\$0	\$21,169	\$6,409	
	2 Programming	\$40,850	\$2,154	\$0	\$38,696	5.3%	\$6,808	\$4,655	\$38,696	\$40,051	\$0	\$132	-\$1,486	
	3 Data and Studies	\$442,700	\$38,112	\$0	\$404,588	8.6%	\$73,783	\$35,671	\$404,588	\$226,359	\$70,062	\$19,101	\$89,065	
	4 Planning	\$332,880	\$12,143	\$0	\$320,737	3.6%	\$55,480	\$43,337	\$320,737	\$86,351	\$225,000	\$2,014	\$7,372	
	Total FHWA	\$1,180,486	\$98,892	\$0	\$1,081,594	8.38%	\$196,748	\$97,856	\$1,081,594	\$642,755	\$295,062	\$42,416	\$101,360	
FTA														
	1 Operation and Coordination	\$57,746	\$22,328	\$4,466	\$30,952	38.7%	\$9,624	-\$12,703	\$24,762	\$29,457	\$0	-\$469	-\$4,226	
	2 Programming	\$7,531	\$1,220	\$244	\$6,067	16.2%	\$1,255	\$35	\$4,854	\$4,275	\$0	\$22	\$556	
	3 Data and Studies	\$149,844	\$2,574	\$515	\$146,755	1.7%	\$24,974	\$22,400	\$117,404	\$26,509	\$125,000	\$275	-\$34,380	
	4 Planning	\$42,289	\$33,138	\$6,628	\$2,523	78.4%	\$7,048	-\$26,090	\$2,019	\$31,930	\$0	-\$182	-\$29,729	
	Total FTA	\$257,410	\$59,260	\$11,852	\$186,298	23.02%	\$42,902	-\$16,358	\$149,038	\$92,171	\$125,000	-\$354	-\$67,779	
	Total	\$1,437,896	\$158,152	\$11,852	\$1,267,892	11.00%	\$239,649	\$81,497	\$1,230,633	\$734,927	\$420,062	\$42,062	\$33,581	

*The following are provided are DRAFT figures at this time for budgetary consideration only.

Staff will provide a monthly report on task order assignments and status. All firms were selected through the GCA process, unless noted.

Project	Description	Consultant	Estimated Time Frame
Greenfield Study	This contract will conduct a study of their region that looks beyond what current Community Connector service provides, exploring what type and level of transit service would be optimal for the region without the constraints of existing infrastructure and historic expectations.	Foursquare Integrated Transportation	May 2026 - June 2027
GIS Mentorship	This contract provides GIS mentorship services that combine formal training on GIS fundamentals, one-on-one mentorship, and hands-on support for project completion. The goal is to build internal GIS capacity by equipping staff with both technical skills and practical experience through guided project work. Anticipated projects include, but are not limited to, Esri Story Maps, ArcGIS Dashboards, and GIS-based inventory maps.	Sebago Technics	November 2025 - November 2026
Active Transportation Advisor	This contract provides an expert, third-party review of the draft active transportation network and facility recommendations, ensuring they are technically sound, achievable within local and regional constraints, and consistent with national design guidance and MaineDOT standards.	James Tassé Consulting*	November 2025 - June 2026

*This firm was selected using an RFP process.



Light Treatments For Rides 2027 05062026 — Roads with a HCP greater than 4

Region 4 Light Treatments 05/07/2026

Legend:

- To Be Determined (Purple line)
- Ultra Thin Bonded Wearing Surface (Red line)
- Highway Corridor Priority (1-4 colored lines)
- State Boundary (Solid black line)
- County Boundary (Dashed black line)
- Town Boundary (Dotted black line)
- State Urban Boundary (Orange shaded area)

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