

Text of an email received today—3.15.2016—from the [Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System](#) reference an issue with the inclusion of the I-395/Route 9 Extension project. (email available upon request.)

Subject: Special BACTS Policy Committee Meeting

At the BACTS Policy Committee meeting held on March 15, 2016, the Committee voted to delay action on approving the BACTS TIP until more information could be presented from Maine DOT and FHWA officials.

The issue is the inclusion of the I-395 Extension project, WIN 018915.00, which has \$250,000 allocated for Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way. The Maine DOT and FHWA representatives stated that if the BACTS TIP and Maine STIP project lists do not mirror each other the projects in the BACTS TIP might be in jeopardy of receiving funding until the documents match. This is because the MDOT and FHWA officials are concerned about holding up every transportation project in the state as time for an approved STIP is running out. The Policy Committee wants to meet with decision makers or their representatives from Maine DOT and FHWA to discuss the Committee's real options in this process.

The Committee voted to hold a special BACTS Policy Committee meeting on March 25, 2016 at 9:30 am at Machias Saving Bank's Community Room on Wilson Street in Brewer.

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Policy Committee Meeting

Friday, March 25, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
*Machias Savings Bank
Wilson Street
Brewer, ME 04412*

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of March 15, 2016 Minutes
- 3) Conditional Approval of BACTS FY 2016-2019 TIP Version 2
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Adjournment

Special Policy Committee Meeting

The BACTS Policy Committee has scheduled a special meeting to further discuss the BACTS 2016-2019 TIP before approval. The meeting will be on Friday, March 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will be held at Machias Savings Bank in the Community Room on Wilson Street, Brewer.

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BACTS Draft FY 2016-2019 TIP

March 3, 2016

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) is seeking public comment on the second version of the draft BACTS FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The BACTS Policy Committee had approved an original version of this document at their February 16th meeting but since then, Maine DOT has made many changes to the State TIP (STIP). The BACTS TIP and Maine DOT STIP projects must align so BACTS is putting this second draft version of this document out for public comment. The document is located on the BACTS website at: www.bactsmmpo.org. Please direct comments by mail to the attention of Cindy Meservey, BACTS 12 Acme Rd., Suite 104; Brewer, Maine 04412; or by e-mail at cindym@bactsmmpo.org. The comment period begins March 3, 2016 and will be accepted until 9:00 am, April 4, 2016.

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BACTS transferred \$250,000 to the MaineDOT last year for I-395/Rte. 9 preliminary engineering and Right-of-Way. A paperwork glitch brought that issue up again today and BACTS tabled that issue until next week on Friday, March 25 @ 9:30 am. The public will be able to speak at the meeting; we lost our chance last year to voice our concerns to BACTS, now is your chance to come forward and voice your concerns. If you can't be there, email your comments to: cindym@bactsmmpo.org before April 4th.