

PACTS Implementation Procedures

Objective 1. To establish priorities for implementation of transportation improvements which are tied to regional transportation need and funding availability.

The Plan-TIP Connection

Tighten the relationship between the development of studies and TIP proposals and the implementation of this Plan. The Policy Committee will raise the PACTS-Plan-consistency standard for eligibility of TIP proposals above the current “not-inconsistent-with-the-Plan” standard.

TIP Policies and Procedures

Review and revise as necessary the PACTS TIP Policies and Procedures document to ensure that it is consistent with achieving the goals and objectives of the *Destination Tomorrow* Plan. The review, and revision if needed, should be performed on at least a biennial basis.

Impact Fees

Study ways to assess the adequacy of development fees in addressing the off-site impacts that they create. Develop strategies, if appropriate, to improve upon the existing systems for assessing the fees.

Plan Update

Perform a major update of this Plan within six years (2012), and minor updates for MaineDOT and FHWA/FTA every four years, or as required.

State and Federal Officials

Continue to advise State and Federal legislators of the federal funding situation through correspondence, annual report distribution and meetings.

Explore Funding

Continue to work closely with MaineDOT staff in order to be kept aware of new federal funding opportunities.

Objective 2: To monitor transportation system performance and plan implementation on a region-wide basis.

Periodic TIP Process Reviews

Revisit the PACTS project selection procedures prior to each biennial TIP project selection process in order to reconsider the criteria and their related weights in the context of the need to maintain the existing highway network and public transportation systems.

Data Collection

Increase transportation data collection for all modes, such as: spot speed recordings on principal arterials, travel times between pairs of regional destinations, daily roadway traffic volumes, bus and rail riders, intersection turning movement counts, vehicle classification counts, bicycle and pedestrian counts on paths, roads and sidewalks, and traffic generation from major developments.

Objective 3. To keep citizen involvement in regional transportation planning as a high priority at PACTS.

Presentations

Advise the general public periodically of the federal and state funding situation through presentations to civic groups, newspaper editorial boards, chambers of commerce and others.

Policy Briefings

Conduct biennial regional briefings for state and local elected officials.

Town/City Contacts

Offer to make presentations (and/or send reports) to each City/Town Council and Planning Board at least once every three years regarding the PACTS process.

Outreach

Continue the following PACTS activities:

- Distribute a PACTS annual report every year.
- Maintain the PACTS Plan website (www.pactsplan.org)
- Distribute news releases.
- PACTS staff continue to participate in the public outreach components of most PACTS studies.
- Conduct “sandwich symposiums” on subjects of interest to the public and to regular PACTS participants at least twice a year.
- Continue to experiment with new public outreach efforts, such as visits to newspaper editorial boards, information videos and submission of “op ed” newspaper articles.