

**Lakes Region Transportation Coalition**  
Meeting Minutes 7 January 2008  
Naples Town Offices

Coalition Members: Bert Kendall, Denmark; Derik Goodine, Naples; Chris Mann, MaineDOT; Mike Corrigan, Bridgton News; Micah Niemy, Bridgton. Staff & Guests: Dave Redlefsen, METRO, David Willauer, GPCOG.

Community Updates: Bridgton two parking lots at Depot and Park Streets are 85% complete; also working on two leach field rehabilitation projects. Naples reported about 50% sand/salt mixture remains. New public access to Long Lake for ice fishing, snowmobiling conditions are good. MaineDOT reported the 20 Year Plan should be completed by the end of January. The December 2007 Transportation Conference featured a speaker from China. GPCOG will be helping MaineDOT send out solicitation packets for the 2010-2011 Capital Work Plan and the 2010-2015 Six Year Plan in February. Denmark Town Manager Bert Kendall will be retiring after his 2-year term. The bus service is exciting—how to ensure success? Denmark is seeking bids for some paving work—considering a different approach and would welcome input.

Naples Causeway Bridge: Derik announced a public meeting will be held on January 30, 2008 at the Songo Lock School to go over the latest design details. MaineDOT is considering a fixed span option at a considerably lower cost.

Lakes Region Transit Service. GPCOG reported five letters of support (in concept) have been received to date. These are not letters for a financial commitment; that will come later. Presentations have been made to Selectmen in New Gloucester, Bridgton, Raymond and Gray. Plans are in place to present in Naples and Harrison in January. METRO described several service scenarios with a vehicle and driver staying in the Lakes Region to reduce extra runs. There was a discussion regarding fuel considerations, ridership, rider profiles, commuter potential, derived benefits, fare collection, incentives, marketing, advertising and operation characteristics. The next step will be to form a Lakes Region Transit Committee in March to guide the process and oversee the service.

Next Meeting: 3:00 PM Thursday, February 6, 2008, Raymond Public Safety Building