

PACTS

Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Committee

PACTS Policy Committee Meeting Notice

August 16, 2007
1:30 p.m.

PACTS, 68 Marginal Way, Portland

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Minutes of the July 19th Meeting**
- 3. Capital Funding Topics**
 - A. Adopt a PACTS “TIP for Fiscal Years 2008 to 2011”
 - B. Report from July 25th meeting of High Priority Projects Committee
 - C. Report on reconvening the TIP Process Committee
- 4. PACTS Process Review**

Report on the scope of a Policy Committee retreat in October
- 5. Unified Planning Work Program**

Adopt an amended planning and administration work program
- 6. Consent Agenda**
- 7. Adjourn**

Next Meeting: September 20th at 1:30

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Attachments for August 16th Policy Committee Meeting

Minutes of July 19th Meeting

Members Present: Mike Bobinsky, Chair, Portland; Neal Allen, GPCOG; David Cole, Gorham; Mary Ann Conroy (for Jim Thomas), Old Orchard Beach; Dale Doughty, MaineDOT; Kathi Earley, Portland; Connie Garber, Public Transit; Tim Gato (for Jim Gailey), So. Portland; Judith Harris (for Jeff Monroe), Portland; Dan Jellis (for Nat Tupper), Yarmouth; Donna Larson (for Dale Olmstead), Freeport; Mike McGovern, Cape Elizabeth; Rick Michaud, Saco; Tom Milligan (for John Bubier), Biddeford; Ron Owens, Scarborough; Nathan Poore, Falmouth; Ed Reidman (for Jerre Bryant), Westbrook.

Members Absent: Joe Gray, Portland; Tex Haeuser, South Portland; Tom Meyers, Public Transportation; John Perry, FHWA; Anthony Plante, Windham; Bill Shane, Cumberland; Paul Schumacher, SMRPC; Scott Tilton, North Yarmouth; Conrad Welzel, MTA

Staff and Guests: Neal Allen, GPCOG; John Bubier, Biddeford; John Duncan, PACTS; Mike Laberge, MaineDOT; Steve Linnell, GPCOG; Paul Niehoff, PACTS; Sue McIntyre, GPCOG; Dave Sherlock, MaineDOT; David Willauer, GPCOG.

1. **Call to order**

Mike Bobinsky called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. **Minutes of the May 17th Meeting**

David Cole made a motion for approval of the May 17th, 2007 minutes, seconded by Mary Ann Conroy. Vote taken all were in favor. Minutes approved.

3. **Capital Funding Topics**

3A. Act on Transit Committee recommendations regarding STP and FTA funds. (Part 1)

On behalf of the PACTS Transit Committee, David Willauer summarized the recommendations made by the Committee that referred to the STP Allocation. It was noted that South Portland Bus Services withdrew their request for \$238,000. *Mike McGovern made a motion for approval of the Transit Committee recommendations to amend the PACTS TIP for Fiscal Years 2006 to 2008 as described in the table on page 4 of the meeting packet, seconded by David Cole.* Discussion followed. *Vote taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

(Part 2) David Willauer directed the group to the table on page 5 of the meeting packet and noted that the title should read "PACTS 2006-2008 TIP" instead of "Maine Department...STIP". David noted that the table also reflects funds from the FTA 5307 program and JARC funds. Mike McGovern asked about the last two items, YCCAC- Portsmouth and YCCAC – Dover/Rochester. Connie Garber explained that York County Community Action is now part of the PACTS region. David noted that the Transit Committee was requesting approval excluding those bottom two lines. *Judith Harris made a motion to have the figures in the table on page 5 of the meeting packet reviewed, adjusted and clarified before a vote is taken, seconded by Kathi Earley.* Discussion followed. *Judith Harris withdrew her motion.* More discussion followed. *Judith Harris motioned for approval of the table as described on page 5 of the meeting packet subject to the corrected figures and with the removal of the last two items, YCCAC-Portsmouth and YCCAC-Dover/Rochester. Motion was seconded. Vote taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

3B. Adopt for public comment a draft PACTS TIP for Fiscal Years 2008 to 2011. John Duncan provided an overview of the recommendation. The objective is to adopt a draft PACTS TIP for Fiscal Years 2008 to 2011 for public comment. The next meeting would be to adopt the

list as final. Public meetings would begin next week. John noted that this is done every couple of years where a report is submitted to the Federal Highway Administration as well as the Federal Transit Administration. PACTS staff have been working with MaineDOT staff on a variety of items on the list. Dale Doughty further explained that every two years MaineDOT has to generate a STIP and PACTS has to generate a TIP and the two groups must concur on those items. The FHWA has a review process to meet all the timelines and most items have to be in both documents. If this were delayed, then it would delay the STIP. Discussion followed. **Mike McGovern made a motion to approve the PACTS TIP for 2011 and to have that official draft copy attached to the minutes of this meeting, seconded by Mary Ann Conroy.**

Julia noted that staff has found some errors in the list. It has been a common occurrence lately, to see that the federal shares have changed and they have changed recently on a number of projects. That means that local shares have also changed. As a result, there are MOUs that have been signed with municipalities regarding the local match that would now show an incorrect local match. Staff is aware of these and in the process of correcting it. Mike Bobinsky advised the group to review the list and to get current information to PACTS staff. Mike McGovern asked that a copy of the list be attached to the minutes to ensure that there is no confusion in the future as to what the Committee approved. He spoke of a traffic signal project in Cape Elizabeth where he felt MDOT language should have agreed with the PACTS TIP. Dale Doughty requested the PIN number on the project and said he would follow-up on it.

Kathi spoke of a potential change in the draft list. Portland had agreed to remove a collector-paving project in the 08/09 list that should be removed from this list. Discussion ensued. Dale Doughty spoke of public comment. Mike Bobinsky recommended that the PACTS Policy Committee consider that as part of the public comment process and that this be communicated to staff. Mike McGovern noted that he would like to see an annotated list of any changes. ***Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.***

3C. Report on costs of collector paving projects. Paul Niehoff distributed a handout and provided a status report on the \$1.4 million 08/09 transfers to cover cost increases for collector paving projects. A review of the list followed with Paul explaining the different columns. Discussion followed regarding the process for transferring the funds. It was noted that no projects would be cut. John explained that the projects on this list are the 06/07 resurfacing projects.

There was a discussion of the temporary transfer of funds from a Cape Elizabeth intersection project. The Cape Elizabeth project was used because it was not ready for construction. There were cost overruns of \$250,000 and a temporary transfer was made from the Cape Elizabeth project to cover those costs, with the knowledge that the new funding monies coming would go automatically at the top to replenish the Cape project. Discussion continued on how to address cash flow crunches, options that could be utilized, as well as adherence to policy procedures. Rick felt that members should have been informed in regards to that particular transfer. Mike McGovern said he did not agree with the process and didn't think it was permitted according to PACTS Policy. John apologized to Mike McGovern. David Cole said he understood the cash flow situation and felt that the effort made was commendable but that in moving forward, if such a situation were to arise again that municipalities be notified in order to allow for a better understanding. ***Nathan Poore moved to accept the report along with an explanation of the transfers and the status of the Cape Elizabeth project with a statement for staff to communicate, in the future, to affected municipalities any transfers, seconded by Ron Owens.*** Discussion followed. Julia noted that in moving forward there would likely be more cost increases, as this is round 1. She spoke of other projects in Scarborough and Yarmouth. Staff will update the committee on these. ***Vote taken. All opposed except one. Motion failed.***

Kathi Early made a motion to ask staff for a second report, seconded by Judith Harris. Vote taken. All in favor except one. Motion carried.

Nathan requested that his notation be included in the record as to what was rejected. David Cole requested that all comments be incorporated in the next draft document. Item will be on the agenda for the August meeting.

3D. Report from 2009 High Priority Projects Committee. John Duncan provided a summary of the report. The 2009 High Priority Projects Committee met in September and in May to work on the 2009 multi-year authorization from Congress for High Priority projects. During May's meeting the group worked with a list of 27 candidate projects. They are working on it and it is on the agenda for next week's meeting. **Ed Reidman moved to accept the 2009 High Priority Projects Committee's report, seconded by David Cole. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.**

3E. Report on the results of the Legislative session. John Duncan and Dale Doughty reported.

4. Unified Planning Work Program

4A. Act on recommendation to reduce by \$1 million our two-year work program.

John provided an overview and directed the group to attachments in the meeting packet that describe how the Federal Highway planning monies come to the various MPOs. Dale Doughty explained the MaineDOT process that has been utilized in past years. He spoke of obligation limitations and options. He noted that MPO directors will be meeting with him next week. He also noted that the recent contract was written with the caveat that they could amend it. MaineDOT wants to be flexible and seeks input from PACTS. After some discussion it was agreed to ask staff to come back with input. The group considered elements that could be used in the prioritization process. John spoke of Tiers 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Policy Committee. Many of staff's work have to do with the top tiers. A small number of the lines on this page are easily linked with tier 1, 2, and 3. It is hoped that these tiers might be of some assistance.

Discussion continued regarding a prioritization process. Dale suggested mapping priorities on a timeline. If estimations on the time of these projects were done, it might fit. Dale also spoke of considering accelerating projects in one year and decelerating planning in the next year. A discussion followed pertaining to the apportionment and what happens when the apportionment is not entirely spent. Dale explained that this amount is cumulative. **Mike McGovern moved to table this item to the August meeting, seconded by David Cole. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.**

4B. Add FTA 5307 funding for the Shuttlebus and South Portland Bus Service route studies.

David Willauer directed the group to page 14 of the meeting packet and provided an overview of the recommendation. **Dan Jellis made a motion to approve the recommended**

amendment as described on page 14 of the meeting packet, seconded by Ed Reidman. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda

John provided an overview of the action items as described in the meeting packet. Mike McGovern asked if the construction bid of the Gorham Bypass was close to budget. Dale replied that it had come under budget. *Ed Reidman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Dan Jellis. Vote taken. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Ron Owens commented that staff's preparations for today's meeting were not up to standard. He noted that many PACTS topics are complex, but he encouraged staff to be better prepared in the future. Discussion followed about scheduling a retreat possibly in September or October.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Agenda Item 3 – Capital Funding Topics

A. Adopt a PACTS “TIP for Fiscal Years 2008 to 2011”

Staff Resource: John Duncan

Member Resource: Dale Doughty

Recommendations: To adopt the PACTS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Years 2008 to 2011 for submission to FHWA, FTA and MaineDOT.

Background

It is time for the biennial submission by MaineDOT and the four MPO's to submit the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the four MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP's) to the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations.

The draft lists of FTA-funded and FHWA-funded projects are attachments with this meeting packet. MaineDOT, PACTS and GPCOG staff have spent a significant amount of time during the past month finalizing these lists. *A few errors remain. We will explain them at the meeting.* (In the final approved printed document the headings on the pages will say PACTS TIP rather than MaineDOT STIP.)

The attached narrative (plus appendices) is the balance of the PACTS TIP document.

As noted in the July meeting packet, the amounts listed in the federal fiscal year columns are the amounts that MaineDOT estimates they will “obligate” in those years for each project. It is important to remember that MaineDOT finances practically all highway projects with State monies – the “advance construction process – prior to seeking federal reimbursement. For instance, this means that a project might get built in FY 2008 with

State monies and then the federal funds might get obligated in FY 2009. Consequently the federal fiscal year amounts in the document are not the project “advertise years”.

On July 19th the Policy Committee endorsed a draft list of projects which staff shared with the public via our website and an email to our Interested Parties list. The Forecaster wrote a long article. Staff held a public hearing on July 23rd. A Portland resident (the president of the Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Association) attended and offered some comments on the regional transportation planning process. He made note of positive actions taken to strengthen public transportation in the region, but described his concerns that inadequate multi-modal alternatives analyses were done for the Gorham Bypass (years ago) and for the I-295 corridor (recently). He spoke of the negative effects of the Franklin Arterial upon the connections between the parts of Portland on either side of it. Staff shared a summary of the resident’s comments with Portland members.

Please note that five (5) projects (with a total cost of **\$1,300,000**) in the attached list are projects conceived by **Julia Dawson**. These projects address safety concerns in four of our municipalities. Julia took the initiative last year to develop nine proposals for federal Hazard Elimination Program funds. She worked closely with MaineDOT staff. Success with five of nine proposals is a very good ratio!!

Finally, please remember that in many respects the adoption of the PACTS TIP for 2008 to 2001 is an administrative function because we have endorsed many of the projects in the past. However, please also remember that there are many projects in the document that were initiated by MaineDOT – such as the \$15,000,000 for the Downeaster – that constitute a policy action by the Policy Committee.

B. Report from July 25th meeting of High Priority Projects Committee

Staff Resource: John Duncan

Member Resource: Rick Michaud, Chair of the Committee, and Dale Doughty

Recommendations: To accept the Committee’s report

Background

The Committee met again with Dale Doughty and Gary Williams on the development of a list of projects which PACTS will propose to our Congressional Delegation for “High Priority Project” funding in the 2009 reauthorization of federal five year reauthorization. Gary and Dale briefed the members on related topics at the state and federal levels. Dave Cole shared some of Gorham’s successful strategies in seeking funds for the Gorham bypass.

The members decided to narrow the pool of candidates from 26 to 9. The remaining 9 candidates all cost at least \$10,000,000. The next step is for the members to work toward a final list of only 2 or 3 projects.

C. Report on reconvening the TIP Process Committee

Staff Resource: John Duncan

Member Resource: Mike Bobinsky and Bill Shane

Recommendation: To accept the report that the Chair will convene a TIP Process Committee to work with staff this fall to prepare for the 2010/2011 capital programming process.

Background

Mike Bobinsky, Bill Shane and staff have agreed on the need for staff to work with a new TIP Process Committee on several topics in preparation for the programming process in 2008. Topics include revisiting our project cost overrun policy and various aspects of our collector paving set aside. Mike will ask for Policy Committee volunteers to serve along with representatives from the Planning, Transit and Technical Committees. Bill Shane will lead the Committee. Staff and the Committee will finish their work by December.

Agenda Item 4 – PACTS Process Review

Staff Resource: John Duncan

Member Resource: Mike Bobinsky, Bill Shane and Neal Allen

Recommendation: To accept the report

Background

Several months the Policy Committee directed staff to organize a review of the PACTS process. Mike, John, Neal and Bill have been working on this during the past month. Mike has spoken with several Policy Committee members. We are going to hold a half day retreat on October 12th or 19th. The purpose will be to review the internal organizational structure of PACTS (after five years of experience since we essentially doubled the number of participants).

Steve Shuitt will serve as facilitator. We will invite the 25 Policy Committee members and the chairs of the Transit, Planning and Technical Committees to participate.

We considered other topics that we intend to NOT discuss at this retreat: the strategic challenges and opportunities for increasing transportation funding in our region, and other regional transportation planning topics.

Agenda Item 5 – Unified Planning Work Program

Staff Resource: John Duncan

Member Resources: Bill Shane, Donna Larson, Tom Meyers and Bob Burns

Recommendations: To adopt the working group’s budget cutting recommendations, the staff’s recommendations, or a hybrid (such as including suggestions from the Planning Committee)

Background

On July 19th the Policy Committee formed a working group to work with staff to cut the required \$1,000,000 from the \$2,500,000 FHWA-funded planning and administration budget. The members are listed above, and represent our four committees.

On July 24th Dale Doughty advised the MPO Directors in Augusta that MaineDOT would consider proposals to cut less (no amount suggested) than requested earlier by MaineDOT. As a result, John Duncan advised the working group that we might want to recommend only \$750,000 in cuts rather than \$1,000,000. He also suggested that we consider increasing the local match for local studies because of the MaineDOT’s statement that they would have to cancel/delay some capital projects in order to “find” federal funds if we want to cut less than \$1,000,000.

On August 2nd, 9th and 14th staff briefed the Planning, Transit and Technical Committees. *The Planning Committee will hold a special meeting on this subject on 8/14 at 1:30.*

On August 3rd PACTS staff sent recommendations to the working group. On August 7th the staff met with the working group. Their recommendations are in the table below. The working group recommended \$1,095,000 in cuts.

On August 9th staff sent a new set of staff recommendations to the working group, along with a summary of their August 7th work, and a discussion of some outstanding issues. Some of the recommendations were supported, and some were not. On August 10th staff finalized the staff recommendations. See table.

There are several “loose ends” as of Friday, August 10th:

1. The Planning Committee will meet on 8/14 to discuss the prospects for funding the local studies.
2. Two members of the working group now recommend support for funding the “local” Woodford’s Corner traffic study.
3. Tom Reinauer and Paul Schumacher are concerned about the working group’s recommendation to cut the SMRPC by \$30,000, and they are on vacation on 8/16. (Note that John Duncan omitted describing a key function of SMRPC staff when he met with the working group. He forgot to mention a \$10,000 budget for SMRPC to help staff the PACTS Transit Committee during the next two years.)

Worksheet to Reduce the FHWA-Based part of PACTS Work Program

August 10th

Line Items	Adopted Budget	Policy Comm. Tiers	Working Group	PACTS Staff *	Comments
PACTS Staff and GPCOG Support	\$950,000	Several	\$950,000	\$980,000	Indirect rate increase
PACTS Model Consultant	\$100,000	na	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Maine Clean Communities	\$25,000	4	\$25,000	\$25,000	
SMRPC Planning Services	\$30,000	Several	\$0	\$15,000	
GPCOG Planning Services	\$50,000	Several	\$25,000	\$40,000	
Reserve Account	<u>\$295,000</u>	na	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
Subtotal 1	\$1,450,000		\$1,050,000	\$1,110,000	
<i>New consultant studies</i>					
Cape E. Sidewalk/Bikeway Plan	\$35,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Falmouth Town Transpo. Plan	\$70,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Freeport School St Extension	\$25,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Old Orchard Beach Downtown	\$60,000	na	\$0	\$0	Council rejected.
Portland Transpo Center Expansion	\$10,000	na	\$0	\$0	
Regional Bike/Ped Plan	\$50,000	na	\$0	\$25,000	
Regional Education and Training	\$20,000	na	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Regional Enhanced Project Scoping	\$40,000	1	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Regional Freight Planning	\$30,000	na	\$0	\$0	
Regional High Priority Projects	\$50,000	2	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Regional Impact Fees	\$25,000	1	\$25,000	\$20,000	
Regional Land Use and Transpo	\$100,000	3	\$10,000	\$20,000	
Regional PACTS Process Review	\$10,000	1	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Regional Signal Coordination	\$100,000	4	\$75,000	\$80,000	
Saco Area Regional Transpo Study	\$80,000	na	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Scarborough Running Hill Road	\$40,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Transit Bus Route Study	\$60,000	1	\$30,000	\$30,000	Use FTA \$ too.
Transit Electronic Fare Collection	\$20,000	na	\$0	\$0	Need AVL first.
Transit On/Off Survey	\$30,000	na	\$0	\$0	Use FTA \$.
Transit Oriented Zoning	\$5,000	3	\$0	\$0	Use FTA \$.
Transit Regional Ride Guide	\$25,000	2	\$15,000	\$15,000	Use JARC \$ too
Westbrook Downtown Streetscape	\$30,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Yarmouth Route 1 Phase II	<u>\$35,000</u>	na	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	# See note below.
Subtotal 2	\$950,000		\$325,000	\$360,000	
Subtotals 1 plus 2	\$2,400,000		\$1,375,000	\$1,470,000	
<i>Carryover from 2006/2007 biennium</i>					
Portland Peninsula Transit Study	\$75,000	na	\$75,000	\$75,000	RFP went out 8/2.
Portland Eastern Waterfront	\$5,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Portland Libbytown Trail	\$10,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Portland Wayfinding Plan	\$25,000	na	\$25,000	\$25,000	RFP went out 8/7.
Portland Woodford's Corner	\$40,000	na	\$0	\$0	# See note below.
Stormwater User Fee Structure	<u>\$14,150</u>	na	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	
Subtotal 3	\$169,150		\$100,000	\$100,000	
Total	\$2,569,150		\$1,475,000	\$1,570,000	

Difference from \$1,570,459 MaineDOT target budget: -\$95,459 -\$459 ...see # studies.

* PACTS staff offered recommendations to the working group before the meeting on 8/7. The recommendations on this 8/10 sheet reflect many of the working group's recommendations.
 # PACTS staff recommends funding these \$290,000 in local studies at a 50% local match. The MaineDOT might look favorably on them at 20% local share? A Planning Committee recommendation on this will be presented at the 8/16 Policy Committee meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Consent Agenda

MaineDOT has advised that MaineDOT Engineer's Estimate for the Gorham Bypass construction was \$12,600,000, and that the low bid was \$10,200,000. (The cost of right of way was approximately \$10,000,000.)

Staff recently distributed requests for consultant proposals for a Portland Peninsula Transit Study and for a Portland Wayfinding Study.

A Portland resident is threatening to sue PACTS and the City of Portland regarding the recommendations in, and the study process of, the Outer Congress Street Traffic Study. The study goes to the Portland City Council for action later this month.

Paul Niehoff and Julia Dawson recently hosted MaineDOT and a dozen local officials for a two-day "road safety audit" training course led by the Federal Highway Administration.

Staff and the Officers have scheduled an October meeting with MaineDOT Commissioner Cole and his staff.

See a GPCOG 3-month work status report on the next page.

The 2006/2007 biennial budget for "PACTS Staff and GPCOG Support" was \$835,000. The actual expenses were \$809,000.

Paul Niehoff is assisting a Portland staff bicycle committee. He would be glad to meet with similar groups in other municipalities.

We learned on Friday that the MaineDOT has decided to not award the three PACTS paving projects in OOB and Saco for which a single very high bid was received a month ago. OOB and Saco wanted to award the bid despite the very high price. PACTS and MaineDOT staff have spent a fair amount of effort during the past month transferring funds around to fund those projects. This work must now be undone.

Recent Committee Meetings

The Planning Committee heard a MaineDOT presentation on the scope of work for the \$1,700,000 Small Starts study regarding passenger rail north of Portland (to Brunswick and Auburn). The members also held a special meeting regarding Agenda Item 5 above.

The Technical Committee heard a MaineDOT presentation on the "Highway Adequacy Index", and an update on costs of our collector paving projects.

The Transit Committee appointed a subcommittee to develop a new formula for allocating the annual \$2,500,000 in FTA 5307 funds (for capital, operations and planning) and discussed several other informational topics – including a very low cost option for bus "automatic vehicle location" in operation in Massachusetts per research by GPCOG staff.

GPCOG 4th Quarter Status Report April - June 2007

David Willauer, GPCOG Planning Director

CDBG (Paras, Willauer)

- Cumberland County CDBG Entitlement Status planning
- CDBG Application Process
- Affordable Housing Study completed

Evacuation/ Haz Mat Planning (Willauer)

- Phase II Emergency Evacuation & Detour Plan in progress
- Haz Mat Tracking Project, presented draft Report to State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

GO Maine Program (Kish, White)

- Explore Maine Advertising w/MDOT
- Vanpool program – two new vanpools
- Commute Another Way Week
- New meeting planner software pilot

Kids and Transportation & Rail Outreach

(West, Cook, Willauer)

- Class presentations on alternative fuels, bicycle and bus safety
- Program evaluation and review
- Bicycle helmet distribution to schools
- Statewide Exploremaine.org Map
- Safe Routes to Schools planning
- Rail Outreach to schools w/OLI

Land Use Plans (Paras, Willauer, Gurney)

- Growth areas mapping/project layers
- Regional Plan Inventory completed
- FY 2008 work plan development
- Technical assistance to municipalities

Maine Clean Communities Program (Linnell)

- Special Energy Forums
- Electric Vehicle promotion
- Clean Cities collaboration, planning
- Hydrogen Energy Center project
- Bio-Diesel collaboration with towns

Mapping (Gurney)

- Aerial sales, program maps, town requests, database management
- Internet Mapping System (IMS) pilots

Regional Corridor Planning (Willauer, Gurney, Allen, Paras)

- Coastal Corridor: New Starts Rail plan
- Central Corridor: Economic development opportunities, Exit 63
- Lakes Region: transportation project priorities, transit planning
- MDOT 20-year Plan public outreach
- Metro Area Coalition Resolution

Safe Kids Maine (Cook, Gilpatrick)

- Statewide Car Seat Checkup Events
- Monthly car seat fitting stations
- CPS training, bus drivers, child care
- CPS - Child transport in ambulances

Southern Maine Economic Development District – SMEDD (Paras, Allen, Willauer)

- EDA town eligibility assistance
- SMEDD restructuring concept
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs)

Transit Planning (Linnell, Willauer)

- Transit Coordination Study completed
- METRO Route Study in progress
- METRO Communications plan
- USM Bus System & AVL Pilot
- Portland Explorer & AVL Pilot
- Partner meetings: Transportation Information Display System (TIDS)
- USM Bus Study underway, LD 1719
- Lakes Region Transit Study started
- Regional Transit Call Center concept
- TIP amendments for 5307, STP funds
- UPWP 2008-2009 w/PACTS