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Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System

**Transit Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 8th, 2011, 9:30 am**  
**GPCOG**  
**Transit Committee Agenda**

1. **Call to order**
2. **Public Comments** – 10 min.
3. **Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (attached)**
4. **Status Reports (attached)** – 5 min.
5. **Review Timeline/Work Plan (attached)** – 5 min.
6. **PACTS Transit Study Implementation Status Reports** – 20 min.
  - a. **Regional Map and Timetable**
  - b. **Regional Route Study**
  - c. **Joint Transit and Planning**
  - d. **Regional Pass System**
  - e. **Other – in order of priority**
7. **Operations Committee Update** – 20 min.
  - a. **Regional AVL Project update**
  - b. **Regional Sign & Shelter Project**
  - c. **Regional Passenger Survey**
  - d. **Southern Maine Regional Transit Coordination Study**
8. **Other Business** – 20 min.
  - a. **STIP Projects 2012 – 2015**
  - b. **Work Plan – Prioritize projects**
  - c. **Funding**
9. **Information Sharing/Round Table Discussion/Check-In/What's Up** – 20 min.
10. **Next Meeting Date and Agenda – October 13th, 2011 at GPCOG**
11. **Adjourn**

Attachments: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 PTC minutes, Status Reports, Timeline/Work Plan, Transit Committee Roster.

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**PACTS Transit Committee Notes**  
**July 14, 2011 Meeting**  
**9:30 a.m. at GPCOG**

**Members in attendance:** Sara Trafton, RTP, Chair; Hank Berg, CBITD; Marina Douglass, NNEPRA; Hilary Frankel, Exec. Com Appt.; Rebecca Grover, MTA; Tom Meyers, SPBS; Mark Nahorney, Exec. Com. Appt.; Dave Redlefsen, METRO; Al Shutz, ShuttleBus/ZOOM

**Staff and Guests:** Maddy Adams, GPCOG; John Duncan, PACTS; Art Handman; Judy Harris, Portland; Steve Linnell, GPCOG; John Pressey, Gorham Councilor; Jennifer Puser, GPCOG; Donna Tippett, GPCOG; Robert Wagner, Adopt a Stop

1. **Call to order.** Sara Trafton called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
2. **Public Comments.** Robert Wagner would like to make some comments regarding rail at the end of the meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** *Tom M. made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2011 meeting, seconded by Al Shutz. All were in favor.*
4. **Status Reports.**  
The Congress Street Bus Priority Study is wrapping up. There are some concerns regarding some of the recommendations but it is really just looking at these recommendations for further study not for implementation.

Editorial Board meeting – Sara thought it went well. Four Editorial Board staff met with them for an hour and a lot of topics were covered. They weren't there with any particular ax to grind; they were just there to talk about the public transportation system. Tom M. added that it was a friendly meeting and Jennifer had prepared some talking points. It was like Transportation 101. We can't be everything to everyone at every time. The paper was supportive.

The Final Report for Moving Greater Portland Toward a Transit Focused Region is not yet available.

The Portland North Alternative Modes Transportation Project is not on line but MaineDOT is looking for comments by July 18<sup>th</sup>. None of the committee members have seen a copy though many have asked. John will have copies made today.

5. **Review Timeline/Work Plan.**  
Annual evaluation of Committee. Last year we decided not to do this because we update the other PACTS Committees on a regular basis. Tom M. explained that the original purpose of the annual evaluation was to show our purpose and accomplishments. It may not be necessary for us to continue to do that anymore, as Sara serves on the Executive and Policy Committees.
6. **PACTS Transit Coordination Study Implementation Status Reports**
  - 6a. **Regional Map and Timetable.** The next version was going to be due again on September 1, but now we'll wait until October to publish the next version to accommodate upcoming schedule changes from ShuttleBus. The current deadline for any changes is August 12. Donna asked that

any changes be sent along to her. It would be nice to have some new pictures also. Judy said she has a lot of pictures from the TDM2go project, so she'll send some along. Dave asked Al if the August 12<sup>th</sup> deadline was realistic and Al thought it was. Dave said that if Al couldn't get the changes done by then, that the publication date could be moved.

**6b. Regional Route Study.** We are looking to wrap this up by the end of this month. Art asked if there was a process for tracking implementation of reports. Steve responded that we try to keep them alive and use them as a guide as we move things forward. Tom M. added that we can keep it on our list of studies to keep an eye on.

**6c. Joint Transit and Planning.** September 1<sup>st</sup> is the next date we're looking at.

**6d. Regional Pass System.** Dave said he went over to USM last week because they're working on a 10-ride pass as well as the regional pass. They're going to look for students who live in South Portland to let them know about the regional pass. USM will subsidize the passes.

7. **Regional AVL/ITS project.** Donna reported that voiceover IP was suggested by one of the vendors, so we are currently investigating this and how it might work. There is one more vendor that would like to provide a demo in the next month or so. Art asked if it had ever been advertised that we were inviting vendors in to demo their products. Donna said she didn't think so. She said she would double-check to see if there are other vendors out there. Regarding the project engineer, Donna still needs to touch base to see about the time frame. There was a 120-day limit on the proposal they submitted to us. Judy said not to assume that we would get \$100,000 from the METRO Board; they could barely come up with \$28,000. There is no money in the budget. We need commitments to negotiate the contract with the project engineer. Sara asked that this topic be on the next agenda.

**MODES.** Tom M. thought we should have a serious conversation about MODES in light of the other things that are available. We aren't fully informed about what is going on with MODES. Can the state better use those resources somewhere else? We understand where they're going with MODES, but have we reached the point where there are other technologies that could do this better? There are already issues with the data feed. You can currently go to Google maps and zoom in close enough to a location, and put your cursor on a bus signal and it will tell you when the next bus will come. In other words, our customers already have access to this so MODES is redundant. Tom suggested having Donna chat with their technology person.

**7b. Regional Sign and Shelter Project.** Ben gave a presentation to the working group last month. We have an inventory that has been mapped. The Committee made some recommendations on how to tweak that a little bit regarding stops that have some type of shelter. Criteria were discussed; Ben will come back probably next month with the stops laid out against the various criteria that have been established.

**7c. Regional Passenger Survey.** We have an intern/part-time employee that is working on completing the Bus survey reports. The Casco Bay Line survey is just about completed.

**7d. Southern Maine Regional Transit Coordination Study** – The next meeting is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Steve met yesterday with the consultant and he gave us the final version of the initial inventory and a presentation on what it would look like if we did combine in some way. He tried to show the cost benefit of those combinations. There seems to be a lot of interest from people on the periphery of the study of what this might look like. Scarborough is playing things close to the vest.

We want everyone to benefit in some way. Scarborough has been getting services from Saco and South Portland. Scarborough is an integral piece and we need to get them to define the level of service that they want. It was suggested that perhaps a few people sit down with Dan Bacon and prepare a plan. Judy pointed out that fixed route service is being provided to Scarborough and she asked what they pay. Sara will find out the ADA numbers for Scarborough. One of the first things the Consultant did when he started was that he met with Tom Hall and Dan Bacon. He explained to Scarborough that it was costing ShuttleBus money to service Scarborough. Tom and Al will get together with Dan Bacon; Steve will facilitate that.

## **8. Other Business.**

**8a. STIP Projects** – 2012-2015. Steve provided a new handout; 5307 is not shown. The main question – when are you going to use it? Sara and Steve are in discussions about PIN 14922 which is for both METRO AVL and CBITD AVL/ITS. The grant total for that project is not right. Hank pointed out that that project is actually electronic fare ticketing, not AVL/ITS.

Hank had a question about how the year was defined -- does it mean calendar year or fiscal year? Steve didn't know for sure but assumed it was federal fiscal year (begins October 1). Steve asked committee members to get back to Carl if they see something that doesn't look right, because he's the one that does the amendments. MaineDOT is trying to get this wrapped up.

**8b. Funding.** Steve provided a GPCOG FTA 5303 Transit Planning Budget. The projects shown in blue are new projects. Green ones are the ones we are working on. Steve would like to get a sense from the group about where we want to start on the new projects. Sara asked about the Lakes Region Bus service. Steve thought it fell under Regional Transit and Land Use, which also is about the Gorham East/West study. Steve explained that the branding and marketing is tied to the sign and shelter project which has already started; this would be one that we should at least get started on. Transit and land use will be somewhat governed by the Gorham East/West study. The ITS architecture will be somewhat dependent on Donna's schedule. We could try to scope out each of the projects without a timeline. At the next meeting we'll look at the UPWP which has the scope of each of these projects.

Funding opportunities – who's applying for what? MaineDOT is talking to individual transit providers about funding but we're not in the loop on these conversations. Jennifer distributed a list of funding opportunities that she got from the FTA web site. State of Good Repair is one of them. There are short timelines for getting these grants in. Dave said he got a call from Sue Moreau and she asked if he wanted to go in with the state's application or go in alone. He needed to have an answer in an hour. The state hired a consultant (HNTB) to put the State of Good Repair grant together. Whatever was on our wish list from last year from a facilities standpoint was put in. They also submitted for 12 natural gas heavy transit vehicles. Sara noted that half of her fleet is in the scrap category.

There's also a TIGGER Grant, livability grant, etc. What can we do to meet the state's application deadlines? Steve responded that we haven't been asked to do anything and without local match, we can't do anything. Tom suggested anyone interested in applying for these funds should have a quick meeting after this meeting to discuss it further.

## 9. Information Sharing

- Marina – the train was back up and running on Tuesday morning at 5:45 a.m., after the crash the previous day. Their 10-year anniversary is in December. Their ridership numbers are the highest ever. Their service development plan funded by the FRA is being worked on. Florida ARRA money that was returned has gone to NNEPRA for the Massachusetts line (4 or 5 million is coming from Massachusetts), but it's not a done deal. This money would be used for upgrading the tracks.
- Al – service changes coming up soon on the schedule. It will be quite challenging. The trolley numbers are higher than last year at this time.
- Art – Gorham/METRO/USM situation – he asked John Pressey about it. Councilor Minor and the Manager are putting together a pre-workshop meeting about this. The biggest issue is that some of the Councilmen don't want a dog and pony show at the workshop. We need to work out what each group is willing to offer. We need to figure out the hoops that we'll need to jump through. We need to determine the level of service that would be appropriate and affordable.
- Hank – April and May were slow. June was slow and this month they're slamming. Triennial review is happening – it is an overwhelming effort.
- Tom – equally challenged by the federal process. In the middle of union negotiations.
- Robert W – What's happening on the Mountain Division with respect to upgrading the rail. That's a MaineDOT question. Myranda explained that the goal is to upgrade the tracks all the way to Fryeburg.

10. **Next meeting date and agenda** – let's skip August if there isn't anything that needs to be addressed. UPWP scoping will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

11. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

## **Agenda Item #4**

### **Status Reports**

#### **1. Committee meetings:**

- The **PACTS Policy Committee** meeting was held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items included TIP Projects Efficiencies Team, adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the next two years, and election of Policy Committee officers for the coming year. A PACTS Policy Committee meeting was also held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items included adopting the PACTS TIP, a report in preparation for projects financing actions in October, action on a proposal whether to eliminate 2-party agreements for simple projects and discussion with Maine DOT regarding the process for signing project agreements in 2013. The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- The **PACTS Joint Transit and Planning Committees** meeting was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda items included an update on the Congress Street Bus Priority Corridor study and the *Transforming Forest Avenue* – Integrated Transportation and Land Use study. The next Joint Transit and Planning Committee meeting will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The **PACTS Executive Committee** meeting was held on July 14th. Agenda items included the adoption of the draft-for-public-comment PACTS TIP for 2012 to 2015, next steps in response to the MaineDOT letter regarding STP and ARRA funds related to the CBITD vessel project, viewing of Destination Tomorrow video, and other updates. The Executive Committee also met on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda items included a staff proposal to reallocate study funds, the annual review of the Executive Committee was tabled and a draft memo to the Policy Committee regarding financing of 10% match policy was discussed. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.
- The **Transit Operations Working Group** meeting was held on July 13th. Agenda items included a report on the recent Editorial Board Meeting, the AVL project, Regional Route Study, Regional Passenger Survey and the Regional Sign and Shelter project. The Transit Operations Working Group also met on August 23<sup>rd</sup> but there were only two operators present. The AVL Project was discussed. The next Transit Operations Working Group meeting will be held on September 27th at Noon.

#### **2. Studies:**

- a. The **Congress Street Bus Priority Study** is wrapping up. There are some concerns related to the recommendations of the study. Some recommendations are ready to implement whereas most will need further study. The final report was sent to the City of Portland's Transportation Committee the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The **"Transforming Forest Avenue" study** is wrapping up. Presentations from the last public meeting can be viewed at <http://www.portlandmaine.gov/forestave.htm>
- c. Main Street Connections, working on the **Southern Maine Regional Transit Coordination Study** provided a status report on July 13<sup>th</sup> that included a preliminary cost-benefit analysis of consolidation of two transit providers. Scarborough recently provided proposed costs associated with using their facility. METRO and RTP expressed an interest in potentially consolidating some uses with the other two providers. A final meeting with the consultant took place on August 18<sup>th</sup>

in which a final report and recommendations were presented. Comments on the draft report are due to the consultant at the end of September.

- d. The regional transit visioning initiative known as **Moving Greater Portland Toward a Transit Focused Region's** final report is being re-worked into a more cohesive document and to better reflect its connection between the project's vision, implementation and next steps.
  
- e. A draft of the **Portland North Alternative Modes Transportation Project** has been issued by MaineDOT. The draft final report is now available at <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/portlandnorth/railstudydocs.htm> Please send all comments to [susan.moreau@maine.gov](mailto:susan.moreau@maine.gov). Comments will be accepted and filed with the reports until Friday, September 2, 2011.

## **Agenda Item #5**

### **Draft Timeline/Work Plan for the PACTS Transit Committee**

**DRAFT,**  
Work in  
Progress  
Sept 2, 2011

#### **Fiscal Year 2011:**

*June 2011* Annual evaluation of Committee (year 7)  
*Participate in PACTS' TIP Process Review, including JARC*

#### **Fiscal Year 2012:**

July 2011  
August  
September  
October  
November  
December  
January 2012  
February  
  
March  
  
April  
May  
June 2012

Prioritize Work Plan

Public comment period for Section 5303 and 5307 funds, 2013 (pending release of Federal Register notice)  
Public Comment Period for STP proposals for 2012/2013  
Update TIP  
FTA Budget announced  
Appoint Nominating Committee for new Officers  
Adopt STP proposals for submission to Policy Committee  
Annual evaluation of Committee (year 8)  
Elect New Committee Officers

#### **Fiscal Year 2013:**

July 2012  
August  
September  
October  
November

Revisit Allocation Formula for 5307 and STIC

Review and Approve Allocation Formula for 5307 and STIC  
Develop Study Proposals for 5303 and 5307 Planning funds and UPWP  
Provider information (ridership, miles, etc.) due

December	
January 2013	Submit recommendation to Policy Committee for FTA Section 5307 funds
February	<i>Submit 2014/2015 STP proposals to staff for ratings</i>
March	Public comment period for Section 5303 and 5307 funds, '14/'15 (pending release of Federal Register notice) Update TIP FTA Budget announced
April	Appoint Nominating Committee for new Officers
May	
June 2013	Annual evaluation of Committee (year 9)

Other tasks:

- Execute the Implementation Schedule for the ***Regional Transit Coordination Study***.
- Provide assistance and coordination for implementing ***Destination Tomorrow*** and associated studies and plans
- Keep informed of and/or involved in ongoing studies such as:
  - Congress St. Bus Priority Study
  - Lakes Region CTAA Study
  - Passenger Rail to Brunswick
  - Portland North, Small Starts Study
  - Transit Oriented Zoning
  - Maine Narrow Gauge RR Extension Study
  - Forest Avenue Study
  - Gorham East/West Corridor Study
  - Greater Portland Livable and Sustainable Region Initiative
  - Southern Maine Transit Coordination Study
  - Transit Focused Region Study.
  - Other future studies
- Monitor likelihood that PACTS will become a Transportation Management Area
- Respond to Policy Committee requests for action, information or recommendations as needed

**Agenda Item #6 a  
Regional Map and Timetable**

The Guide is being updated due to some schedule changes and will be available on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Any changes should be given to Donna by September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item #6 b  
Regional Route Study**

GPCOG staff has completed mapping and demographic census data and have asked for any potential changes from the Transit Operations Working Group members.

## **Agenda Item #6 c**

### **Joint Transit and Planning**

The PACTS' Joint Transit and Planning Committee meeting was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Agenda items included a Congress Street Bus Priority Corridor study presentation, A *Transforming Forest Avenue* presentation; and updates on the Southern Maine Partnership for Sustainable Development (HUD Grant), "Moving Greater Portland... towards a Transit Focused Region", Pedestrian Access to Transit study and Downeaster Funding awards. The next meeting will be held September 1<sup>st</sup>, since cancelled.

## **Agenda Item #6 d**

### **Regional Pass System**

The Pass is underway. Negotiations are underway between METRO and USM to sell passes for students in Portland and Gorham.

## **Agenda Item #7 a**

### **Regional AVL/ITS Project**

Dave's trip to Syracuse was delayed until July 25<sup>th</sup>. Syracuse's use of VoIP is limited to a pilot project. A copy of their RFP is available for our group to review. Clever Devices is also implementing a VoIP pilot with the Worcester RTA. Mentor Engineering is partnering on that project to integrate the demand response services with the fixed route services. Mentor has provided some feedback with regard to the drawbacks of VoIP.

Dave has informed us that GPCOG staff will on the agenda to present the AVL project to his full board on September 28, 2011. The goal of the presentation will be to secure board approval for matching funds up to \$100,000. Donna reported that another AVL company would like to give a demo presentation which has been scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Donna is also setting up a presentation with Verizon Wireless which has an AVL product known as Fleet Administrator 2. Donna followed up with TransSystems to express continued interest working with them on the AVL project, but that we would likely reduce the scope of services needed. The RFP should go out in October or November, 2011.

## **Agenda Item #7 b**

### **Regional Sign & Shelter Project**

Ben Lake gave a presentation to the PACTS Operations Working Group on the completed initial shelter inventory, which included existing, planned and suggested shelters, current high ridership locations, and potential shelter site priority criteria. Providers gave feedback on the criteria and how they should be used to evaluate the potential shelter sites. Ben has begun analysis of the sites using these revised criteria and guidelines, and will report back to the PACTS Operations Working Group when complete.

**Agenda Item #7c**  
**Regional Passenger Survey**

The Casco Bay Lines Ferry and South Portland Bus Service survey reports are completed. Final review is underway. The METRO narrative is currently being written.

**Agenda Item#7d**  
**Southern Maine Regional Transit Coordination Study**

The consultants working on the Southern Maine Regional Transit Coordination Study provided a status report to the Ops Committee on July 13<sup>th</sup> that included a preliminary cost-benefit analysis of consolidation of two transit providers. Scarborough recently provided proposed costs associated with using their facility. METRO and RTP expressed an interest in potentially consolidating some uses with the other two providers. It was decided that Steve Linnell would facilitate a meeting with Scarborough's Tom Hall along with Tom, Dan and Al to further discuss the role Scarborough intends to play , taking into account the town currently does not pay in to transit service provided by SPBS and ShuttleBus/Zoom.

A final presentation was given by the consultant on August 18<sup>th</sup> with final, top recommendations that included 1) constructing a new facility or 2) using the Scarborough facility and 3) establishing a follow-up committee to continue discussing the issue.

**Agenda Item # 8a**  
**STIP – 2012 - 2015**

MaineDOT is putting together the STIP and would like to be sure that all of the projects are included, along with an anticipated FY when the funds will be used. Steve asked anyone with any changes to let Carl know so he can submit an amendment.

As of 7/5/11	Funding Year	Use Year ?	PIN/WIN	Agency	Project	Federal	Local	Total	
STP	x	10/11	17347	All	Sign and Shelter	\$ 271,397.60	\$ 67,849.40	\$ 339,247.00	80/20
STP	x		19464	BSOOB	Bus Replacement	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	80/20
STP	x		19465	BSOOB	Bus Shelters	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	80/20
STP		12/13		BSOOB	UNE - Downtown Bus	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	80/20
STP		12/13		BSOOB	Bus Shelters	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	80/20
STP	x	12/13	19463	CBITD	Preventive Maintenance	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	80/20
	o	08/09	14922	CBITD	AVL/ITS	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	80/20
STP	L	12/13~		CBITD	Electronic Ticketing	\$ 89,472.00	\$ 22,368.00	\$ 111,840.00	80/20
STP		10/11	Holding*	CBITD	Transfer Bridge Apron	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	80/20
STP		10/11	Holding*	CBITD	AVL	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	80/20
STP		10/11	Holding*	CBITD	Piling Replacement	\$ 127,712.00	\$ 31,928.00	\$ 159,640.00	80/20
STP	x	08/09	14920**	GPCOG	TIDS	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 36,000.00	80/20
STP	x	08/09	14919**	METRO	Pulse/DTC	\$ 72,226.40	\$ 18,056.60	\$ 90,283.00	80/20
STP	x	08/09	14922	METRO	AVL	\$ 346,973.28	\$ 86,743.32	\$ 433,716.60	80/20
CMAQ	x	06/07	13100	RTP	Mobile data terminals	\$ 133,464.80	\$ 57,199.20	\$ 190,664.00	70/30
STP	x		19466	RTP	AVL modules	\$ 195,690.40	\$ 48,922.60	\$ 244,613.00	80/20
	o	10/11	17349	RTP	3 PT Vehicles	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	80/20
STP		12/13		RTP	Mobile Data Terminals	\$ 195,690.40	\$ 48,922.60	\$ 244,613.00	80/20
STP	x	06/07	14124	SPBS	AVL	\$ 16,660.00	\$ 7,140.00	\$ 23,800.00	70/30
STP	x	10/11	17350	SPBS	Garage	\$ 571,567.20	\$ 142,891.80	\$ 714,459.00	80/20
STP	x	10/11	17351	SPBS	Transit Hub	\$ 288,376.00	\$ 72,094.00	\$ 360,470.00	80/20
	o	10/11	13084	SPBS	Garage	\$ 190,522.40	\$ 47,630.60	\$ 238,153.00	80/20
STP		12/13		SPBS	Mill Creek Transit Hub	\$ 165,496.00	\$ 41,374.00	\$ 206,870.00	80/20
STP		12/13		SPBS	Ops and Maintenance Buildings	\$ 190,522.40	\$ 47,630.60	\$ 238,153.00	80/20
STP		10/11	Holding*	SPBS	Bus Surveillance	\$ 12,288.00	\$ 3,072.00	\$ 15,360.00	80/20
*Pending PACTS Executive Committee action - 7/14/11									
~Available now (10/11) out of PACTS Holding PIN. Amount reduced from original request of						\$115,000.00			
x	In the current draft STIP for 2012 - 2015								
o	In previous STIP summaries but not in current draft								
L	Letter sent to MaineDOT from PACTS to request inclusion in current and 2012-2015 STIP								
**MaineDOT has instructed RTP to apply for these funds, and acknowledged GPCOG and METRO relinquishment.									
These two projects should NOT be in the STIP.									

## Agenda Item # 8b Work Plan

In addition to the projects we are already working on, some of which have additional funding in the new biennium, there are seven new projects under Section 5303. These are:

- 1) Optimize Funding Opportunities
- 2) Regional Pass Phase II – Transfer Study
- 3) Regional Transit & Land Use – Gorham E/W Phase II\*\*
- 4) \*Regional Branding and Marketing – Complements the \*Sign & Shelter Project
- 5) \*Update Regional ITS Architecture
- 6) Regional Transit Authority
- 7) Maintenance/Admin (SMRTC study) Implementation

Staff will provide additional information at the meeting.

\*These projects will likely require the assistance of a consultant. According to new PACTS rules, consultants must be contracted by the end of December.

\*\*PACTS has complementary funding to continue the Land Use planning in Phase II. There is a proposal to combine the two efforts. The Maine Turnpike and DOT portion of Phase II may include additional funds for Transit and Land Use, though it has not been decided if theirs will move forward or not. Staff suggests the Transit and Land Use effort should move forward regardless of the status of the road planning, as these are acknowledged to be the conditional aspects of avoiding or reducing further road construction.

## **Agenda Item # 8c**

### **Funding**

One of the tasks in the work plan for the new biennium is called “Optimize Funding Opportunities”. This is a chance to discuss the recent (and in some cases current) round of FTA funding solicitations; who applied for what and how can the process be improved.

#### **Glossary of Terms**

1. ARRA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
2. AVL Automatic Vehicle Location
3. BOP Biennial Operations Plan (MDOT)
4. BTIP Biennial Transportation Improvement Program (MDOT)
5. CMAQ Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (Federal Funds)
6. DOE Department of Energy
7. EMDC Eastern Maine Development Corporation
8. FHWA Federal Highway Administration
9. FTA Federal Transit Administration
10. ISTEA Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
11. ITS Intelligent Transportation Systems
12. JARC Job Access & Reverse Commute
13. MDOT Maine Department of Transportation
14. MPO Metropolitan Planning Organization (PACTS, KACTS, ATRC, BACTS)
15. NNEPRA Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (Downeaster, contracts with Amtrak)
16. OPT Office of Passenger Transportation (MDOT)
17. PACTS Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (Portland Area MPO)
18. SAFETEA-LU Safe, Affordable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act –Legacy for Users
19. STIC Small Transit Intensive Cities
20. STIP Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
21. STPA Sensible Transportation Policy Act
22. STP Surface Transportation Program (Federal Funds)
23. TE Transportation Enhancement Program (Federal Funds)
24. TEA-21 Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
25. TIP Transportation Improvement Program (PACTS)
26. UPWP Unified Planning Work Program
27. URIP Urban-Rural Initiative Program
28. 5303 FTA Planning Program
29. 5307 FTA Urbanized Assistance

<b>FACTS Transit Committee Roster</b>			
Updated 4/8/2011			
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