

# PACTS

Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Committee

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**PACTS  
Transit Committee  
Meeting Notice**

**Thursday, January 10, 2008, 9:30 a.m.  
Saco City Hall, 300 Main Street  
Agenda**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the last meeting (attached)**
- 3. Status Reports (attached)**
- 4. Review Timeline/Work Plan (attached) – 5 min.**
- 5. Allocation Formulas for Future (FY 2008/2009) 5307 and STIC Funding – 15 min.**
- 6. PACTS 2009 High Priority Projects, update– 10 min.**
- 7. Surface Transportation Program (STP) Application – 20 min.**
- 8. PACTS Transit Study Implementation Status Reports – 30 min.**
  - a. Regional Map and Timetable**
  - b. Regional Route Study**
  - c. Transit Planning in Comprehensive Planning Process**
  - d. Regional Pass System**
  - e. Other – in order of priority**
- 9. Separate meetings for “Operations” vs. Policy**
- 10. Information Sharing/Round Table Discussion/Check-In/What’s Up**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Next Meeting Date (February 14 ♥ @ 9:30 a.m., at GPCOG), Agenda**
- 13. Adjourn**

Attachments: December 13 PTC minutes, Status Reports, Timeline/Work Plan, Transit High Priority Project, Draft STP Application, Committee Roster

**PACTS Transit Committee Minutes**  
**December 13, 2007**  
**9:30 a.m. at GPCOG**

**Members Present:** Tom Meyers, SPBS, Chair; Sara Behr, MaineDOT; Ed Clifford, ShuttleBus/Zoom; Catherine Debo, CBITD; Jon McNulty, RTP; Patricia Quinn, NNEPRA; David Redlefsen, METRO

**Members Absent:** John Bubier, Biddeford; Connie Garber, YCCAC; Tom Gorrill, Gorrill-Palmer; Jonathan LaBonte, MTA

**Staff and Guests:** Maddy Adams, GPCOG; Susan Davis, MNGRR; Kevin Donoghue, Portland City Councilor; John Duncan, PACTS; Art Handman; Judy Harris, PDOT; Paul Niehoff, PACTS; Tom Reinauer, SMRPC; Chris Small, MNGRR; David Willauer, GPCOG

1. **Call to Order.** Tom Meyers called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Approval of minutes from November 8, 2007.** The following corrections were made to the attendance list: Neal Allen should be listed as present under Staff and Guests, and Jon McNulty should be listed as absent under Members Absent. Under #2 regarding the New Freedom Act, correct it to read that advocacy groups or interested parties will be contacting the regional transit providers regarding putting in applications for the New Freedom program. With the above-noted corrections, *Jon McNulty moved approval of the minutes, with Catherine Debo seconding the motion. All were in favor.*
3. **Status Reports.** A Consultant has been selected for the Peninsula Transit Plan. The list of Task Force members was read to the Committee; four members of the PACTS Transit Committee will be on the task force of the peninsula study. Tom Crikelair and Geoff Slater will also be involved in the study. Tom Meyers was impressed with the scope of the Plan as well as the proposal. At Portland's Transportation Committee meeting, Jim Cohen requested that the Study be called a Transportation Study rather than a Transit Study.

PACTS Regional Route Study. David W. mentioned that the scope hasn't changed. The scope of work for the peninsula study will look at a lot of the recommendations from the PACTS Transit Coordination Study. Tom M. suggested that perhaps we should use our \$30,000 to tie together the content and results of work we have already done, the work of the transit study and the work of the peninsula study, as well as the work from the ShuttleBus study. We could use the money to tie all the recommendations from the studies together. We could identify things that aren't being done by other studies. Judy agreed with Tom. There is not a lot of money for the Peninsula Transit Study and there will probably be some clean-up work that will need to be done at the end of the study but there will not be money available to do them. Perhaps we could use some of the Regional Route Study money to do whatever work still needs to be done. David W. mentioned that school transportation will not be addressed in the Peninsula Study. METRO is forming a task force with Falmouth regarding bus service. Sara mentioned that FTA rules and regulations are a "gray area" regarding school transportation. The Committee agreed to hold off on the Regional Route Study and to await the recommendations of the Peninsula Transit Study and use the money to tie the recommendations from that study together with the other studies mentioned above.

Lake Region Managers Meeting – David W. met with the Lake Region Managers regarding Lakes Region transit service and matching funds. The total requested from each of the towns would be determined by their population. There is interest but no written commitment at this time.

The I-295 Corridor Study public hearing was postponed due to inclement weather and it will probably be rescheduled for some time in January.

4. **Review Time Line/Work Plan.** The information requested regarding ridership has been received from all the providers except YCCAC. It was suggested that a public comment period and updating the TIP be added to the timeline around February.
5. **Allocation Formulas for Future 5307 and STIC Funding.** The text that was provided in agenda Item #5 will be what is given to the Policy Committee; the spreadsheets will not be provided. Catherine mentioned that she was concerned that we didn't take a look at how things will change and how the formula will be affected when we become a TMA. It was suggested that the word 'History' in the heading be changed to 'Methodology'. In the last paragraph, the amount for the one-time NNEPRA allocation should be changed from \$7,500 to \$8,550. Tom M. will smooth out the language today and send it back to COG for distribution to the PACTS Policy Committee.
6. **PACTS 2009 High Priority Projects Candidates List.** Tom M. reviewed the changes that have been made to the text. Ten percent has been suggested for ITS. Tom M. provided a spreadsheet that was used to come up with the numbers and he explained the methodology used. He stated that these are order of magnitude estimates for a possibility of project funding. This represents the PACTS Policy Committee request for HPP. This is intended to be a document for our MPO to show what our needs are to serve our constituents. We have been told to give something to the Congressional Delegation by the end of next year and ideally Congress would act on it in 2009. Tom noted that John Duncan has mentioned before that we need to think about operational costs should this get funded. Catherine suggested that the CBITD ferry request be moved from the 'known need' column to the 'From MDOT' column. David R. was concerned that the cost for each of the buses might be too low and asked if the number was provided by MaineDOT. Tom M. responded that the numbers didn't come from MaineDOT. It was suggested that MaineDOT be consulted to determine what the base number should be. The number should be as real as possible.
7. **Surface Transportation Program (STP) Application.** Tom Reinauer reviewed. The top priorities from the Coordination Study were added to the top on the first page. Under Part II, there is a new #1 which will change the point scoring. A letter needs to be sent to Sara Behr at MaineDOT once you know how much money you are going to get so that the funding can go through the proper channels. David W. and Steve are working on a list of projects that have been funded with STP money in the past. They'll get the list to the Committee as soon as it's completed. This is the third biennia that we are using these scoring criteria for this process. The funding will be in the range of \$840,000 (7% of \$12 million). The Committee decided that the due date for the proposal would be February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and they will be scored by March 13<sup>th</sup>.
8. **PACTS Transit Study Implementation Status Reports.**
  - 8a. Regional Map and Timetable. Patricia reported that a meeting has been scheduled for the first week in January to continue work on this item. She should have something to circulate by mid-January. Several thousand dollars has already been invested in this project.
  - 8b. Regional Route Study. This topic was already discussed earlier in the meeting. Tom M. provided an update for Kevin Donoghue's benefit.
  - 8c. Transit Planning in Comprehensive Planning Process. Tom Reinauer will be attending the PACTS Planning Committee meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to talk about transit planning in the

comprehensive planning process. The idea is to get more input regarding having transit tied in with developments.

8d. Regional Pass System. We should sit down and discuss how we can develop a simple way to do a low-tech universal bus pass. We don't want to lose sight of this issue. Patricia mentioned that NNEPRA received a \$250,000 grant from FRA to study wireless passes which would include validation at home and the ability to print your boarding pass at home. It is still very much in the developmental stage. They are looking at a launch date of July.

8e. Other. None

**9. Separate meetings for “operations” vs policy.** Often there are items on the agenda that are really only relevant to the transit providers. For example, what service is being provided by each of the transit providers on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. One suggestion was to hold two meetings back to back – one for the providers (or decisionmakers) and one for the full committee. It was felt that sometimes those meetings run too long and it is difficult for some of the providers to give up that many hours in one day. Patricia suggested setting a standing date, rotating the location, and keeping the meeting to 1 to 1½ hours. Staff will send something out to the Committee to try to determine a regular time and day of the month. Should an issue come up in between the regular monthly meeting, an ad hoc group can be called together.

**10. Saco Bay Transit Study Presentation.** Tom R. presented a PowerPoint. The study is about 90% complete. Two public meetings will be held – one in South Portland and one in the Biddeford/Saco area. The meetings will be held in locations along the bus route. Two of the recommendations from the study are to operate both services under the same name, and to renumber and rename routes using the same conventions. Kevin asked about service to the Jetport. Tom responded that it would probably be provided by METRO. Jon asked about ADA complementary paratransit service. Ed responded that the ShuttleBus does route deviation. Jon said that ADA has to be looked at if it is a continuous route. Scarborough will be invited to the table to see if they might be interested in becoming part of the system since the service will be running through Scarborough.

**11. Other Business.**

11a. PACTS Off-site Retreat #2/Transition Team Status Report. Tom M. reported that the Transition Team is looking at reducing the number of hours that the Committee's meet and are looking at a new model. It is a work in progress.

11b. Transit Summit. The Summit was very well attended. Mike Bobinsky was very helpful in framing the summit. Tom M. thanked everyone for their participation.

Joint Resolution Signing. Everyone signed the Resolution. Tom M. had copies available for the providers.

**12. Next Meeting Date.** January 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m at Saco City Hall.

**13. Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

### **Agenda Item #3:**

### **Status Reports** (compiled by John Duncan and David Willauer)

Kat Fuller, AICP, is MaineDOT's new Chief of Transportation Systems Planning. (She used to go by Kathy.) Kat worked a lot with PACTS on the Transportation Project Land Use Policy, and was the architect of MaineDOT's Gateway One planning process.

MaineDOT is doing research on the potential for PACTS and other MPO's to sell bonds for transportation capital improvements. The bonds would be paid off with our future MPO Allocation funds.

Four January/February regional transportation meetings (all yet to be scheduled):

- MaineDOT's rescheduled Portland public information meeting regarding the I-295 Corridor Study recommendations and "Portland North" passenger rail planning effort which has just started.
- The annual GPCOG/PACTS public information session on the public participation process in regional transportation planning.
- The PACTS public information meeting(s) regarding the draft list of candidates for the 2009 Federal High Priority Projects list of projects.
- A MaineDOT information meeting in our area regarding their Draft Noise Policy. Contact John Duncan for a copy. The Turnpike Authority is also developing/developed(?) a similar policy.
- An information session for all PACTS Committee members regarding the PACTS and MaineDOT capital funding policies and procedures. MaineDOT staffers will join in the presentations, and Q and A.

MaineDOT has found enough obligation authority to finance most of the local studies in the Planning Committee's August proposal. PACTS staff will advise when MaineDOT makes the funds available.

Tom Meyers is serving on the PACTS "Transition Team" that is working on the reorganization of PACTS per our recent retreats. He is also serving on the 2009 High Priority Projects Committee whose work is referenced above.

The Technical Committee worked with staff on the scope of the recently-funded Collector Road Assessment Study, and on refinements to our Collector Set Aside parameters for the 2010/2011 biennium.

The Policy Committee recently acted on recommendations from the TIP Process Committee (see below), adopted a new formula for sub-allocating each year the \$2,000,000 in FTA "Section 5307" funds available to our region, and funded a Regional Collector Road Assessment Study and a Franklin Arterial Corridor Study.

**PACTS Draft Budget for 2010/2011 MPO Allocation**

The Policy Committee will submit final list of projects to MaineDOT in September 2008.

Collectors	\$5,000,000
Intersections	\$500,000
Widen Roads (new)	\$0
Rebuild Roads (new)	\$0
Biddeford Route 1 (A)	\$2,086,000 *
OOB Roundabout (B)	\$860,000 *
Reserve for A and B	\$1,000,000 **
Forest Ave. (deferred)	\$1,300,000 *
Transit (deferred)	\$538,000 *
Transit (new)	\$787,000
Bike/Ped (deferred)	\$329,000 *
Bike/Ped (new)	<u>\$385,000</u>
	\$12,785,000

\* Per past votes of Policy Committee

\*\* Reserve account in case Preliminary Design Reports come in higher than our 2006 estimates (plus contingency) for construction.

The Maine Turnpike Authority is in the planning process for the widening of the Turnpike in Greater Portland, an upcoming study of the proposed Gorham Connector highway, and the Turnpike's toll rate equity study process.

PACTS staff is in the final process of hiring a new Transportation Planner.

PACTS staff has also worked with Portland staff on the hiring of consulting firms to do the PACTS-funded Portland Peninsula Wayfinding Study and the PACTS-funded Portland Peninsula Transit Study. Both were originally funded two years ago. John Duncan has signed contracts with both firms.

GPCOG staff received six letters of support from Lakes Region Managers for the proposed Lakes Region Transit Service. A series of MOUs will be drafted this winter for each town participating in the project.

Jetport Marketing Director Gregory Hughes recently asked GPCOG for help with the formation of a Transportation Marketing Committee. Please advise any thoughts you have on this idea.

**Agenda Item #4****Draft Timeline/Work Plan for the PACTS Transit Committee**

<p><b>DRAFT</b> 1/4/2008</p>
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**Fiscal Year 2007:**

May *Approve New Work Plan /UPWP*  
*Begin development of Allocation Formula for 5307 and STIC Funds*  
June *Adoption of Regional Transit Coordination Study*  
*Evaluation of the Committee (year 3)*

**Fiscal Year 2008:**

July 2007 *Continue development of Allocation Formulas for 5307 and STIC, '08/'09*  
*Complete Regional Transit Map*  
*Participate in PACTS High Priority Projects list development*  
August *Provide input to PACTS Process Review*  
September *Participate in PACTS TIP Process Review, including JARC*  
October *Adopt an Allocation Formula for 5307 and STIC*  
November *Public comment period for Section 5303 and 5307 funds, '08/'09 (pending release of Federal Register notice)*  
*FTA Budget announced (tentative)*  
*Develop Study Proposals for 5303 and 5307 Planning funds*  
December *Provider information (ridership, miles, etc.) due (move to November)*  
January 2008 *Submit recommendation to Policy Committee for FTA Section 5307 funds*  
February *Submit STP proposals to staff for ratings*  
*Public Comment Period...*  
*Update TIP*  
*FTA Budget announced (tentative)*  
March  
April *Appoint Nominating Committee for new Officers*  
*Adopt STP proposals for submission to Policy Committee*  
May  
June *Annual evaluation of Committee (year 4)*  
*Elect New Committee Officers*

**Fiscal Year 2009:**

July 2008 *Review criteria for submitting proposals for 2010/2011 STP Capital*  
August  
September  
October  
November *FTA Budget announced (tentative)*

<i>December</i>	Provider information (ridership, miles, etc.) due
<i>January 2009</i>	Operators submit requests for planning functions and funding
<i>February</i>	Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) submitted and first review
<i>March</i>	Review UPWP
<i>April</i>	Complete recommendations to Policy Committee re: UPWP
<i>May</i>	
<i>June 2009</i>	Annual evaluation of Committee (year 5)

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
- Determine level of involvement of the Committee wishes to have in ongoing studies such as:
  - Peninsula Transit Study
  - Passenger Rail to Brunswick
  - Transit Oriented Zoning
  - Maine Narrow Gauge RR Extension Study
  - Other future studies
- Begin orientation of what it will mean to be a part of a Transportation Management Area
- Respond to Policy Committee requests for action, information or recommendations as needed

Glossary of Terms

BOP	Biennial Operations Plan (MDOT)
BTIP	Biennial Transportation Improvement Program (MDOT)
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (Federal Funds)
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
JARC	Job Access & Reverse Commute
MDOT	Maine Department of Transportation
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization (PACTS, KACTS, ATRC, BACTS)
NNEPRA	Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (Downeaster, contracts with Amtrak)
OPT	Office of Passenger Transportation (MDOT)
PACTS	Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (Portland Area MPO)
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Affordable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act –Legacy for Users
STIC	Small Transit Intensive Cities
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
STPA	Sensible Transportation Policy Act
STP	Surface Transportation Program (Federal Funds)
TE	Transportation Enhancement Program (Federal Funds)
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program (PACTS)
UPWP	Unified Planning Work Program

5303  
5307

FTA Planning Program  
FTA Urbanized Assistance

**Agenda Item # 5**

## Agenda Item # 6

This is the most recent version of the transit high priority project. The HPP sub-committee did not meet since the last Transit Committee meeting. There will be a Public meeting on HPP in January.

### **Purchase of replacement and new vehicles, including buses, vans, and passenger ferryboat**

**Problem:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) defines a replacement cycle for each type of transit vehicle. For example, full-size transit busses are on a twelve-year/500K mile replacement cycle; small medium-duty transit busses are on a 7 year/200,000 replacement cycle. MaineDOT tracks vehicle inventories and replacement requirements statewide, and has projected that by the time federal funds become available in the next several years, at least **37** vehicles within the PACTS area will have exceeded their programmed service life and need replacement. Recent studies, including *Destination Tomorrow* the Long Range Plan for the PACTS region and the *PACTS Regional Transit Coordination Study* identify the need for increasing the frequency and effectiveness of existing services as well as expanding transit services where appropriate.

**Project Scope:** To replace 19 transit busses, 17 paratransit vans or busses, and one passenger ferryboat to maintain existing levels of service throughout the region. To begin the process of enhancing the present system by adding 10 transit buses and 14 vans to address the goal of developing more efficient, convenient, and economical public transportation services.

**Cost Estimate:** \$22,500,000

**Source:** PACTS Transit Committee

**Regional Benefit:** This project will retain the current level of service and begin to address much needed enhancements to public transportation provided by the Shuttlebus/Zoom, South Portland Bus Service, Greater Portland Transit District (METRO), Regional Transportation Program (RTP), York County Community Action Corporation (YCCAC), and Casco Bay Island Transit District. In a recent year these **six** public transportation agencies provided over **3** million passenger trips to people living in or visiting the communities of Saco, Old Orchard Beach, Biddeford, South Portland, Westbrook, **Portland – including Portland island neighborhoods of Peaks Island, Little Diamond Island, Great Diamond Island, and Cliff Island; the Town of Long Island, the Town of Chebeague Island,** and areas of Falmouth and Scarborough. In the case of the two Para-transit/Demand Response carriers, RTP and YCCAC, the service provided is county-wide for Cumberland and York respectively. The passengers' trips include work, shopping, school, medical appointments, recreation, and tourist sites, mirroring almost every purpose of those who travel by automobile.

**Recognition of public support:** PACTS leadership and the municipalities they represent recognize that investment in maintaining the existing level of service with modest extensions of transit routes, and replacing the existing fleets in a timely matter, is a wise policy. This project is consistent with the guiding policies of *Destination Tomorrow* and the MaineDOT's Strategic Transportation Plan. Unsolicited public response to the draft High Priority Projects list has advocated for placing this project at the top of the list.

#### MaineDOT Seeking Earmarks

The MaineDOT submitted a funding request for buses for the METRO in both the 2007 and 2008 discretionary application processes. They were unsuccessful. They will re-submit the project for consideration in the 2009 annual process and the 2009 multi-year reauthorization.

## **Agenda Item # 7**

This draft application guidance incorporates new criteria based on the Regional Transit Coordination Study.

### **PACTS Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Form For**

### **Surface Transportation Program (STP) – Public Transportation Set-Aside Proposals**

This set-aside is for capital improvements for public transportation. Eligible purposes include garages, new or replacement vehicles, vessels, and/or engines, bus stops (including significant investments like the METRO Pulse project), utility vehicles, computer hardware, bike racks and alternative fuel infrastructure. This policy is a continuation of the past 14-year trend of the Policy Committee's programming STP funds for public transportation capital purposes.

(Note: Though not included in this Category Definition from the PACTS 2006/2007 TIP Policies and Procedures, Carpool projects, Park 'n ride and satellite parking facilities and programs also qualify as eligible purposes for PACTS funding and are likely to compete in the Public Transportation Set-Aside category unless part of a larger project.)

The PACTS Transit Committee was charged with developing a process for evaluating and recommending public transportation capital improvement projects to the Policy Committee for the Fiscal Year 2010/2011 biennium. The set-aside for Public Transportation is estimated at \$ 840,000

In developing scoring criteria, the Transit Committee attempted to incorporate the capital related priorities of the Regional Transit Coordination Study and the 9 Guiding Policies of Destination Tomorrow listed below:

#### Priorities

1. Regional map and timetable
  - a. Collective advertising opportunities
2. Regional route study
  - a. Identify new transit hubs
  - b. Expand bus service to Park & Ride lots
  - c. Coordinate service between major origins and destinations
  - d. Improve intermodal connections
  - e. Expand present network
3. Incorporate transit planning in Comprehensive Planning process
4. Develop Regional Pass System

#### Guiding Policies

1. Maintain or Improve the Existing Transportation System
2. Focus Roadway Improvements on Critical Intersections
3. Strategically Expand the Transportation System
4. Avoid Building New Highways
6. Strengthen the Link between Transportation Investments and Land Use Policies and Decisions
7. Implement Access Management Measures
8. Enhance Passenger Transportation
9. Promote Community and Neighborhood Livability and Economic Redevelopment

This application is divided into two parts. Part I contains background information pertaining to the proposed project that will be used to familiarize staff with basic project information and purpose. Part II contains a list of questions that will be used by staff as a basis for scoring the proposals. Proposal scores will be presented to the Transit Committee on (To be determined). Recommendations for funding will most likely be discussed at this meeting, and forwarded on to the PACTS Policy Committee which has final approval over funding under this Set-Aside category. Although the Criteria listed in Part II will be used as the primary method by the Transit Committee to select proposals, other issues such as geographic funding equity and equity between transit providers may also be discussed and/or used during the selection.

## **Part I – General Information and Requirements for All Proposals**

1. Three (3) Copies of each proposal must be received by PACTS by **5:00 p.m. on (February 14, 2008)**. Proposals received after this date/time will not be accepted.
2. Proposals must be complete when submitted. Proposals may be emailed, delivered by standard mail, or delivered in person to the GPCOG offices. No faxed proposals will be accepted. Send proposals to:  
Steven Linnell  
PACTS/GPCOG  
68 Marginal Way – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Portland, ME 04101  
[slinnell@gpcog.org](mailto:slinnell@gpcog.org)
3. Proposals will be scored by **March 13, 2008**.
4. Proposals must be approved by the provider's Board or the municipality's council or officers. Proposals involving more than one municipality and/or provider must be appropriately endorsed and supported by all effected municipalities and/or providers. Endorsements must be made by **(April XX, 2008)**.

### All proposals must include the following information:

1. Name, address, telephone number, and email address for project contact person and name of organization(s) submitting the proposal
2. Provide a description of the proposed project or capital item including a location map (if appropriate) along with the following items:
  - a. Problem Statement.
  - b. Proposed Scope of Work with as much detail as possible.
  - c. Cost estimate and basis for amount, including any other sources of funding that may be used.
  - e. Identify who will be responsible for maintaining the project or capital item.

## **Part II – Scoring Criteria (maximum of 100 points)**

1. Describe how this project will fulfill one or more of the priority recommendations from the PACTS Transit Coordination Study. Does this project facilitate better coordination between providers or create better connections and transfers? **(30 points)**

2. Describe how this project will benefit the PACTS region. Explain how this project has regional and/or statewide significance. Which communities will the project serve, and how many people will benefit? Will this project increase transit ridership? **(20 points)**
3. Describe how this project will improve or replace existing transit capacity. How will the project maintain or improve existing or extend new transit routes, terminals, facilities, and/or services?  
**(20 points)**
4. Describe how this project is part of an approved or pending transportation plan or study, or addresses a requirement by a State or Federal mandate. Plans may include [the Regional Transit Coordination Study](#), Destination Tomorrow, Maine DOT's Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan (Explore Maine), the provider's Strategic Plan or other local, regional, State, or Federal document. Specifically, explain how this project is consistent with and supports: [the recommendations of the Regional Transit Coordination Study](#) and the Nine Guiding Principles in the Destination Tomorrow Plan. Examples of mandates include safety, security, and The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).  
**(10 points)**
4. Describe how this project will reduce air pollution and/or conserve energy. Does this project promote or use alternatively fueled vehicles? **(5 points)**
5. Describe how the project addresses the connection between transportation and land use. Does the project increase access to a designated growth area as depicted in the municipal comprehensive plan(s)? Does the project improve access to an area that encourages mixed-use development? Does the project establish or enhance transit service between activity centers? **(5 points)**
6. Describe how the project directly includes or involves more than one transit provider, including private providers? **(5 points)**
7. Describe how the project benefits several different alternative modes of travel, such as bus & rail, or bicycle & ferry? **(5 points)**

## **Agenda Item #9**

The Transit Providers are looking at holding separate operations meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month.

## PACTS Transit Committee Roster

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