

MEETING MINUTES

Saco City Hall
Meeting Location

Tri Community Transportation Plan
Project Name

2-4-09
Meeting Date

2125
Project Number

Greg Tansley
Meeting Chairperson

Present
John Duncan, PACTS
Carl Eppich, PACTS
Greg Tansley, Biddeford City Planner
Mary Ann Conroy, OOB Public Works Director
Rick Michaud, Saco City Manager (for Peter Morelli)
Angela Blanchette, Saco City Engineer
Mark Eyerman, Planning Decisions
Tom Gorrill, Gorrill Palmer

Distribution
Committee Members

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Notice to all present: If any of the following items are incorrect or fail to record discussions at the meeting, please contact the writer of these minutes immediately.

Purpose of Meeting: To kick off development of the Tri Community Transportation Plan

The following is a summary of the discussion at the meeting (Agenda attached):

1. John reminded everyone that it is important that the plan be multimodal .
2. Mike Laberge from MaineDOT and Conrad Welzel of the Maine Turnpike Authority will be invited to join the advisory committee. It was agreed that Ed Clifford should be added to the committee.
3. Public involvement in the process was discussed. John said that the State Handbook referenced in the rfp should be used as a guideline for the project. There was consensus that each community will be guided by committees within the respective communities. These committees will review progress 3 times over the course of the study and used to provide feedback to the Advisory Committee which will be the working committee for the study.
4. The consensus of the committee was that a public visioning session should be held early in the process to help define expectation and issues. It was agreed that this would be held on Saturday March 28th from 9 AM to 12 noon at the Saco train station.
5. A discussion was held regarding the regional issues and opportunities worksheet distributed in advance of the meeting by Mark (copy included). Following is a summary of that discussion:
 - East west traffic- Routes 112 and 5 corridors have a significant impact on Saco and Biddeford. What is planned for development in these areas?
 - Pedestrian connections are important particularly on Route 1.
 - Snowmobile crossings are important particularly in OOB.
 - Growth in communities to the north such as Scarborough should also be considered. Scarborough has an interest in a Turnpike access south of Scarborough to relieve traffic through their community.

- Truck traffic in the downtowns such as Poland Springs, Wood Structures, Regional Waste and others.
 - Could truck traffic be reduced if heavy trucks were allowed on the interstate system?

 - The relationship of the Gorham Bypass link to Sanford...will it have an impact on the study area?
 - Bicycle and trail facilities are important particularly along the ocean.
 - To what extent would the traffic congestion be reduced if there were no tolls?
 - A trolley system should be implemented to facilitate a carless vacation during the summer tourist season.
 - Transit providers such as Zoom, Shuttle Bus, etc should be reviewed to see what improvements could be made to improve efficiency.
6. The next advisory committee meeting was scheduled for 12:00 noon on March 4th at the Saco train station