

**KITTERY AREA COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

KACTS

**Meeting
Tuesday
December 8, 2009
1:00 PM
Kittery Town Hall**

Draft Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present: Connie Garber – YCCAC; Sue Moreau – MaineDOT; Gerry Mylroie - Kittery; Terry Oliver – South Berwick; Tom Reinauer – Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC);

Guests and Staff: John Cannel – MaineDOT; Julia Dawson - SMRPC; Anna Price – FHWA; Kristie Rabasca – MaineDEP

Agenda Items

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes for the 8/25/09 KACTS meeting

Terry Oliver made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tom Reinauer seconded the motion, which passed all in favor.

3. Storm Water Management Plan updates

Kristie Rabasca from Sevee and Maher gave the committee a brief update with regards to the current Storm Water Management Plan. She went on to explain that David Ladd (MaineDEP) would like to set up a meeting in late January. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the public outreach program that will kick off shortly, review post construction ordinances, including the six required control measures, and to see if a new set of maps can be created. Kristie will be doing community reviews of written guidelines to ensure procedures are in place to protect storm water runoff.

4. Long Range Plan Update

Julia reminded the committee that federal law requires MPOs in designated air quality maintenance areas to update their Long Range Plans (LRP) every four years. As such, KACTS has started to update its 2006 LRP with a new out year of 2035. She went on to explain that as the guiding force behind the Plan are the goals and objects this seemed to be the best place to start. She gave the group a handout showing the old goals and objectives aligned with new staff recommendations and asked them to comment and provide input. She

went on to explain that having reviewed the Plans existing goals, taken into consideration the MaineDOTs long term transportation goals, and assessed our neighbors Plans she had revised the KACTS goals to better reflect current planning, environmental and economic constraints that the region and the country as a whole face today. A discussion followed and suggestions given. Julia agreed to have the edited goals and objectives available for final comment by December 16.

There followed a discussion regarding KACTS being the “Gateway” to the State and with that comes significant impacts – both positive and negative – to the regions transportation system. It was agreed that the Gateway theme would be a central element through out the updated Plan, and will be used to tie together all the components of the Plan.

5. List of recommendations from Urban Transportation Funding Forums

Tom provided the committee with some background information about work/study Maine Tomorrow is doing as it relates to Urban Transportation Funding. He explained that originally BACTS had retained Maine Tomorrow to research current Maine law and common practices regarding funding and maintenance responsibilities for roadways in the urban compact. It was evident that the findings of this study overlapped in part with a Simplification Study the MaineDOT was starting, and that it would be prudent to have the MaineDOT study include/review some of the recommendations from the Maine Tomorrow Study. Through a series of meetings and workshops, attended by the four MPOs (directors and staff), state and local representatives, and other transportation officials, a list of financial and operation priorities were developed. It was agreed the list, after further consideration from the four MPO Policy Committees, should be submitted to MaineDOT Simplification Study. Tom gave the KACTS Committee the list for comment.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to forward the list with the following caveats:

- Under New Revenues, they felt that the following should be added:
“Investigate new inter-state revenue sources, financing, and revenue sharing opportunities with NH.”
- The Committee expressed concern with the following recommendation, and felt that more exploration and scrutiny is needed prior to endorsement: “Establish a Pilot Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)”
- They endorsed the rest of the list with the understanding that it is not in any priority order

6. Other Business/Updates

– ME/NH Connections Study

Tom explained that the study is well under way. Julia has attended the Steering Committee, stakeholder and modeling meetings on behalf on KACTS and SMRPC. The Study Team has begun dismissing the more unrealistic alternatives (tunnel, zip line etc.) using fatal flaw analysis. A two state, \$80M TIGER Grant application was submitted back in September to rehab the Memorial Bridge and we will know some time in early February if the States were successful. The next stakeholder/public meeting is scheduled for December 16, at the Portsmouth High School.

- South Berwick Feasibility Study.
Is just about wrapped up and we are waiting for the final draft of the Study from the consultants. The first draft that Tom and Julia commented on was atypical and appeared to have omitted some relevant issues. One of the recommendations of the study is to create an access road to the back of Central School, off Young Street, where parents could drop off and pickup children without using Main Street. Unfortunately, the school board is not willing to contribute financially to the project and it has been put on hold.

- Central York County Corridor Study.
MaineDOT received five RFQs and has short listed them down to three.
 - Parsons Brinkerhoff, America
 - VHB
 - Gannett Flemming, Inc.Final interview will start in February

- Julia informed the committee that the MaineDOT might have an additional \$10,000 planning funds available to conduct bicycle and pedestrian safety planning in the region. If towns have any needs please let staff now before the holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes written by Julia Dawson, SMRPC, December 28, 2009.