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**Policy Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom

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**1. Welcome/Public Comment**

**2. Approval of Minutes from the March 4, 2021 KACTS Policy Committee Meeting**

**3. RFP for CARES Transit Funding- For Information Only**

Last year, the MaineDOT received funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist the region's transit agencies with the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic to its services. \$115,000 was allocated to the KACTS MPO for transit planning, with \$50,000 dedicated to funding a transit feasibility task in the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Implementation effort. The remaining funds will be used perform municipal outreach, assess baseline demographic and transit data for the region, and describe the short- and long-term impacts of COVID to our regional transit network. It is anticipated this work will help inform our MPO's transit planning activities in the next UPWP as well as inform the next update of the region's Long Term Transportation Plan.

**4. Project Candidates for KACTS Funding for CY2024 Allocation- Discussion Item**

For CY 2024, KACTS will receive an estimated federal allocation of \$636,023, and a state allocation of approximately \$79,502. Including the 10% local match required of \$79,502, we need to program a total of \$795,027 for CY 2024. The KACTS WIN has a total of \$126,947.63 but only \$55,395.13 is available. MaineDOT recommends KACTS maintains a minimum \$71,552.5 in reserve (10% of the annual allocation), a difference of about \$16,000.

The following projects have been submitted:

- a) Project Construction- Berwick Saw Mill Hill Road and Route 9/School Street intersection improvements - The Town of Berwick requests an estimated **\$811,000** to fund construction of phase three of a multi-phased project. The PDR was funded by KACTS in FY22 and is scheduled to be completed this month. The current budget request is based on the draft PDR circulated to SMPDC and Berwick last month.

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- b) Project Design - Eliot 236 Corridor Project Design- This request is to provide preliminary engineering for recommended improvements to Route 236 from the Kittery Town line to Beech Rd as identified in The KACTS Route 236 traffic and Safety Study-August 2019. The estimated request for the design is \$150,000 (Project application attached)
- c) Budget Deficit- Kittery Whipple Road Sidewalk- The Whipple Road sidewalk work is a previously approved project by KACTS. Original cost estimates are now higher than original figures. MDOT staff have suggested the Town return to KACTS and request additional funds of \$207,972 to cover the overage. The total project cost increased from \$984,730 to \$1,244,695, and the Town’s match would increase from \$196,946 to \$248,939.

KACTS staff has performed preliminary scoring for the Berwick and Eliot requests:

	Berwick	Eliot
<b>Scorer 1</b>	83	75
<b>Scorer 2</b>	93	88
<b>Scorer 3</b>		
<b>Average</b>	88	82
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Avg. Score</b>
1	Berwick	88
2	Eliot	82

**Proposed Action:** Select projects for the CY 2024 KACTS Allocation.

- 5. **Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Implementation Update**- The next JLUS Steering Committee meeting was May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Consultants presented transit service expansion scenarios providing service to Sanford, and potential ridership data related to the shipyard and other regional employers along the corridor. The JLUS Team also hosted a housing panel presentation with Urban Land Institute of Boston (ULI) highlighting opportunities and challenges around potential development sites in Berwick and Kittery. The event was recorded and will be posted on SMPDC’s website.

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- 6. **MaineDOT Report-** MaineDOT staff will provide an update on any MaineDOT projects, policies, or plans.
- 7. **Municipal Project Updates**  
Municipal representatives will provide updates on local transportation projects.
- 8. **Other Business/ Future Meeting Dates**

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