

Maximizing opportunities to enhance the movement of goods and people through the Gateway to Maine

Policy Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday July 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom

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- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the June 10th, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting**
- 3. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)**

Staff Report

As a recipient of Section 5307 funds, KACTS is required by FTA to have an approved Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) by July 20, 2020. We used the YCCAC plan as a foundation but specifically customized it for KACTS. The plan identifies a safety protocol, and requires all KACTS service contractors to adhere to certain safety standards.

Proposed Action: Approve the PTASP and appendices.

- 4. SMPDC Update: KACTS Coordination with the SMPDC Regional Sustainability and Resilience Program**

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SMPDC's Regional Sustainability and Resilience program formed in 2019 when the towns of Kennebunkport, Kennebunk, Kittery, York, Ogunquit, and Wells partnered with us to create a regional program to support municipal and regional sustainability and coastal resiliency efforts. The mission of the Program is to encourage more regional collaboration of sustainability efforts in order to enhance the effectiveness of local government action. It is led by Abbie Sherwin, Senior Coastal/Land Use Planner, and Karina Graeter, Sustainability Coordinator.

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Over the past few months, the Program finalized its two-year [Work Plan](#), detailing the goals and objectives of the program. Karina and Abbie have been coordinating with town staff and committee members on collecting detailed data for town and regional sustainability assessments.

Work is well underway on a regional sea level rise vulnerability study examining the economic impacts of coastal flood hazards. Program staff are also working on developing a standardized greenhouse gas inventory process specifically for Southern Maine communities.

One of the objectives of the workplan is to *help towns expand sustainable transportation in their communities and strengthen regional collaboration on transportation initiatives*. The program will examine regional transit, EV charging infrastructure, alternative transportation, and the electrification of municipal fleets. Specific action items under this objective include:

- performing a fleet inventory for each community within first 8 months of program and identify strategies for improving municipal fleet efficiency;
- supporting growth of regional EV charging infrastructure by evaluating suitable locations for EV chargers, aiding towns with finding and pursuing funding opportunities for EV charging stations, and coordinating to ensure a robust, well-publicized charging network;
- collaborating with state and regional organizations (e.g., KACTS, Drive Electric Maine, etc.) to ensure sustainability and resilience are integral parts of regional transportation efforts;
- identifying transportation infrastructure vulnerable to impacts of coastal flooding and sea level rise; and
- investigating the use of low-impact development, green infrastructure, and flood resilient design options for municipal infrastructure.

Abbie Sherwin represents SMPDC communities on the Maine Climate Council. The Council has met regularly over the past year to develop a State Climate Action Plan. In June, each of the Council's six working groups presented their draft strategies to help achieve the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction target of 80% by 2050 and ensure Maine's people, economy, and communities are more resilience to the impacts of climate change.

SMPDC is reviewing and providing feedback on the recently released [draft recommendations](#). The public is also invited to weigh-in on the draft strategies over the summer and tell the Council what should be included in Maine's four-year Climate Action Plan, which will be released in December 2020. Proposed strategies include updating and modernizing land use regulations; providing data and specialized technical assistance to communities about the impacts of climate change; providing

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funding for municipal infrastructure projects that help communities plan for and respond to climate change; increase electrical vehicle use; enhance public transportation and shared transportation options; reduce commuting; adapt critical transportation infrastructure for climate change impacts; and make investments to increase wildlife crossings and aquatic organism passage.

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Proposed Action: For information only.

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5. Municipal Project Updates

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6. Other Business

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7. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items

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