

Interagency Meeting

Tuesday May 11th, 9:00 – 11:30

At the Holiday Inn/Ground Round Augusta, ME

Driving Directions: From North: I-95S exit 112 take left off ramp first light- First light take right onto Community Drive - Hotel is on right From South: I-95N exit 112A take right off ramp - First light take right onto Community Drive - Hotel is on right From East: 27 North - Community Drive is 3 miles - North of Augusta Rotary on left From West: 202 E to I-95 N - Exit 112A off I-95 - Take right at end of ramp - First light take right - Hotel is on right

Housekeeping:

9:00–9:10

- Questions/Comments regarding the April Interagency Meeting
- Status of pre-assigned tasks

Skowhegan field trip is scheduled for May 12th.

Presentations:

9:10–10:00

"Early" National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Bangor-Trenton Transportation Alternatives Study. Presented by David Nelson, MaineDOT

Purpose: the Maine Department of Transportation, Office of Passenger Transportation will provide an update to the Bangor-Trenton study, and present selection criteria for a transit alternative Locally Preferred Alternative, and selection criteria for a site for a new combined Transportation Center and Acadia National Park Visitor's Center.

Desired Outcomes:

For the corridor transit alternative;

- ◆ Input for additional selection criteria (if necessary)
- ◆ Improvements to the current criteria (where applicable)
- ◆ Concurrence with the selection criteria as amended

For the site for a combined transportation and visitor's center;

- ◆ Discussion of the relative merits of the proposed sites
- ◆ Input for additional selection criteria (if necessary)
- ◆ Improvements to the current criteria (where applicable)

- Summarize Outcomes
- Summarize Assigned Tasks

10:00–10:30

I-295 Corridor Study. Presented by Ed Hanscom, MaineDOT.

Purpose: introduce the study and explain its scope. This is a recently started feasibility study to look at the long-term needs of I-295 from Scarborough to Brunswick. While not an EA, the study recommendations could lead to future EAs.

Desired Outcome: Informational

- Summarize Outcomes
- Summarize Assigned Tasks

10:30–11:30

Program Information

Beginning with Habitat. Presented by Colleen Ryan

Purpose: provide an overview of the BwH program and provide guidelines on how BwH information can be incorporated into transportation planning efforts.

BwH website: <http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/index.html>

Next Meeting June 8th

audio and web conferencing will not be available for this meeting.

Please contact David Gardner at 624-3105 or david.gardner@maine.gov with any questions.