

## Minutes 9/30/14

### Interagency Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting

Those attending the meeting were: Barbie-Jo Lord and Sue Moreau of MaineDOT; Ryan Roberts, DHHS; Cathy Singleton, DOL; Rich Rothe and Sharon Eaton, Consultants.

Sue Moreau informed the group the development of the MaineDOT Strategic Plan is nearing the end. The document should be ready for presentation in mid-January, 2014. The consultants and staff are still gathering material to be included in the final document which will include updated statistical ridership numbers and costs from FY 13 and 14 which was requested by the strategic plan committee.

Ryan Roberts told the group that DHHS (Child and Family Services) contracts will be RFP'd for the FY16 contracts. Staff are looking at a variety of approaches to this RFP at this time.

Cathy Singleton reported that Empower loans available through FAME have been re-funded (they had been closed for a number of years). People with disabilities are now able to access loans to purchase a vehicle with a minimal downpayment. Applicants receive training in budgeting as part of this process and must be either recently or about to be employed. She did stress that the use of public transit where available and appropriate is still the first option.

Rich Rothe noted the Locally Coordinated Plans (LCP) are basically complete and ready for publication. It was suggested that newly identified "other types of transportation providers" should be added to the current list in the LCP. It was also suggested that the prioritization of projects identified during the public hearing meetings held in each region be enhanced with a brief narrative describing the process. Once these additions are complete, the LCP will be available.

Sue Moreau stated the plan is to have the LCP's for all regions available electronically rather than offering printed copies. She also noted that the LCP will now be completed every five years but the prioritization of identified and proposed projects through public hearings should be an annual event. The next round of public hearings is planned for the spring of 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The agenda for this meeting will include work on developing the presentation for the public hearings associated with the LCP planned for the spring of 2015.

Sharon Eaton

Consultant