

Minutes
Interagency Transportation Coordinating Committee
February 18, 2015

Those attending the meeting were: Sue Moreau, Barbie-Jo Lord, Rich Rothe (Consultant), Bill Hurley, Cathy Singleton and Dawn Croteau.

Sue presented an update on the Strategic Transportation Plan draft noting the steering committee had reviewed each chapter, offered comments, noted any gaps in research and looked at how the recommendations would affect different constituencies. Following an additional review by MaineDOT it was determined there were changes to be made. These changes will be implemented which will delay the planned March release date. The final draft should be available to the ITCC in May.

Dawn reported there was no news on the Office of Family Independence RFP—support services are in place and transportation is available for a variety of participant services. The possibility of issuing an RFP for DHHS transportation services is still under consideration and review.

Bill informed the committee of Portland's Regional Transportation Program's (RTP) inability to continue providing service on the 302 corridor between Portland and Naples beyond June due to financial constraints. He indicated the ridership appears to be there so MaineDOT is supporting RTP in their efforts to engage communities in participating in a cost sharing arrangement. It is expected the annual municipal commitment will be \$10,000. The town of Bridgton has already committed to this if the route can be expanded to include their residents.

Cathy reinforced the Department of Labor's need for transit on the 302 corridor and indicated the possible loss of service on this route may be a reason to financially support this bus service.

Bill also spoke about the Maine Military Authority in Limestone efforts to enter into the business of refurbishing Gillig transit buses with a 12 year life. MMA has been pre-qualified with MaineDOT but has no experience with Gillig buses. MaineDOT is in the process of providing them with a bus which will allow MMA to gain the experience needed. The transit agency providing the bus will get a new one in exchange. With the successful refurbishing completed, MMA will be able to seek out Gillig buses in other geographic areas of the country to refurbish and sell to Maine transit providers at approximately 1/3 the cost of a new vehicle. MMA is working towards developing a contract with the MBTA.

Rich Rothe talked to committee members about the need for collecting statistical ridership data. He provided members with information from MaineCare on the number of scheduled MaineCare trips for five months but said this information does not represent the number of completed trips or mode. The importance of collecting this data from transportation providers was agreed upon but the key question was how to get data on MaineCare trips that are not completed by the regional providers. Rich will contact April to discuss this situation.

There was a brief discussion regarding the regional public hearings planned for May 2015 and the need to bring more diversity to these meetings including but not limited to inviting members of the Somali and Franco American communities; DOL's Employment First and group homes. Rich will work on how to best identify additional groups to be invited in each region.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at MaineDOT conference room 227A/B.