

PACTS TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 30, 2020

Name	Affiliation	Attendance
Hank Berg, Vice Chair	Casco Bay Island Transit District	Y
Lori Brann	MaineDOT	Y
Chris Chop	Maine Medical Center	Y
Robert Currie	YCCAC	Y
Jack De Beradinis	RTP	Y
John Duncan	City of South Portland	Y
Amy Geren	Portland Downtown	Y
Rebecca Grover	Maine Turnpike Authority	Y
Bruce Hyman	Planning Committee Appointee	Y
Gregg Isherwood	Custom Coach & Limousine	N
Greg Jordan, Chair	METRO	Y
Patricia Quinn	NNEPRA	Y
Tony Scavuzzo	BSOOB Transit	Y
Guests		
Harry Blunt	Concord Coach Lines	
Greg L'Heureux	City of South Portland	
William Gayle	NNEPRA	
For GPCOG		
Andrew Clark, Kristina Egan, Carole Martin, Ryan Neale		

1. Welcome

Greg Jordan opened the meeting.

2. Open Public Comments

There were no public comments during this portion of the agenda.

3. Acceptance of June 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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Bruce Hyman moved to accept the minutes of the June 23 meeting as written; John Duncan seconded. All were in favor; the motion carried.

4. Discussion and Approval of CARES Act Phase II Priority One Projections

Greg thanked the group for submitting their revised data. With the revised numbers forecasting a deficit over the next three years, he proposed the group take additional time to further refine the methodology and clarify the data submission process. He recommended hearing staff research with regard to the long-term effect of the pandemic on transit at the next meeting, and taking another month to solidify the group's methodology.

Patricia agreed the group could use more time, and felt the agencies were interpreting and approaching the workbook differently. She suggested the workbook also account for projected changes in expenses and allocation of future funding to better capture the actual need of each agency. Hank agreed with taking more time as long as no agency ran into problems with cash flow. Many agreed that it would be important to establish common ridership rebound projections and other assumptions, and to better account for the differences between the agencies.

Greg recommended staff present their initial research on the long-term effect of the pandemic on transit at the next Transit Committee meeting, to help inform the group's discussion going forward. He also suggested conducting one-on-one meetings with the agencies to better inform the data collection effort. Kristina suggested a small group work to improve the workbook; Greg, Patricia, Kristina, and Ryan agreed to meet to discuss this. The group will tentatively use the scheduled July 9 meeting as a workshop, and the scheduled July 28 workshop as a meeting to prepare a recommendation on Phase II of the CARES funds for the PACTS Executive Committee meeting on August 4. Greg noted more time may be needed, in which case the Committee would hold a workshop on July 28 and a regular meeting in early August to establish final allocations before moving forward to the Executive Committee.

Tony asked if the group could be prepared to release another round of funding should agencies require another cash infusion. Greg said the group will probably have to do

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that by early August in any case. He expected the one-on-one meetings would help identify any agencies facing immediate cash flow pressure.

5. Discussion and Approval of CARES Act Phase II Funding Recommendations for Remaining Priorities

In light of the group agreeing to revise the methodology for Priority One, this item was not discussed.

6. Discussion and Consideration of Concord Coach Lines' CARES Act Funding Request

Greg invited Harry Blunt of Concord Coach Lines to join the discussion. Greg asked if taking additional time to reevaluate the group's approach and methodology would present problems with Concord Coach Lines' (CCL) request. Harry Blunt said that it would, due to the size and structure of their organization. He noted their request is in the first year, and is intended to address a more definite and immediate need compared with some of the Committee's planning work that is several years in the future. The Committee was generally supportive of granting CCL's request given Concord's importance to the region, but did not want to consider the matter further until the transit agencies' data and the process for moving forward were clarified.

7. Other Business

Greg recognized that Chris Chop will be joining GPCOG as Transportation Director.

8. Adjourn

Bruce moved to adjourn the meeting; Tony seconded. With no objection, the motion carried.