

PACTS Planning Studies – Call for Proposals

2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program

This is a call for proposals for planning studies for PACTS to fund and manage in the 2020-2021 Unified Planning Work Program (January 2020-December 2021). Selected studies will be administered by PACTS in coordination with MaineDOT and local municipalities. A 20% local match is required.

Eligible study topics must have a regional impact and focus on transportation, include planning for multi-modal corridors and centers, active transportation, access management and streetscape improvements, and sustainability and economic development. Municipalities are encouraged to submit joint proposals and coordinate with transit agencies when appropriate.

Submission Deadlines

- **Monday, May 13th** – Submit any questions to Jessa Berna, GPCOG Senior Planner (774-9891 x210, jberna@gpcog.org) by this date.
- **Friday, May 24th** – Email final proposals, including all submission requirements and attachments, to Jessa Berna (jberna@gpcog.org) by 4:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 6th** – All applicants will be required to give a 10-minute presentation on their proposal at the June Planning Committee Meeting. (Note: All PACTS committees will be invited to attend.)

PACTS Plans/Resources

Destination 2040 (2016) – bit.ly/D2040

Operating with Excellence & Leading the Region: Recommendations for PACTS – bit.ly/PACTSreforms

D2040 Priority Setting: The Region's Top Transportation Priorities (2019) – gpcog.org/news/the-regions-top-transportation-priorities/

Getting There From Here: An Active Transportation Plan (2018) – bit.ly/gettingthereATP

Moving Southern Maine Forward (2018) – bit.ly/RTDP2018

PACTS Title VI Environmental Justice Non-Discrimination Plan (2016) – bit.ly/PACTSTitleVI

PACTS Public Involvement Policies and Practices (2017) – bit.ly/PACTSpublic

Submission Requirements

Overview

- List the proposed municipalities, study title, geographic area, and contact information for the project manager from each municipality.
- Briefly describe the proposed study (2-3 sentences).
- Identify any likely stakeholders.

Data Supported Purpose and Need

The Purpose and Need Statement must address the critical deficiencies that the study will examine and the goals that will be addressed. Provide data to support the need for this study and the impact it will have, including data regarding safety, equity and mobility, economic development, and sustainability.

Scope of Work

Include a through Scope of Work. Be sure to provide enough detail for GPCOG and MaineDOT staff to verify the cost estimate for the study.

Cost Estimate

Complete the linked [cost estimate spreadsheet \(bit.ly/PACTScostestimate\)](https://bit.ly/PACTScostestimate). If significant modeling, graphics renderings, and/or survey work is anticipated, these cost estimates should be called out in line-item format.

Local and Regional Priorities

- Describe how this project advances local priorities and is consistent with adopted comprehensive plans and other local plans, studies and/or reports.
- Describe how this project advances the goals of Destination 2040 and other regional long-range plans and policies, such as the Active Transportation Plan, Title VI Plan, and the Public Involvement Policies and Practices. Specifically address Destination 2040 priorities identified as a part of the 2018-2019 PACTS Priorities Workshop.
- List and provide a hyperlink to all relevant plans and studies completed within the past 5 years. This should include Municipal, PACTS, and MaineDOT documents, and others when applicable.

Implementation

Describe anticipated next steps, timeline, and possible funding sources for implementing the study recommendations. This can include applying for additional PACTS funding, local CIPs, and other funding sources.

Letter(s) of Endorsement

Include a letter of endorsement from each municipal manager in the proposed study area. Additional letters of endorsement from councilors/selectmen, transit agencies, and/or local committees are also welcome. Please submit no more than two letters per municipality.

Scoring Criteria

Data Supported Purpose and Need– **20%**

Is there a demonstrated qualitative and quantitative need for this study?

Scope of Work and Budget – **20%**

How achievable is the scope within the given timeframe and budget?

Local and Regional Priorities – **45%**

How well does this project advance local priorities and regional priorities identified by PACTS?

Implementation – **15%**

Is there a clear path to implementation within the next 5-10 years?