

PACTS Transit Task Force

May 4, 2023
10:30 am–12:00 pm
Meeting Agenda

In-Person:

*Greater Portland Council of Governments
970 Baxter Boulevard, Room 201
Portland, Maine*

Remote:

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1. Public Comment 5 minutes

Members of the public are welcome to provide up to three minutes of public comment.

2. Project Update: Transit Stop Access Project 45 minutes

3. Information Sharing 35 minutes

- AVL updates
- Transit Together/ARPA service changes

4. Future Agenda Items and Other Business 5 minutes

Upcoming Meetings

- Policy Board—May 23, 9:00–11:00 am
- GPCOG Annual Summit—May 25, 2:30–4:30 pm
- Transit Task Force—June 1, 10:30 am–12:00 pm
- Regional Transportation Advisory Committee—June 6, 9:00–11:00 am
- Executive Board—June 27, 9:00–10:30 am

Board and committee members, the public, and other stakeholders are encouraged to subscribe to the PACTS calendar at gpcog.org/Calendar.

2. Project Update: Transit Stop Access Project

The Transit Stop Access Project is an ongoing project to improve accessibility and access to priority bus stops throughout the region. The project has been undertaken in several phases:

- **Phase 1, Planning**—completed in January 2018—prioritized stops for accessibility improvements, defined amenities and locations of regional transit mini-hubs, and identified bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements to increase access to the region's transit network.
- **Phase 2-A, Conceptual Design**—completed in December 2019—developed conceptual design for 120 stops, 1 to 3 mini-hubs, and targeted bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- **Phase 2-B, Final Design**—ongoing—is refining the 120 stops identified in Phase 2-A and developing final design plans for the remaining priority stops.
- **Phase 3, Construction**—anticipated 2023–2025—will see final plans advanced to construction.

Most recently, Phase 2-B has included the following key tasks:

- Consulting with transit agency and municipal staff to refine the list of stops to advance to final design and construction
- Ensuring environmental reviews, historical impacts assessments, and utility coordination are complete
- Coordinating with MaineDOT for right-of-way assistance and construction support

The project team has divided the stops into two buckets based on whether they will right-of-way impacts. A third bucket includes stops which may require a formalized agreement between the transit agency and landowner (for example, a stop within a shopping plaza). Stops with no right-of-way impacts will advance to construction sooner. The following table shows available construction funding:

	BSOOB Transit	GP Metro	SPBS	Total
FYCOP				
Active (2023)	\$76,707	\$536,950	\$153,414	\$767,071
Projected (2024)	\$76,707	\$536,950	\$153,414	\$767,071
ARPA				
Active (2022)	\$75,000	\$525,000	\$150,000	\$750,000
Transit System Enhance.*				
Active (2023)	\$-	\$850,000	\$-	\$850,000
Total	\$228,414	\$2,448,900	\$456,828	\$3,134,142

* Subject to approval by the Policy Board at its upcoming May meeting.

The project team will present additional information on the project's current status and next steps, and review any outstanding questions with the agencies.