

MEETING NOTICE

Joint Meeting
Greater Portland Traffic Incident Management Committee
Maine-NH Traffic Incident Management Committee
Wednesday July 28th at 9:00 AM

Remote Meeting

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87679127223?pwd=UnZKVVU1SszZCb0VpRnJlMGVCKzhjdz09>

AGENDA

1. Welcome

- Attachment A: April 28th GPTIM Meeting Notes

2. Adoption of a Remote Participation Policy

- Governor Mills signed Public Law Chapter 290 into law on June 21, 2021. The law permits members of public bodies to attend public meetings by remote technology in certain circumstances starting August 1, 2021. In order to take advantage of the new remote participation law, GPCOG Executive Board adopted a policy in conformance with the new state law.
- If you would like to utilize remote access to participate in the meeting via Zoom because of health or travel, please email Harold Spetla the following: “I cannot attend the meeting in person because travelling to the meeting is impractical for the following reason:

Please bold one of the following:

- my health
- my absence from the state
- my mobility challenges

I would like to participate in the meeting remotely, pursuant to the Remote Participation policy”

- Attachment B: GPCOG Remote Participation Policy

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3. Review of recent incidents

4. Review of any upcoming/planned events

- I-295 Closure for Veranda Bridge Project

5. MaineDOT TIM Strategic Plan Presentation and Discussion- Michele Boucher, IBI Group

6. Training Updates

7. Agency/Department updates

8. Next Greater Portland TIM Group Meeting date: Wednesday October 27, 9:00 a.m.; location TBD

Future meeting dates:

- January 26th, 2022, location TBD
- April 27th, 2022, location TBD

Greater Portland Area Traffic Incident Management Group

April 28th Meeting Notes

Location – Remote Meeting on Microsoft Teams

In attendance: Eric Sanderson, Bob vanLuling (MDOT), Eric Nevins (Portland PD), Greg Stone (MTA), Amy Berry, Steve Landry, Norma Jean, Griffiths (FRA), Kyle Tilsley (MSP), Eric Baker (MSP)

1. Welcome

2. Review of recent incidents

- Roll over on Exit 11 on I-295 Southbound
 - The incident occurred at the top of the ramp coming onto Falmouth Spur with a tractor trailer travelling at excessive speed for the ramp.
 - There was a quick response with Falmouth PD and MSP and there were no known secondary crashes.
 - MaineDOT will be reviewing ramp signage (signage does exist currently).
- MaineDOT will be reviewing detours for railroad crossings along designated routes. This is in response to potential issues with traffic queues being stopped on railroad crossings. This type of incident has not happened in Maine, but has happened in other states.

3. Review of any upcoming/planned events

- I-295 Northbound bridge work is scheduled to start April 26th and extend through the end of 2021. There is no anticipated traffic impact until May 3rd. The work will mostly take place at night.
- There will be continued work on Exit 7 (Franklin Street) until the end of May.
- The Maine Marathon is scheduled to take place in Fall 2021. The event may coincide with the Veranda bridge construction. Portland is expecting 3,000-4,000 runners.
 - A Portland coordination meeting will take place on May 6th.
- Maine State Police have started a construction detail on 295.
- Portland may consider closing Baxter Blvd on Sundays.

4. MaineDOT CMS Messaging

Steve Landry attended the meeting and sought input on how MaineDOT could improve CMS messaging along the major roadways.

The general consensus was consider removing the specific speed limit signage and adopt more generalized cautionary messages such as the following:

- “Winter weather advisory in effect – Reduce Speed”
- “Snow removal in process – slow moving plows”

It was also noted that Maine Turnpike restricts oversized loads when message signs are turned on.

5. Training Updates

- BACTS/SMPDC are coordinating online training.
- Both entities are hoping to resume in-person training soon.

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6. Agency/Department updates

- MaineDOT gave formal notice to proceed in mid-April to the selected consultant IBI Group.
 - **The consultant will meet with TIM groups independently to meet different needs *within the different regions*.**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY

Greater Portland Council of Governments Executive Committee
July 22, 2021

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 403-B, and after public notice and hearing, the above-named body adopts the following policy to govern the participation, via remote methods, of members of the body and the public in the public proceedings or meetings of the body.

Members of the body are expected to be physically present for meetings except when not practicable, such as in the case of an emergency or urgent issue that requires the body to meet via remote methods, or an illness or temporary absence of a member that causes significant difficulty traveling to the meeting location. The GPCOG Executive Director or the Director's designee, in consultation with the Chair if appropriate and possible, will make a determination that remote methods of participation are necessary in as timely a manner as possible under the circumstances. A member who is unable to attend a meeting in person will notify the chair or presiding officer of the body as far in advance as possible.

Remote methods of participation may include telephonic or video technology allowing simultaneous reception of information and may include other means necessary to accommodate disabled persons. Remote participation will not be by text-only means such as e-mail, text messages, or chat functions.

The public will be provided a meaningful opportunity to attend via remote methods when any member of the body participates via remote methods. If public input is allowed or required at the meeting, an effective means of communication between the body and the public will also be provided. The public will also be provided an opportunity to attend the meeting in person unless there is an emergency or urgent issue that requires the entire body to meet using remote methods.

Notice of all meetings will be provided in accordance with 1 M.R.S. § 406 and any applicable charter, policy, or bylaw. When the public may attend via remote methods, notice will include the means by which the public may access the meeting remotely and will provide a method for disabled persons to request necessary accommodation to access the meeting. Notice will also identify a location where the public may attend the meeting in person. The body will not restrict public attendance to remote methods except in the case of an emergency or urgent issue that requires the body to meet using remote methods of attendance.

The body will make all documents and materials to be considered by the body available, electronically or otherwise, to the public who attend remotely to the same extent customarily available to the public who attend in person, provided no additional costs are incurred by the body.

All votes taken during a meeting using remote methods will be by roll call vote that can be seen and heard if using video technology, or heard if using audio technology only, by other members of the body and the public. A member of the body who participates remotely will be considered present for purposes of a quorum and voting.

This policy will remain in force indefinitely unless amended or rescinded.