

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
EMDC Boardroom
One Cumberland Place, Suite 300
Bangor, Maine

MINUTES

June 30, 2004

Present: Jim Ring, Bangor; Ted Trembley, Bangor; Aron Larson, Bangor; Terry Hannan, MDOT; Jerry Douglas, MDOT; Frank Higgins, Brewer; Linda Johns, Brewer; David Struck, Orono; Charlie Heinonen, Old Town; Bob Osborne, Hampden; Rob Kenerson, BACTS Director; Sandi Duchesne, BACTS; Susan Morse, BACTS

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:36am.
2. It was moved by Frank Higgins and seconded by Aron Larson and unanimously VOTED

To approve the minutes of June 15, 2004 as presented.

3. BTIP Project List

Rob Kenerson provided spreadsheets to the Committee listing prioritized projects. He explained that we need to refine the list to a reasonable number in order to submit to MDOT for scoping. Sue Morse explained the changes made since our last review (i.e., CRF, reconstruction estimates). David asked about the project with NA in the PI column. Sue explained that she was unable to get this data in the time frame available. Jim asked if project no. 04-13 (Union St.) is the project that would be included in the current project out there? Rob answered, yes. Terry Hannan asked for an explanation of concerns on this project so they could be brought back to Janice Piper. Rob explained that it should have been included in a previous project, but it didn't. BACTS wants to be sure it will be included, as it will be a missing piece, right in the middle of all the Union St. projects. Terry agreed that it should be included in the current project, but would like to improve the communication between MDOT and BACTS.

Jim Ring commented that, in terms of all projects in BACTS area, as we get them completed, we need to track them to be sure that all of BACTS money stays within BACTS. Everyone was in agreement with this.

Rob further explained that the estimates listed would probably change after scoping from MDOT. We need to get this to MDOT as soon as possible so they are able to complete their database.

Jim Ring requested that we include Main St. in our list, as the cost is low. (04-11). Charlie Heinonen would also like to add Center St. in Old Town (04-29). Frank Higgins supported both of those.

It was moved by Charlie Heinonen, seconded by David Struck and unanimously VOTED

to amend the proposed list by adding project nos. 04-11 and 04-29.

It was moved by David Struck and seconded by Charlie Heinonen to approve the list as amended. Discussion ensued.

Charlie asked about the status of the Hampden project. Rob answered that money is still available in that project. DOT has asked to use that money in order to complete the PE on the whole corridor, with remaining monies to be used to purchase some ROW. Actual construction for the remainder of the project would be broken out in the next BTIP.

Rob Kenerson asked for clarification from Brewer on the scope of the Main St. study in Brewer. BACTS doesn't have money in the current workplan to complete this study, so we want to include it in BTIP for funding. Frank Higgins answered that he has no idea what the solution is to that situation and that it is not high priority. He wondered if we have the option to what until next workplan? Rob answered that was possible.

Rob Kenerson updated the Committee on the reauthorization bill. He explained that 1% of STIP is set aside for MPOs around the country. The Senate passed a version increasing that percentage to 1.5%; the House didn't. For us it is a difference of about \$100,000 and will increase the state and local share. Rob explained that he thought we had enough funds for this year, but the indirect at EMDC has increased and that was not anticipated.

It was decided to remove the Main Street study in Brewer from the list.

David Struck moved to amend motion on the table by removing project no. 04-06. The motion was seconded by Frank Higgins and it was unanimously VOTED

To accept the prioritized project list as amended and forward to the Policy Committee for final approval.

Jerry Douglas explained that BACTS could use carry over funds to do the Main Street study. Rob asked for clarification on that as he was told this couldn't be done in the past. Jerry stated he would check on this and get back to Rob.

Rob updated the Committee on the status of our new administrative assistant. We are currently reviewing resumes and will be setting up interviews soon.

4. FFC

This discussion will need to be postponed. Due to unexpected events, Pete Coughlan is unable to be at this meeting. It will be rescheduled to the next meeting, pending Pete's availability.

5. University Study

Rob Kenerson reported that the study is done. We have hardcover reports available to those who want it.

6. Other business

Sandi Duchesne reported on Commute Another Way Day. The sponsors were disappointed with the low turnout. We have already begun to discuss some changes for next year, i.e., more press involvement, holding it in the morning when people are commuting.

Sandi also reminded the Committee that enhancement applications are due in one month and offered her assistance.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2004 at 9:30am.

7. It was moved by Charlie Heinonen, seconded by Frank Higgins and unanimously VOTED

to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Morse
Clerk Pro-tem