

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2004

PRESENT:	Aron Larson, Bangor	Dana Wardwell, Bangor
	Jim Ring, Bangor	Sue Morse, BACTS
	Ted Trembley, Bangor	Frank Higgins, Brewer
	David Struck, Orono	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Bill Reed, Veazie	Bob Osborne, Hampden
	John Robichaud, Orono	Tammy York, BACTS
	Sandi Duchesne, BACTS	Don Cooper, BACTS

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Technical Committee met Monday, November 29, 2004 at 9:30am in the EMDC Boardroom, One Cumberland Place, Bangor, Maine. Introductions were made of the committee members.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

Jim Ring, Technical Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. David Struck made a motion to approve the November 10, 2004 Technical Committee meeting minutes. Frank Higgins seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2004-2006 BTIP Project Fund Reallocation

Rob Kenerson provided feedback from Steve Landry of MDOT that the developer had a permit and has agreed to pay for the signal in PIN 10023.00, intersection of Stillwater Avenue and Howard Street. Jim Ring was not aware of this, however, Ted Trembley said that he had thought the developer was paying for this based on the plans that John Theriault of Ames Company had shown him.

Rob Kenerson noted that Charlie Heinonen had asked that \$25,000 of the funds for PIN 10037.00 be used for the Center Street/Rt. 2 project and the remainder be rolled over into the 2006-2008 BTIP.

Sue Morse had called Steve Landry during the meeting and reported that he would be faxing a copy of the developer's permit as proof that the signal in PIN 10023.00 was being paid by the developer.

Jim Ring suggested that the \$150,000 from PIN 10023.00 be rolled over to the next BTIP. Frank Higgins made a motion to recommend to the BACTS Policy Committee that we reallocate \$147,446 from PIN 10023.00 and \$90,000 from PIN 10037.00 to the next BTIP (2006-2008). Aron Larson seconded the motion.

It was unanimously VOTED:

To approve the recommendation to the BACTS Policy Committee.

2006-2008 BTIP PROJECT SELECTION

Jim Ring commented that Bob Raymond's estimates were conservative. Frank Higgins said that he had new estimates for Brewer.

Brewer - Parkway South

Frank Higgins discussed that was comfortable reducing the estimate for Project ID 04-05 Parkway South from \$230,000 to \$150,000. He said that the state should be responsible for the guard rail ends. The group discussed this as well and Rob suggested that maybe Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds could be used for this aspect of the project. Frank indicated that this project could be locally administered.

Brewer – Wilson Street

Frank Higgins said that Bob Raymond used the Brewer recommendations for his estimate and the \$180,000 might be high for CE, and \$1.3 million is the construction estimate. He noted that PE was complete, and that the city of Brewer will fund the specs that still need to be done. Frank said that he was comfortable reducing this estimate by \$95,000 from \$1,590,000 to \$1,495,000.

Bangor – Burleigh Road

Jim Ring suggested dropping this project from the BTIP and having the city complete it, resulting in \$170,000 cut from the list.

Orono – Bennoch Road

The group discussed that \$1.7 million seemed like a lot for such a small section of road, .6 mile. David Struck said that PE has been completed on the road, and noted that Orono could not complete this project in house. Sandi Duchesne commented that there is a lot of geotechnical work to be done on this project and this is expensive. She noted that the project has curbed drainage. Rob Kenerson asked if there were any ROW issues. David replied that there were some historic preservation issues and that they would need 400-500 sq. feet of land for ROW. David said that he would be willing to drop the estimate from \$1,716,750 to \$1,505,000. This would bring the estimates in the reconstruction category to within \$3 million.

Orono – Kelly Road/Rt. 2

David Struck said that they might have ROW issues to locate poles and that they will be building a right turn lane that is not in the project. Rob Kenerson said that the state wanted to know the geometry costs for this. David said that there were none. Jim Ring said the Kelley Road figures might be light.

Bangor – Stillwater Avenue (Longview to Town Line)

Jim Ring said that there was 66 feet of ROW and Ted commented that they could do overlay with ditch maintenance. Frank Higgins said that there are overlay differences in price for different projects that Bob Raymond estimated.

Frank Higgins suggested that everyone review the estimates line by line to examine unit costs. Jim Ring agreed.

Hogan Road/I-95 Ramps

Aron said that \$220,000 is for a new intersection, and that the overhead lights need to be replaced, as well as the controllers. He said that equipment is moving around due to load and wind, with signs blowing off. Sue Morse said that the costs include cabinets which do not need to be replaced. Rob Kenerson suggested using IM funds and will check on the feasibility of doing this. Aron discussed reusing the controllers, and Sue noted that the cost also includes detection. Aron said that mast arms and piles have a significant cost and that if we reuse controllers, then they will need to be replaced by 2010.

Jim Ring said that he would have a revised list for the Bangor projects to BACTS within the next two days. BACTS will comprise a revised list of all projects to send out to the Technical Committee with a contingency meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th at 9:00 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

David Struck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Higgins seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy York
BACTS Administrative Assistant