

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2004

PRESENT:	Aron Larson, Bangor	Dana Wardwell, Bangor
	Jim Ring, Bangor	Sue Morse, BACTS
	Ted Trembley, Bangor	David Pardilla, Penobscot Nation
	David Struck, Orono	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Bill Reed, Veazie	Bob Osborne, Hampden
	John Robichaud, Orono	Tammy York, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Don Cooper, BACTS
	Terry Hannon, MDOT	Charlie Heinonen, Old Town

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Technical Committee met Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 9:00am in the EMDC Boardroom, One Cumberland Place, Bangor, Maine.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

Jim Ring, Technical Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Aron Larson made a motion to approve the November 29, 2004 Technical Committee meeting minutes. David Struck seconded the motion. Terry Hannon asked for an explanation on the Brewer Parkway South guard rail ends, and Ted Trembley said that these were within the state's controlling access. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

2006-2008 BTIP PROJECT SELECTION

Jim Ring noted that Bangor had re-estimated their projects and provided a revised listing.

HOGAN ROAD/I-95 RAMPS (SB & NB)

Jim Ring asked if interstate maintenance (IM) funds were available for this project. Rob Kenerson replied that he still had not received an answer from MeDOT. Aron Larson said that the estimate could drop \$20-24,000 if we use existing controllers. David Struck wanted to know if we would have an answer from MeDOT before tomorrow's BACTS Policy Committee meeting. Rob said that he was waiting to hear back from Dale Doughty at MeDOT to confirm that IM funds would be available.

Rob noted the following amounts for the 2006-2008 BTIP:

- \$4,150,764 federal share
- \$5,188,342 with state share
- \$5,425,788 with reallocated project funds (\$237,446).

Rob informed the committee that he would be passing around a 2004 in-kind spreadsheet for transit planning, that he would like each member to sign off on the total number of hours that each member had volunteered to match the required 20% in-kind allowance.

2006-2008 BTIP PROJECT SELECTION

Terry Hannan asked about the Bennoch Road project, and David Struck explained it.

Jim Ring asked if the list was in order of its scoring, and Rob replied that it was. Rob said that we need to change the habit of penalizing someone for doing maintenance on a road, and noted that the Traffic Signal committee should be making recommendations for work to be done.

HOGAN ROAD/I-95 RAMPS (SB & NB)

Aron Larson explained what was needed for the project, that the current equipment is worn and won't last five years. PE has been completed. Aron said that he was worried about safety, and pieces of equipment coming down.

Rob left the meeting to go call MeDOT again for an answer on IM funds; however, he still got no response.

Jim Ring asked if the Kelley Road estimate was the original estimate, to which David Struck replied that it was and that it may be too low.

Linda Johns asked about the PE for Stillwater Avenue, and Jim Ring replied that it was for widening to five lanes.

Jim Ring suggested that Rob continue to press MeDOT for IM funds for Hogan Road, and drop it from the BTIP list.

STILLWATER CORRIDOR

The committee discussed whether the developer could coordinate signals, and Aron Larson said that he thought Mike Waugh was doing this. Ted Trembley noted that there are different developers on the corridor. Aron said that if the only addition to the corridor is Penn Plaza, then Waugh could do this project.

Rob Kenerson suggested that the Policy and Technical Committees discuss the possibility of funding a traffic signal consultant do a study on corridors as part of the UPWP. When the UPWP funding starts July 1, 2005, the study could start soon after that date. Rob noted that PACTS put in for a traffic signal study to determine the efficiency of loops. Jim Ring expressed an interest in doing this study.

Jim Ring asked if there were safety funds available for the Hogan Road project, and Rob replied that the state does have safety and IM funding and that we should strongly suggest that this project needs to be completed. Ted Trembley asked if we had addressed the maintenance issues to MeDOT. Aron replied that the state does not usually fix maintenance issues, but since this is in the ROW, they may.

Linda Johns agreed that this is the best way to go, dropping the project, as there may be other funding sources.

Charlie Heinonen said that Jim Ring did a great job paring down the list. Jim Ring replied that Ted, Dana and Aron had worked on the Bangor projects to bring the estimates down some. He

noted that it is tough to drop out projects, and that the process prioritization has worked. Charlie and David Struck agreed that we have made much more informed decisions than in the past.

David Struck made a motion that these changes be forwarded to the Policy Committee for consideration. Bill Reed seconded the motion. Bob Osborne clarified that project 04-28, Hogan Road/I-95 Ramps, project 04-46, Stillwater Corridor, and \$190,000 from project 04-23, Stillwater Avenue, have been eliminated from the BTIP list, totaling \$445,000 in reductions. Jim Ring said that we will be seeking alternative funding sources for these projects.

It was unanimously VOTED:

To approve the recommendations to the BACTS Policy Committee.

Rob Kenerson recommended that the projects that were dropped be added to the 3rd year of the BTIP; project numbers 04-28, 04-46, 04-14 and 04-23, totaling \$605,000.

Jim Ring agreed that we should add in projects that had been cut, and to go back to the original list and select higher scored projects. He suggested that of the \$1.9 million, $\frac{2}{3}$ go to Rt. 1A reconstruction, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to Stillwater Avenue construction monies be added to the list. David Struck approved the motion and Bill Reed seconded it.

It was unanimously VOTED:

To approve this recommendation to the BACTS Policy Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

David Struck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aron Larson seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy York
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