

# **Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System**

## **Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

### ***December 21, 2004***

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Charlie Heinonen, Old Town	Sandi Duchesne, BACTS
	Jim Ring, Bangor	Sue Morse, BACTS
	Howard Kroll, Brewer	Don Cooper, BACTS
	David Struck, Orono	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Bill Reed, Veazie	Bob Osborne, Hampden
	John Robichaud, Orono	Tammy York, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Steve Condon, Holden

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Technical Committee met Tuesday, December 21, 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 9:35 a.m. The committee members introduced themselves. Charlie Heinonen made a motion to approve the December 7, 2004 Technical Committee meeting minutes. Bill Reed seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **SMART GROWTH SUMMIT UPDATE**

Sandi Duchesne presented highlights from the Smart Growth Summit held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. She noted that this was the first annual summit held by GrowSmart Maine. Sandi attended panel presentations on regionalization in Maine, developer perspectives on smart growth projects, and the linkages between land use and transportation, in addition to plenary sessions by Governor John Baldacci, former Governor Angus King and former New Jersey Governor/former EPA Administrator Christie Todd Whitman. She discussed strict land use policy for all major highway and transit improvements within the Portland MPO, and proposed statewide changes to the Maine Sensible Transportation Policy Act that will link significant highway improvements to higher standards of appropriate land use and regional planning initiatives in each municipality's comprehensive plan.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rob Kenerson discussed that as part of the BTIP rating process, we need to consider access management issues. Rob noted that in 2005, BACTS will be compiling a work plan by July 1, 2005, and that MPOs have already begun discussions regarding the funding formula. He said that the committee should be thinking of tasks that they would like to see included in the work plan, and that traffic signals has already been included. Rob said that once MDOT gave the

approval for an amendment to the UPWP, BACTS would send out an RFP for the Brewer Main Street study.

Rob informed the committee of the research project ideas that BACTS submitted to MDOT. The suggestions are as follows, to study regional impact assessments on federally funded transportation corridors, traffic signal preemption/priority and vehicle safety, and detection systems – loop vs. aerial.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Reed made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Struck seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy York  
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