

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2008 (Approved)

PRESENT:	Jim Ring, Bangor	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	David Pardilla, Penobscot Nation	Don Cooper, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Dianne Rice, BACTS
	Frank Higgins, Brewer	Jayda Maher, BACTS
	Bob Osborne, Hampden	Charles Webb, EMDC
	Ron Harriman, Orrington	John Perry, Federal Highway, via phone
	Charles Heinonen, Old Town	Maria Weinberger, Orono

1. Call to Order

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 in the Penobscot Board Room of Eastern Maine Development, 40 Harlow Street, Bangor Maine. In the absence of the Chair, Bill Reed, Jim Ring, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45. At Jim's request those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of November 20, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved (Frank Higgins) and seconded (Charlie Heinonen) to approve the November 20, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

Rob explained that in order to take advantage of the in-kind for the transit we need to confirm the number of hours worked by each town. Rob passed around a spreadsheet, and asked town representatives to initial the hours for their town if they agree with the totals.

3. FY 2010-2011 Capital Work Plan Process, Information and Schedule

The capital work plan will be different this year so Rob spent time explaining those differences. The changes are as follows; the schedule for the year requires that by the end of January we need all projects submitted to BACTS. In the March meeting we will go over the short listed projects. At the Technical Committee's August meeting we will have a prioritized list which they will make recommendations to the Policy Committee. At the September Policy Committee meeting, they will decide how much should go to each project. Then, it will be submitted to DOT by the end of September.

Rob said that BACTS receives two pots of money for road projects; STP and NHS. This year we have to split the money based on the ratios determined by MeDOT. This is difficult because we do not have a lot of NHS roads in the BACTS system. In order for BACTS to be able to transfer any NHS money to the STP roads we have to verify that all of our NHS roads are in good condition and that there is no work that needs to be done. Jim asked if MDOT determines if there are needs, and decides if the roads are in good condition. John Perry said that DOT can make the transfer to STP roads if they feel that there is no work to be done.

Rob also went over the breakdown of money which is as follows;

	STP	NHS
FEDERAL	\$2,445,003	\$1,360,978
STATE	\$305,625	\$170,123
LOCAL	<u>\$305,625</u>	<u>\$170,123</u>
TOTAL	\$3,056,253	\$1,701,224

BACTS Total \$4,757,477

Don said that he spoke to Mike Laberge and Mike said that if we do not have enough NHS projects and we notify them early enough some of the money may be transferred to STP. Rob handed out two sets of maps to assist with submission of projects. The first map indicates where the STP and NHS roads are. The second map shows the pavement condition rating for the BACTS roads. Dianne said that the red roads on the map are below the 2.73 scoring criteria. Some of the roads are going to need to be considered for repair before the next year. Rob said that BACTS can help if a town needs help with the scope of work that may need to be done.

4. **Rob's Annual Review**

Rob's review will be rescheduled to the March Meeting.

5. **Other Business**

The Truck Route Study is available on the BACTS website or can be requested in paper or CD format.

Rob asked everyone to look at the quarterly project status report and the summary of adjustments that Mike Laberge put together.

Don passed out the 06-08 TIP and discussed the JARC adjustment of \$4,000 Federal and \$4,000 Local. It was moved (Charlie Heinonen) and seconded (Bob Osborne) to make the adjustment and motion passes.

Dianne gave a brief update on the Signal Committee Meeting; Broadway is all set but we can't implement changes until Essex Street construction is completed. Union Street needs 2 detectors but it needs to be determined how they will be paid for and then they will be purchased and installed.

Rob said that he has the preliminary info on the audit and will share that info when audit is complete.

Rob has been asked to sit on the ADA30 committee, which is transportation planning for small communities (MPOS).

DOT wants BACTS to okay changes made during the last quarter to BACTS projects. Five balances have been wiped out. Charlie asked why Old Town, Stillwater Ave. P.E. project was still inactive and what it means. Rob wants to research this a bit further before making a decision.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no further business it was moved (Charlie Heinonen) and seconded (Frank Higgins) that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed at 10:45