

**Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System
Policy Committee/ Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2008 (Draft)**

PRESENT:	Darryl Belz, MDOT	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Kat Fuller, MDOT	Dianne Rice, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Becky Grzesik, BACTS
	Frank Higgins, Brewer	Terry Hannan, MDOT
	Bob Osborne, Hampden	Aron Larson, Bangor
	Ted Trembley, Bangor	Bill Reed, Veazie
	Charles Heinonen, Old Town	Maria Weinberger, Orono
	Bill Reed, Veazie	Cal Smith, Orono
	Bruce W. Mattson, MDOT	Mike Laberge, MDOT
	Dana Wardwell, Bangor	Fred Michaud, MDOT

1. Call to Order

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy/ Technical Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in the Penobscot Board Room of Eastern Maine Development Corporation, 40 Harlow St., Bangor Maine. Committee Chair, Bill Reed, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of March 18, 2008 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved (Frank Higgins) and seconded (Charlie Heinonen) to approve the March 18, 2008 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

3. BACTS FY '07 Audit

It was moved (Bob Osborne) and seconded (Jim Ring) to approve the Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Fiscal Year 2007 Audit. The Audit was unanimously approved without revision.

4. BACTS PIN 10025.00 Stillwater/Essex project overrun; possible holding PIN transfer

The construction of the Stillwater Avenue and Essex St. intersection in Bangor needs, an additional \$ 4,817 before it can close out. The project had an available budget of \$82,831.50, and spent \$87,648.50. It was moved (Charles Heinonen) and seconded (Frank Higgins); the committee unanimously agreed that the money could be transferred out of the holding PIN to close the project.

5. BACTS PIN 13079.00 Bennoch Road

The Bennoch Road in Orono is in the "construction complete" phase, and on the verge of closure for the project. The cost of reconstruction came in \$320,000 under budget, and that money was moved to the BACTS holding PIN last October by the authorization of the Policy committee. The Town would like to use the transferred funds for another section of Bennoch Rd. There are now

safety and structural issues on Bennoch Rd. because of a culvert that needs to be repaired or replaced. The "construction complete" phase may be the issue in trying to obtain money to fix the culvert. The joint committee agreed that a scope of work needs to be put in place and Mike will check with FHWA on the eligibility of project.

6. FY 2010-2011 Capital Work Plan Process Update

The joint committee reviewed the proposed projects for the 2010-2011 year. A 2010-2011 BTIP Scored Project List was passed out for everyone to review and make decisions on how to make the proposed list reasonable and fiscally appropriate. As of right now BACTS spends approximately 10% of funding on Intersections, 50%-60% on Reconstruction, 25% on Rehabilitation/Resurfacing, with NHS qualified projects being spent first. The committee reduced the project list to the first eight rehabilitation projects, two resurfacing projects, four reconstruction projects, and six intersection projects. BACTS staff will collect data on these projects for further cuts. The decision was unanimous.

7. I-95 Corridor Study Update- Ed Hanscom

In Ed's absence, Kat Fuller updated the committee on the I-95 Corridor Study. The study will identify existing conditions and evaluate the corridor as a functional whole. They will also make recommendations for this site. As of present, Ed's thoughts are to have the work assessed in-house; Kat suggested the possibility of hiring a consultant to complete the study in a more timely manner.

The time frame for the study is still in question. If a Pre-qualified consultant is hired then it is possible to have the study in process with in a few months, but with the RFQ process it could be prolonged until the end of summer.

The scope of work is extending from I- 395 to Chase Rd. (Veazie). The committee discussed the possibility of the project extending from exit 180 (Coldbrook RD.) to Chase Rd.

The cost of the project is \$130,000- \$140,000.

8. Other Business

- MPO Quarterly Meeting- The BACTS staff attended the MPO Quarterly Meeting and discussed the schedule and format of the MDOT 6 year plan. MDOT and the MPO are drafting a sample three party agreements to be ready for 2010-2011 projects. The agreement will be between MDOT, the MPO, and the Municipality. When the draft is completed it will be brought to the Policy Committees for approval.
- The Commute Another Way: Take the Commuter Challenge week is coming up May 12-16, 2008. If there is person, or town that wants to participate in conserving economically or environmentally, contact Dianne Rice.

- Don Cooper and Joe McNeil have been working with the University of Maine, Orono on studying the possibility of creating a shuttle service.

9. **Rob's Review**

At this time EMDC/BACTS employees left the room.

The committee agreed unanimously on the recommendations of the personnel committee, and authorized the EMDC President to sign Rob's contract.

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15a.m.