

**Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System  
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2007 (Approved)**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Bill Reed, Veazie	Stan Moses, Bangor
	Jim Ring, Bangor	David Pardilla, Penobscot Nation
	Dana Wardwell, Bangor	Ruth Peters, Milford
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Cathy Conlow, Orono
	Charles Heinonen, Old Town	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Bob Osborne, Hampden	Don Cooper, BACTS
	John Perry, FHWA	Dianne Currie, BACTS
	Fred Michaud, Maine DOT	John Noll, EMDC/BACTS
	Dale Doughty, Maine DOT	Jaci Hancock, EMDC/BACTS

**1. Call to Order**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 in the Penobscot Boardroom at EMDC, 40 Harlow St, Bangor, Maine. In the absence of Bill Reed, Chair, the meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Jim Ring, Vice-Chair. At Mr. Ring's request those present introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of February 13, 2007 Joint Policy and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was moved (Charlie Heinonen) and seconded (Linda Johns) to approve the February 13, 2007 Joint Policy and Technical Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

**3. Bangor Main Street Transfer**

Jim Ring presented a request that \$30,000 be transferred from the Ohio Street Resurfacing Project (PIN 13071.00) to the Main Street Resurfacing Project (PIN 13069.00). This would cover a projected shortfall with monies from a project that is running under budget. Both projects are administered by the City of Bangor. Following a brief discussion, it was moved (Charlie Heinonen), seconded (Bob Osborn) and unanimously voted to approve the transfer of \$30,000 from PIN 13069.00 to PIN 13071.00.

[Bill Reed joined the meeting at 9:50 am.]

Rob Kenerson informed the committee of another transfer request that was received from the Maine DOT after distribution of the Agenda. The request is to transfer \$30,000 from PIN 11572.00 to the Union and Hammond Street Intersection Project (PIN 11574.00). Following discussion of this request, it was moved (Charlie Heinonen), seconded (Cathy Conlow) and unanimously voted to table this item until the next meeting or such time as BACTS receives additional information from the Maine DOT Project Manager regarding the reason for the overrun and why the department delayed in providing BACTS with notice of the overrun on a project that was completed in the spring of 2006.

[Bill Reed took over as chair at 10:00 am.]

**4. Adoption of Standard for Traffic Signal Controllers in the BACTS Area**

Rob Kenerson advised the committee that this agenda item will be carried over until the Technical and Traffic Signal Committees have completed their work and are prepared to make a broad recommendation regarding equipment standards.

**5. EMDC/BACTS Contract**

Rob Kenerson presented the draft EMDC/BACTS contract for the committee's consideration. He pointed out that the contract was the same as that approved last year, with the appropriate changes in date. Rob noted that he had not received feedback from EMDC management on the draft, but assumes that the Indirect Rate target will remain at 55%. Following a brief discussion, Jim Ring made a motion to approve the draft contract, subject to any further reduction in the Indirect Rate. Cathy Conlow seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

[Maine DOT representatives arrive at 10:40 am.]

**6. FY '08-'09 BACTS Workplan Discussion**

Rob Kenerson led a discussion and solicited input on the BACTS Workplan for 07/01/07 through 06/30/09. The draft Workplan will be revised to reflect committee members' comments and suggestions. Discussion of this matter is ongoing.

**7. Other Business**

Dale Doughty, Acting Director, Maine DOT Bureau of Planning, gave a presentation on the recently proposed cuts to Maine DOT funding for MPO's as the result of state funding shortfalls. Under the formula employed by Maine DOT, BACTS funding for projects that were scheduled to go to bid prior to June 30, 2008 only \$1.1 million can be put out to bid this calendar year. The remaining \$2.8 million that was promised will go out to bid over the next couple of years as the cash flow improves. Dale also said we will need to reduce the amount of used for FY-2008-2009 from the \$4.8 million we used down to \$1.44 million. Mr. Doughty walked the committee through various handouts intended to describe and justify Maine DOT's action. He also informed the committee that the Governor is expected to submit a transportation bond proposal which, among other things, will include \$100 million in highway and bridge funding over a three-year period.

It was the consensus of the committee after this presentation and the ensuing discussion that it was imperative that legislators be educated about transportation funding needs, particularly with respect to the need to invest in road infrastructure.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jaci S. Hancock