

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

**April 12, 2007 (Approved)**

PRESENT:	Bill Reed, Veazie	Cathy Conlow, Orono
	Jim Ring, Bangor	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Frank Higgins, Brewer	Don Cooper, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Dianne Currie, BACTS
	Maria Weinberger, Orono	Jayda Maher, EMDC/BACTS
	Bob Osborne, Hampden	Fred Michaud, Maine DOT

**1. Call to Order**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Wednesday, April 12, 2007 in the Bangor City Hall Conference Room, 73 Harlow Street, Bangor Maine. In the absence of Bill Reed, Chair, the meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by Jim Ring, Vice-Chair. At Mr. Ring's request those present introduced themselves. Bill Reed joined the meeting at 10:05.

**2. Approval of March 20, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was moved (Cathy Conlow) and seconded (Linda Johns) to approve the March 20, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

**3. Prioritization of 2007 Construction Projects**

Rob informed the committee that at an April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with Maine DOT Deputy Commissioner, Greg Nadeau and Planning Director, Dale Doughty, BACTS was informed that only \$1.1 million of BACTS projects could go out to bid in 2007. This is due to cash flow issues at the state. The Policy Committee needs to decide which projects should go out to bid. The committee was given a table entitled "Funding Balances, Advertise Dates and Maine DOT Recommendations for BACTS Projects Yet to Advertise". This list contains nine projects totaling \$3.9 million from which to choose the \$1,069,779 worth of construction projects to fund. Catherine Conlow said Orono was willing to postpone PIN 13080.00 until next year. RT. 2/Kelley Rd. signal. Frank Higgins said that Brewer was willing to postpone PIN 13077.00, Wilson Street, until next year. Frank also mentioned that PIN 8832.00, Wilson Street project was completed three years ago and asked that any money remaining in the PIN be transferred to PIN 13077.00. There was a question about several projects that are preliminary engineering (PE) only or in the PE stage. Can they continue or do those projects count against our total? Dale Doughty was contacted by phone during the meeting and said PE projects did not count against the total. Jim Ring recommended that PIN 13074.00, Stillwater Avenue project be split into two construction years. It was moved by Catherine Conlow, seconded by Linda Johns and unanimously voted to agree to the following with respect to priorities:

*PIN 13069.00 Bangor, Main Street PPM for \$190,345,  
 PIN 115732.00 Bangor, Main Street Intersection improvement with signal for \$220,000,  
 PIN 10028.00 Bangor, Main Street I-395 to Cedar Intersection improvements with signal for \$210,000,  
 and to do split construction on PIN 13074.00 Bangor Stillwater Avenue Highway improvements with \$449,454 for this year and the balance next year;*

*PIN 13080.00 Orono, Route 2 signal and PIN 13077.00 Brewer, Wilson Street Highway Improvement projects will wait until next year;*

*PIN 8832.00 Brewer, Wilson Street Level 3 Highway Resurfacing has been completed for several years and any remaining balance on this project shall be transferred to PIN 13077.00, Brewer, Wilson Street Highway Improvement; and*

*PIN 11577.00 Hampden, Route 1A Highway Improvement and PIN 13073.00 Bangor, Stillwater Avenue Misc. Special Project are both PE projects and Dale Doughty confirmed in a phone call during the meeting that those can continue to be worked on since "this was for construction projects only."*

**4. Other Business**

Rob informed the committee that PIN 11574.00, Union St/Hammond St, was overspent and Maine DOT was recommending transferring \$20,000 from PIN 11572.00, Main St signal, to cover the overrun and fix the pedestrian signals. The Project Manager blamed a low estimate on construction engineering and project delays for the \$15,000 construction overrun and recommended fixing the pedestrian signals for \$5,000 before the project closes out. The committee voiced concerns that the consultant and Maine DOT bear responsibility for overages. Was the consultant's contract clear? Why was BACTS notified after the fact? The committee would like to see an accounting of this project at the next meeting, before they render a decision.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jayda Maher  
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