

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2007 (Approved)

PRESENT:	Bill Reed, Veazie	Geoff Gratwick, Bangor
	Jim Ring, Bangor	John Perry, FHWA
	Frank Higgins, Brewer	Don Cooper, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Dianne Currie, BACTS
	Mike Laberge, Maine DOT	Jayda Maher, EMDC/BACTS
	Bob Osborne, Hampden	Fred Michaud, Maine DOT
	Charles Heinonen, Old Town	Rob Kenerson, BACTS

1. Call to Order

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the Penobscot Board Room of Eastern Maine Development, 40 Harlow Street, Bangor Maine. Bill Reed, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

2. Approval of April 12, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved (Jim Ring) and seconded (Geoff Gratwick) to approve the April 12, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

3. Prioritization of 2008-2009 TIP Projects reduced from \$4.8 to \$3.2 million

Rob Kenerson explained the reduction of funding for FY 2008-2009 TIP projects due to MeDOT cash flow issues. BACTS needs to reduce the State and Federal share to \$2,951,868, therefore projects need to be cut from the list that the Committee had already generated.

To meet the reduction of funding a MeDOT spreadsheet was handed out entitled "BACTS 2008-2009 Capital Program" and it was suggested that we remove the following projects ;

PSN 36811 - Mount Hope (Saratoga to Hogan Rd) reclaim/rehab;
 PSN 36807 & 36808 - Bennoch Rd, Reconstruction;
 PSN 36821 - Parkway South, Culvert; and for Rob to deduct the remaining \$47,141 needed to reach budget from all the remaining projects proportionately. Motion to accept changes on budgeted projects moved (Geoff Gratwick) and seconded (Mike Laberge) and unanimously approved.

4. PIN 11574.00 Union Street/Hammond Street intersection overrun

Rob stated that at the last meeting the committee wanted him to get a budget breakdown of PIN 11574.00 before they would consider the request from MeDOT to transfer \$20,000 to this PIN from PIN 11572.00.

The breakdown showed all the overrun was in PE and CE. Mike Laberge stated that there is BACTS money in the holding PIN that can be used to cover this amount. The committee suggested that since BACTS did not authorize this overrun and the project was completed without BACTS authorization of a budget amendment, BACTS should refuse to pay this overrun. It was motioned (Frank Higgins) and seconded (Jim Ring)

that BACTS will send a letter to MeDOT refusing to pay for this overrun and the reasons for such an action. Motion unanimously approved.

5. **FY 2008-2009 BACTS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Rob Kenerson went over the 2008-2009 draft UPWP and highlighted a few minor corrections that he had made since the meeting package had been sent. It was moved (Charlie Heinonen) and seconded (Geoff Gratwick) that the UPWP be accepted with revisions. The FY 2008-2009 BACTS Unified Planning Work Program was unanimously approved with revisions.

6. **Other Business**

Don Cooper requested that the Policy Committee vote to amend the transit element of the 2006-2008 TIP, the adjustments would bring the funding allocations in line with projected spending for FY07. It was moved (Frank Higgins) and seconded (Charlie Heinonen) that the TIP be amended. The amendment passed unanimously. In a brief update on the Transit Study; Don Cooper noted that the consultant recommendation was that a bus should be added to Old Town route and Capehart route. The BAT already has the vehicle for the Capehart route.

Jonathan Daniels received best wishes on his new job in Oswego, N.Y. and was recognized with appreciation for his involvement on the BACTS Policy Committee and the partnership between BACTS and EMDC.

Geoff Gratwick requested that traffic calming be discussed at a future meeting. Rob said he would send a copy electronically of a session on traffic calming he attended at the ITE conference in Providence, R.I.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayda Maher
EMDC/BACTS