

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2007 (APPROVED)

PRESENT:	Bill Reed, Veazie	Bob Osborne, Hampden
	Jim Ring, Bangor	Fred Michaud, ME DOT
	Geoff Gratwick, Bangor	Chris Shrum, EMDC
	Stan Moses, Bangor	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	David Pardilla, Penobscot Nation	Don Cooper, BACTS
	Frank Higgins, Brewer	Dianne Currie, BACTS
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Jaci Hancock, EMDC/BACTS
	Charles Heinonen, Old Town	Jayda Maher, EMDC

1. Call to Order

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Tuesday, January 16, 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 9:45 a.m. by Jim Ring, Vice-Chair. At Mr. Ring's request those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of November 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes

It was moved (Linda Johns) and seconded (Charlie Heinonen) to approve the November 21, 2006 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

3. PTIP Amendment Ratification of Email Vote

At the request of ME DOT, the Policy Committee utilized email voting to approve an amendment to its 2006-2008 TIP to accommodate planned repairs to the Veteran's Remembrance Bridge. The email vote resulted in 15 responses, all in the affirmative. It was moved (Charlie Heinonen) and seconded (Stan Moses) to ratify the email vote. Jim Ring noted that the vote to approve the amendment was contingent on the two stipulations outlined in Rob Kenerson's December 27, 2006 letter to the FHWA. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

4. I-95 Corridor Study – Maine DOT

Agenda Item postponed as ME DOT representatives responsible for this item unable to attend.

5. High Priority List Projects

Rob Kenerson reported to the committee that he is working on the high priority project list and will create a sample submission that will be forwarded to BACTS Towns for guidance in preparation of priority list submissions.

Bill Reed joined the meeting and took over as Chair at 10:00 a.m.

6. FY 2008 – 2009 BACTS Work Plan (UPWP)

Rob Kenerson solicited the committee's input on planning projects for inclusion in the upcoming UPWP covering the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. It was the consensus of the committee that it was desirable to invest in signal-related projects to

preserve and/or improve current capacity and that consideration should be given to hiring a person on a part time basis with signal-related expertise. Other issues were raised, including: impacts of the interstate truck weight limit; desirability of updating the 1996 DeLuca Hoffman bicycle/pedestrian plan; traffic calming initiatives; park and ride; and the long-range plan. Rob requested that members submit additional ideas to him via email.

7. Rob Kenerson, Annual Review

Staff was excused from the meeting while the committee discussed the Executive Director's Annual Review. Upon staff's return, it was moved (Charlie Heinonen), seconded (Dave Pardilla) and unanimously voted to approve Rob Kenerson's review/salary increment as discussed by the committee.

8. Other Business

Rob Kenerson circulated copies of the 2007 Work Plan. The following announcements were made –

Next Meeting: A Joint Policy and Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th.

Traffic Signal Committee: Will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday January 23rd for an update by Mike Waugh.

Public Transit Study: A public forum is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday January 23rd in the Pickering Square Garage waiting room.

Rob advised the committee that he will forward information on in-kind hours for FY 2006 to committee members for their review.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaci S. Hancock