

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2007 (Approved)

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| PRESENT: | Linda Johns, Brewer | Rob Kenerson, BACTS |
| | Jim Ring, Bangor | Don Cooper, BACTS |
| | Frank Higgins, Brewer | Dianne Currie, BACTS |
| | Geoff Gratwick, Bangor | Jayda Maher, EMDC |
| | Bob Osborne, Hampden | David Padilla, Penobscot Nation |
| | Maria Weinberger, Orono | Fred Michaud, MDOT |
| | Catherine Conlow, Orono | |

1. **Call to Order**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in the Penobscot Board Room of Eastern Maine Development, 40 Harlow Street, Bangor Maine. In the absence of Bill Reed, Chair, Jim Ring, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:45 and at Jim's request those present introduced themselves.

2. **Approval of July 17, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was moved (Geoffrey Gratwick) and seconded (Frank Higgins) to approve the July 17, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

3. **FY 2008-2011 BACTS TIP approval**

Rob said that the 2008-2011 BACTS TIP received no public comments but did receive comments from the Federal Highway Administration; there were quite a few minor changes in wording. Nothing changed on the BACTS Project List. Catherine Conlow questioned the position of Stillwater Avenue Project on the list since Bennoch Road is a higher priority project. Rob explained that this project is in the preliminary engineering stage and not in construction phase. Dianne Currie stated that getting the engineering done is due to possible development in the Stillwater area that might pay for some of the construction as part of the traffic permit process. Catherine stated that she feels that there needs to be a more thoughtful process to get projects done. Catherine is concerned that priority projects are getting set aside to put money into the engineering of project that is not a priority. It was suggested by Jim that Rob make a call to Janis Piper or the local rep that could explain the maintenance project list and schedule for 2007-2008 in the BACTS area. Geoff asked about the STIP projects and Rob said that the listed projects will now be funded or have already been built and need to be reimbursed. It was moved (Geoff Gratwick) and seconded (Catherine Conlow) to approve the FY 2008-2011 BACTS TIP, motion approved.

4. **FY 2008-2009 UPWP Task Prioritization**

Since the Federal government only appropriate 86 percent of the FY 07 allocation, MeDOT has asked BACTS to look at a UPWP budget of \$789,076 for FY 08-09 instead of our original \$978,451. Rob met with staff and they produced a spreadsheet with recommended cuts for the Policy Committee to review and make comments. Rob presented this spreadsheet for comments and suggestions. These numbers will be refined. Rob said that he wants to be sure that reductions are acceptable by the policy committee. Rob also mentioned that there is a bicycle plan and trail plan will be

combined into one consultant. It was moved (Catherine Conlow) and seconded (Geoff Gratwick) to accept changes thus far, motion approved.

5. **Signal Study Contract Modifications**

The Signal Study contract with James Sewall Company has expired and we need a time extension. James W. Sewall Company asked that due to delays the project has costs them more and would like additional funding. The Signal Committee suggested the following contract modifications:

1. The Termination Date of the Project Agreement shall be extended from April 30, 2006 to August 31, 2008.
2. The Contract Negotiated Price shall increase \$6,500 from \$27,185 to \$33,685.
3. The consultant shall update the equipment inventory at each intersection covered in the original RFP.

Jim said in order to complete work the Signal Committee recommended these modifications and he felt they were justified. It was moved to approve the Signal Study Modifications (Catherine Conlow) and second (Geoff Gratwick) motion approved.

6. **Orono - Bennoch Road and Rt. 2/Kelley Road traffic Signal Projects**

This item was already discussed in item 3. We have already withdrawn the Bennoch Road project for the FY 2008-2009 timeframe at a previous meeting. Catherine Conlow will call Jim Mansir on the Rt2/ Kelley Road signal project to discuss schedule and process.

7. **Other Business**

Don Cooper asked that the committee okay that the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) letter be sent and the committee approved that action.

8. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayda Maher, Administrative Assistant
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