

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2007 (Draft)

PRESENT:	Bill Reed, Veazie	Sara Behr, MDOT/OPT
	Jim Ring, Bangor	Tom Gorrill, Gorrill-Palmer
	Linda Johns, Brewer	Ralph Norwood, Gorrill-Palmer
	Frank Higgins, Brewer	Dale Harrington, MMTA
	Geoff Gratwick, Bangor	Steve Whitcomb, HO Bouchard
	Bob Osborne, Hampden	
	Maria Weinberger, Orono	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Charlie Heinonen, Old Town	Don Cooper, BACTS
	Dana Wardwell, Bangor	Dianne Currie, BACTS
	Fred Michaud, MDOT	Jayda Maher, BACTS

1. Call to Order

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy Committee met on Tuesday, October 16, 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

2. Approval of August 21, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved (Jim Ring) and seconded (Geoff Gratwick) to approve the August 21, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without revision.

3. Truck Route Study-Draft Final Report Presentation

Tom Gorrill of Gorrill-Palmer gave a presentation on the Draft Truck Route Study. Among the recommendations was a suggestion that Representative Mike Michaud be contacted and perhaps taken out with a driver on the truck routes where there are issues so that he can see first hand what the obstacles are for truck drivers. It was stated that Representative Michaud is proactive and would likely be willing to listen to the issues. The Draft Report will be available for Committee comments until November 2nd. Comments will be sent to Rob and he will send them to Tom Gorrill. The Final Report should be on the agenda next meeting for approval.

4. Transit Study Approval

Don went over recommendations made in the study. Bob Osborne found one minor error to a Hampden ridership number. It was moved to approve Signal Study Final Report dated July 26, 2007 with revision (Frank Higgins) and second (Bob Osborne) motion approved.

5. Signal Study Update

Rob said that there was a signal committee meeting on the 4th. One of the items was the progress on the Broadway project and another item discussed was the work Dianne is doing on the sidewalk inventory and signal inventory.

6. TIP Amendment-Transit

Don briefly went over the TIP Amendment. It was moved (Bob Osborne) and seconded (Frank Higgins) to accept TIP amendment with revisions.

7. **Budget/Workplan Update**

Rob updated group on UPWP plan and budget items. He stated that when going over budget with EMDC he was aware that there would have to be staffing changes but when he attended MPO meeting it was agreed that there was a project that would probably not be built this year and that money would be put back into budget. That would keep staffing changes to a minimum at this point.

8. **Other Business**

Pin # 13079.00 Janis Piper says that there is \$320,000 left in Bennoch Road project. Also there is \$547,569.63 in the BACTS holding PIN. Rob said that Mike Laberge has suggested that BACTS drawdown the money and transfer it into other project PINS for future use. The following is the suggested disbursement of the funds currently in holding Pin 14272.40.

PIN 13074.00 Stillwater \$150,000

PIN 13080.00 Orono \$35,000

PIN 13077.00 Brewer \$125,000

PIN 14796.00 Hampden \$200,000

PIN 14798.00 Old Town \$30,000

This leaves a balance of \$7,569.63 in PIN 14272.40. It was moved to accept moving monies into these projects (Jim Ring) and seconded (Frank Higgins) motion approved

Dianne is working on sidewalk inventory for the BAT to assure ADA compliance in Brewer, Old Town and Hampden. She hopes to have this work complete by winter. She will be doing the same work in Orono, Veazie and Bangor in the spring.

9. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Jayda Maher, Administrative Assistant