

# Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System

## Policy/Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

**July 15, 2008 *Approved***

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Britta Stein, FHWA</b>	<b>Rob Kenerson, BACTS</b>
	<b>Charles Heinonen, Old Town</b>	<b>Dianne Rice, BACTS</b>
	<b>Linda Johns, Brewer</b>	<b>Don Cooper, BACTS</b>
	<b>Frank Higgins, Brewer</b>	<b>Rebecca Grzesik, EMDC</b>
	<b>Barbara Cox, Milford</b>	<b>Cindy Meservey, EMDC</b>
	<b>Denis Lovely, MDOT</b>	<b>Jim Ring, Bangor</b>
	<b>Maria Weinberger, Orono</b>	<b>Cal Smith, Orono</b>
	<b>Rob Yerxa, Orono</b>	

**1. Call to Order**

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Policy/ Technical Committee met on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 in the Penobscot Board Room of Eastern Maine Development Corporation, 40 Harlow St., Bangor Maine. Jim Ring called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of June 17, 2008 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was moved (by Linda Johns), seconded (by Maria Weinberger), and unanimously **Voted: to approve the June 17, 2008 Policy/ Technical Committee Meeting minutes as presented.**

**3. Policy Committee Elections**

The Policy Committee moved (by Linda Johns), seconded (by Maria Weinberger), and unanimously **Voted: to maintain the current structure of the Policy Committee and to keep Bill Reed (Veazie) as President and Jim Ring (Bangor) as Vice Chair.**

**4. PIN 13079.00 Bennoch Road Update**

Over the course of the last time the Policy Committee met, there was an agreement to hold an email vote to start the process, and provide a scope and estimate for the Bennoch road project. Through various emails discussions the scope of the project seems to be larger than what was expected, approximately \$400,000. At this point the group agreed that the project needs to be turned over the Town of Orono and the State of Maine. Norm Baker of Maine DOT can confirm that the culvert/ guardrails are up to the State's standards, and can also confirm the project's viability.

The Town of Orono has raised the appropriate amount of money to begin this project, and is ready to make an agreement with the State.

It was moved (by Cal Smith), seconded (by Frank Higgins), and unanimously **Voted: to categorize the Bennoch Road project as a STIP Amendment because of the change of scope.**

## 5. **EMDC/BACTS Update**

Over the past month the EMDC has hired an intermediate independent financial consultant to oversee EMDC's finances in the absence of a CFO; she will be in the EMDC offices a few days a week.

EMDC's Board has met with affiliates, renters, and other connected entities of EMDC to openly discuss the current position of EMDC. Over the course of their meetings, members have shown concern of various fronts, the major concerns are:

- ✗ Communication-between EMDC and Affiliates
- ✗ Financial Security
- ✗ Staff Turnover- particularly in the Management Team

Over all the general feeling is to continue partnership with EMDC, as the organization is an asset to Eastern Maine.

At this time Victoria Burpee and Chris Shrum will continue to oversee the day to day functions of EMDC until a new CEO is appointed.

The BACTS committee agreed at this time to continue with the plan of Jim Ring, Bill Reed, Frank Higgins, and Rob Kenerson analyzing the present situation.

## 6. **Other Business**

BACTS received the anticipated traffic equipment for Broadway and Union Street; now there is interest in taking steps into transferring the equipment to the City of Bangor. The Policy committee agreed that it would appropriate for the city to take over the equipment and it's maintenance as soon as possible. It was moved (by Frank Higgins), seconded (by Maria Weinberger), and unanimously **Voted: to transfer BACTS's newly purchased traffic equipment to the City of Bangor with recommendation.**

FHWA in willing to a do a presentation for BACTS Policy and Technical Committees; the Policy Committee, at this time, has expressed interest. The committee agreed that the presentation would be more profitable in the early autumn months, due the attendance incontinency of the summer months.

Don Cooper shared the latest statics for the BAT Bus System. The usage of the bus has doubled this year in comparison to 1997, with 814,000 riders.

Rob announced that the latest BACTS Newsletter will be sent out within the next few weeks.

## 7. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Grzesik