

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Technical & Traffic Signal Committees Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2006 – APPROVED

PRESENT:	Jim Ring, Bangor	Frank Higgins, Brewer
	Bill Reed, Veazie	Bob Osborne, Hampden
	Dana Wardwell, Bangor	Linda Johns, Brewer
	David Struck, Orono	David Pardilla, Penobscot Indian Nation
	Charles Heinonen, Old Town	Dianne Currie, BACTS
	Aron Larson, Bangor	Rob Kenerson, BACTS
	Ryan Collins, Veazie	Don Cooper, BACTS
		Jaci Hancock, EMDC
	Michael Waugh, J.W. Sewall Company	Sandi Duchesne, J.W. Sewall Company

The Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System Technical and Traffic Signal Committees met on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 in the Penobscot Boardroom at EMDC, 40 Harlow Street, Bangor, Maine. Jim Ring called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Because several members had to leave the meeting early, the agenda was taken out of order.

CORRIDOR SIGNAL PROGRESS REPORT BY J.W. SEWALL

Mike Waugh of J.W. Sewall presented a progress report on the Traffic Signal Study that they are conducting for BACTS. Essentially, Stage 1 of Data Collection has been completed, resulting in several recommendations for short-term actions to enable Sewall to proceed with additional data collection necessary to the design of timing plans. A handout was distributed setting forth the information collected to date and noting the short-term recommendations.

In response to a question raised by Jim Ring, Mike indicated that, following set-up of the short-term fixes, there will be a 6 week to 2 month period of additional data collection, followed by development of the timing plans. He stated that Sewall's goal is "to have the system operating in a traffic responsive manner by Thanksgiving (2006)."

APPROVAL OF JULY 18TH MEETING MINUTES

Linda Johns' motion to approve the July 18, 2006 Technical Committee meeting minutes was seconded by Charlie Heinonen and unanimously approved.

At 10:30 a.m. Jim Ring and other members of the Bangor delegation leave the meeting for another commitment. Frank Higgins takes over as chair of the meeting. There was no longer a quorum so the rest of the meeting was informational.

TRUCK ROUTE RFP

Rob Kenerson provided the committee with a draft Truck Route Study RFP. He requested that members review the draft RFP and be prepared to present any suggested changes at the August 15th Policy Committee Meeting at which time the RFP will be considered for approval.

FY 2008-2010 CAPITAL WORK PLAN (BTIP) SHORT-LIST

Rob Kenerson presented the committee with the most recent iteration of the BTIP "Short-List," and noted that the list needs to be reduced to a more reasonable size. In order to accomplish this, outstanding questions must be answered about the nature and scope of several of the proposed projects. In addition, an initial policy question must be addressed, as to whether it is appropriate to re-designate those projects calling for reclamation/rehabilitation or paving/resurfacing on Arterials as State safety or maintenance projects, thereby removing such

projects from the BTIP and putting them under MDOT jurisdiction. This threshold question will be brought before the Policy Committee on August 15th. Rob also hopes to have answers to the outstanding questions by August 15th as well, as it is important that the short-list be ready for finalization at that meeting.

Rob reported that the Directors and Policy Committee Chairs of all four Maine MPO's met in Freeport last week to discuss matters of common concern. He will report further on this meeting at the August 15th Policy Committee meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rob noted that BACTS just had a Title VI (Civil Rights) compliance review. He will provide more information on this at the August 15th, Policy Committee meeting. He did note that because the BACTS project selection/prioritization process is strictly technical and needs-based it is "blind" to any characteristics of the people along various roads/corridors. He believes that the federal government will conclude that BACTS is performing in compliance with Title VI, but may want additional documentation in the future.

Rob reported that he was informed by Senator Snowe and Collins' offices that federal earmark legislation, containing an additional \$8 million for the State of Maine, has finally moved forward. Of that sum, \$100,000 is allocated to the BACTS Stillwater Avenue Project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved (David Struck) and seconded (Charlie Heinonen) to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was unanimously approved; meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaci S. Hancock