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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:33 P.M.

Those Present Were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS Director; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Terry Moulthane, Bay City; Kurt Hausbeck, DPW Manager SSF/City of Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Jack Hofweber, MDOT Bay City TSC; Jason Garza, MDOT Bay City TSC; Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Pamela Boyd, MDOT-Planning was present via speaker phone.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Hansford, seconded by Bragiel, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Update:

Sprague talked about the Bus Mounted Bike Rack Project and that it had been approved with FTA 5307 Funding. Bay Metro has received approval for \$55,000 for the Bus Bike Rack Project. Forty six buses will be fitted with bus mounted bike racks. Bay Metro still has to go through the RFP process for the project.

Legislative Update:

Engelhardt said that there was nothing new to report. Fortune said that EMCOG has been approved. Engelhardt discussed some potential funding that was brought to his attention by Representative Brunner. When Engelhardt contacted Representative Brunner's Office he spoke with Kyle who said that there were Road, Risk and Reserve Funds available in the amount of \$230 Million. While \$115 Million of that money is earmarked for road and bridge work, there is still \$115 Million needing to be allocated. Boyd said that she had heard of this too and that MDOT would be the pass through for funds. These are State Funds and there is no match required. MDOT will send a check to the local agency once the project application is approved. Boyd also said that a requirement of this funding is that everything must be in ADA compliance. Engelhardt said that project applications need to be submitted by this Friday, February 21, 2014 and Engelhardt requests BCATS be copied on all submissions. Boyd also said that there was some talk about a Winter Maintenance Fund through Act 51 funding in the amount of \$100 Million that would help local agencies with the additional costs associated with the harsh winter we've had. This will be going to the Senate for discussion and approval. Lillo mentioned that the Bay County Road Commission and the Bay County Board of Commissioners passed resolutions to recommend that the state legislature use the surplus of state funds on roads and education as opposed to a tax refund.

Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative:

Fortune gave an update and discussed that East Central applied for the first round, and they were denied on the basis of needing additional information. However, Fortune applied for the second round of funding and that application has been approved. Out of the eleven

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applications received, five were approved for funding. Fortune is working on the narrative and budget is due December 31, 2014. Fortune must also come up with a comprehensive five year plan for growth, one that includes transportation. She would like to get some help on that transportation portion from BCATS.

MDOT Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management Plan:

Reithel discussed the MDOT Access Management Plan for the Euclid Avenue and Wilder Road Corridor. Reithel is currently working on the RFP and should have a copy for the group to review and support by the next meeting. Lillo has conducted an update description of the Wilder Road corridor for Reithel and will get the information to him. Moulane said that the city of Bay City will not be doing an initial resolution of project support unless they are required to do one.

BCATS Technical and Policy Meeting Dates & Times:

Engelhardt mentioned that a BCATS Tech meeting schedule has been posted. The BCATS Policy Committee Meetings are on the third Thursday of every other month starting in February. The BCATS Technical Committee Meetings are usually held the week before the BCATS Policy Meeting on a Tuesday. Engelhardt will send out a copy of the schedule. Engelhardt mentioned that the MDOT TIP amendment schedule is "ahead" or "behind" with our meeting schedules, depending on how you look at the time frame. Engelhardt will send a snap shot to everyone.

2015 Unified Work Program (UWP):

Engelhardt said that usually there is a meeting set up the end of March or beginning of April in Lansing to discuss the UWP. However, Engelhardt hasn't heard of a meeting date yet. If anyone has specific transportation planning projects they have in mind that should be included in the UWP, please get it to Engelhardt as soon as possible.

BCATS Public Hearing - TIP Amendments:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Lillo, Chairman of BCATS. It was motioned by Moulane, seconded by Brandt.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the various MDOT TIP Amendments for the BCATS 2014-17 TIP.

Engelhardt provided everyone with a handout of the MDOT snapshot and reviewed subset of TIP Amendments being requested. The **East Salzburg Road Project** (4 Mile to Mackinaw Road) should be a project in 2015 not 2014, as it is currently in our TIP for 2015 no change is needed. Project costs were verified. The **M-13 Project** (Zilwaukee Bridge to Bay City south of city limits) is in both Bay County and Saginaw County. Reithel verified with Doug Bell that the project could be listed in BCATS TIP with notation that the project is located both in Bay and Saginaw counties. The **Bay City Rest Area Project** (#605) is a new addition to the TIP and is being added as a 2016 project. This project will likely be moved to 2015, but until that is verified by Garza it is added as a 2016 project. The **M-25 Project** (M-13/M-84 over the Saginaw River) should be ignored from the snapshot provided as it's already in the TIP for 2014. The **CPM CSM Bridge Trunkline GPA Project** (Region-wide) while the project description in the TIP is Electrical Work it needs to be changed to a GPA Project description.

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The **Transportation Alternative/Enhancement Trunkline GPA Project** (Region-wide) needs a change in the federal funding code from STE funds to TA funds with a comment that it was a “former STE Funds” project. The **Pre-Construction Phases GPA Project** (Region-Wide) for park and ride has been suspended. Nothing will be done with this project at this time. We need to add an increase in funds for the **Woodside Project** in Essexville. The increase in local funds for this project is due to the addition of handicap accessible sidewalks. Discussion ensued.

The Public Hearing on the various TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendments:

A motion was made by Fortune, seconded by Begick, to approve the various MDOT/Essexville Amendments for the BCATS 2014-17 TIP. Motion Passed.

Fiscal Year	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Links	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Advance Construct	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Phase Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.	Local ID No.	MPD/Rural Action Date	Amendment Type	AP Quality	Comments	Total Project Cost (\$1000s)	x	Local Priority	EJ	Federal Approval Date	Capped Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Date Obligated	Amount Obligated (\$1000s)	Let Date
2017	BAY	MDOT	M-13 (River Rd)	Shawnee Bridge to Bay City south city limits	6.27	Restore & rehabilitate	Mill and Two Course HMA Overlay	CON		5,648	ST	1,252	M			6,900	116069		06/19/13	NA		2/19/14: Project located in both Saginaw and Bay Counties. Saginaw MPD concurs with single listing in BCATS TIP.	7,200				11/26/13				
2014	BAY	Essexville	Woodside Ave	Scheurmann St to Pine St	0.55	Resurface	Mill and Resurface with gutter pan repairs	CON		112	STUL			122	CITY	234	120144	40001	02/20/13	Cost	NA	2/19/14: Local cost updated.	234				11/26/13				
2014	BAY	MDOT	Transportation Alternative/Enhancement Trunkline GPA	Regionwide		GPA	Transportation Alternative/Enhancement Trunkline	CON		327	TA	73	M			400			10/16/13	Cost		10/16/13: Added Project Based on JN 122124 2/19/14: Federal Funding source changed from STE to TA	400				12/10/13				
2014	BAY	MDOT	CPH CSM Bridge Trunkline GPA	Regionwide		GPA	CPH CSM Bridge Trunkline	CON				550	M			550	122321			Cost		12/18/13: Project Added - Emergency electrical work associated with JN 120976 2/19/14: Changed work type from Bridge - other to GPA and changed State Fund Source from MEB to M	550				2/19/14				
2016	BAY	MDOT	Bay City Rest Area #605	Bay City Rest Area #605	0	Roadside facility	Construct RTWS	CON		90	BM	10	M			100	120595		02/19/14	Add		2/19/14: Project Added	100								

Project Updates:

The **Woodside Avenue Project** will go out for bid in April.

The **Saginaw Street Project** is in the process of being revised due to on-street parking concerns. This project was originally going to affect thirty parking spaces on the street, however after several meetings on the subject the plan is being modified. Engelhardt pointed out that if there is a design change to the project, it may require approval.

The **North Union Project** will be let February 21, 2014. Even though it is outside of the BCATS area Lillo mentioned that the **Salzburg Road Project** (Salzburg to 11 Mile Road by Dow Corning) is obligated and will have a May 2014 let. The **Old Kawkawlin Road Project** (M-13 to State Street) is in the design phase. The **Patterson Road Project** (Wilder Road to Wheeler Road) is in the design phase. The **Salzburg Road Project** (4 Mile to Mackinaw) is in for design next year.

Reithel will send a letter out to all local communities to see about doing some smaller TSC Training in order to tailor the education for each area. Engelhardt asked if the Chamber of

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Commerce was plugged into this and suggested that they would have contact information. Fortune mentioned that she also has a contact list that she would be willing to share. Boyd reminded everyone that they must reach out to elected public officials too. Garza brought some region and TSC 2014 construction maps for everyone.

Other/New Business:

Small Urban Program 2013-14:

Boyd discussed the Small Urban Program for 2013-14 and said that a letter was sent out on February 13th. If you need additional information, please contact Pam Boyd.

Traffic Count Program:

Engelhardt discussed the need for coordination with traffic counts in order to avoid duplication of work with Saginaw and Midland County for areas falling in both MPOs.

Leadership Bay County:

Engelhardt discussed the proposed Leadership Bay County Project. Due to MDOT restrictions, there have been some changes to this project. The project aim is to provide an entrance sign on US 10 for the City of Bay City. The City of Bay City said that there are some other options being explored for the street scape project. This project will use TAP Grant Funds.

US 10/I 75 Interchange:

The discussion for the redesign of the US 10/I 75 interchange in 2015 was discussed.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Fortune, to adjourn the February 19, 2014 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director