

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Jay Anderson.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; BMTA; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jason Garza, MDOT Bay City; Kurt Hausbeck, City of Bay City; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Don Mayle, MDOT SUTA; Josh Grab, MDOT SUTA; Jon Roberts, MDOT SUTA, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from August 12, 2014 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Hansford, to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2014 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Legislative Update:

Koenig had nothing new to report.

Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative/Regional Alignment:

Anderson had nothing new to report. Reithel mentioned he was involved in a RPI stakeholders meeting and had some concerns as it related to transportation. Some problems addressed at the meeting related to MBS airport access, transit options between Midland, Bay, and Saginaw counties, and a lack of rail freight options due to the popular movement of rails to trails projects.

TIP Amendments:

Anderson provided everyone with a handout of the proposed TIP Amendment. The TIP Amendment is the addition of a new "local" GPA. The project listed in the GPA is currently listed in the TIP as a separate line item. The GPA project needs to be amended to show the current fiscal year of 2015, not 2014. Koenig explained that the **Bay City Riverwalk Project** can be changed to a "local" GPA project or amended as a year change and kept listed as a separate project in the TIP. Discussion followed and it was decided to keep it listed as a separate project and amend the year. It can be moved to the "local" GPA at a later date if necessary.

A motion was made by Koenig, seconded by Reithel, to favorably recommend amending the GPA Project to show the current fiscal year of 2015, not 2014 in the 2014-17 TIP to the BCATS Policy Committee with the approval for any administrative correction or modification that may be required to be made as needed. Motion Passed.

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Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management Update:

Anderson said that the contract is currently awaiting signature from the Board of Commissioners and should be signed today. Once the document is signed we can schedule a kick-off meeting for the project.

Great Lakes Bay Region Model Update:

Mayle, Grab, and Roberts from MDOT gave a presentation of the Great Lakes Bay Region Model and provided handouts to everyone of the Power Point Presentation. This presentation was an overview of the program, how the model can be used, and where the data and information will be going in the future. Mayle said that the model is being used as a tool to aid project selection in the TIP and Long Range Plan. When MPOs provide data counts to MDOT, it would be helpful if the information were in Excel so that they can "cut & paste" the information rather than having to key it all into the program.

BCATS Public Participation Plan (PPP):

Anderson provided an overview and a handout of the proposed BCATS Public Participation Plan. The request to create the Public Participation Plan originally came from Bay Metro Transit Authority. During a recent Federal Transit Authority Review audit of Bay Metro Transit Authority's procedures there was discussion of the BMTA Public Participation Plan and it was determined that language needs to be added to the BCATS Public Participation Plan. The Public Participation Plan has been out for a forty five day public review period and we have received no comments regarding the context, just on a few typos from MDOT and FTA.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Hansford, to favorably recommend the adoption of the Public Participation Plan to the BCATS Policy Committee. Motion Passed.

Traffic Counts:

Anderson asked that the Road Commission and the City of Bay City submit their traffic counts as soon as possible.

FY2014 Fourth Quarter Billings:

Anderson requested submission of all the FY2014 Fourth Quarter Billings, along with Asset Management Billing so we can finish up the fiscal year billings. Anderson will send out an email reminder too. Please submit your billings as soon as possible.

Project Updates:

The ***US-10 Bridge Project*** over I-75 will be let December 17, 2014 and construction will begin Spring 2015. The ***I-75 Project*** at the north of Pinconning Rd will be completed in November 2014. The ***M-47/US-10 Interchange Project*** will be

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completed by mid-November 2014. The **Zilwaukee Bridge Project**, which has been a 2-year project, is coming to an end and will be open in November 2014. The **Saginaw Street Project** is moving along and is on schedule to be done November 14, 2014. The **North Union Street Project** is wrapping up and there is some grass seeding to be done. The **Salzburg Road/11 Mile Road –All Season Road Project**) is now open to traffic.

Other:

2015 Ortho Photography Project:

Anderson provided an update of the 2015 Ortho Photography Project. A contractor has been selected and awaiting final approval from the Bay County Board of Commissioners to start drafting a contract.

National Function Class Review:

Anderson discussed the upcoming National Function Class Review. EMCOG will coordinate the meeting by April 2015. The proposals will be due September 1, 2015.

Roadsoft:

Hausbeck mentioned that there will be a group from Roadsoft/Michigan Tech University visiting our area to discuss Roadsoft questions on October 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Bay City GIS:

The City of Bay City has hired a new GIS Coordinator, Laura Anderson.

As there was no other business, the October 14, 2014 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Staff

Transcribed by C. Gaul

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