

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Jay Anderson.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS staff; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Jason Garza, MDOT Bay City; Kurt Hausbeck, City of Bay City; Don Mayle, MDOT SUTA; Josh Grab, MDOT SUTA; Jon Roberts, MDOT SUTA; Ken Feldt, City of Bay City, and; Jack Wheatley, Rowe PSC.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from October 14, 2014 BCATS Tech Meeting:

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

Public Comment: None

Legislative Update:

The state legislature is working on putting together a \$1.2 billion road funding package. There is a potential to double the amount of projects if they decide to maintain Act 51 distribution of the additional funding. There is also talk of raising the speed limit from 70 mph to 80 mph on highways, from 60 mph to 70 mph for trucks, and from 55 mph to 65 mph on rural roads. Koenig mentioned that MDOT may be required to accept bids from the county Road Commission on trunk-line jobs.

TIP Amendments:

The MDOT ***Stone Island Road Project*** to install flashing light signals and gates at the railroad crossing was moved from FY 2014 to FY 2015. There was an increase in the project costs for the MDOT ***US-10 Bridge Replacement Project*** over I-75. There is also a cost decrease for the MDOT ***I-75 Restore and Rehabilitate Project*** from M-13 connector to Beaver Road. A new Bay County Road Commission project was added as a Local GPA for ***South Euclid Avenue*** to upgrade the railroad crossing. The City of Bay City ***Center Avenue Project*** limits were extended from Water Street to Madison Avenue for resurfacing. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Hansford, seconded by Hausbeck, to favorably recommend amending the above projects to 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.

Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management Update:

Anderson said that a kick-off meeting was held at the end of October at the Bay City TSC and field work has begun. He expects public meetings to take place after the first of the year.

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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 socio-economic data that is used in the model. BCATS will be asked to approve of the data and any changes that are made after BCATS staff has a chance to meet with local officials about the data.

Project Updates:

The MDOT ***I-75 Zilwaukee Bridge Project*** has been completed. There are temporary pavement markers that will become permanent in spring of 2015. Outside of BCATS but in Bay County the ***I-75 Project*** North of Pinconning is also complete. The ***M-47/US-10 Interchange Project*** has been completed. The ***Saginaw Street Project*** is finished and is using temporary pavement markings until spring when permanent marking will be placed and the lighting should be completed this week.

Other:

RoadSoft Training Webinar:

Anderson mentioned an Introduction to RoadSoft Training webinar will take place on January 28-29, 2014 in the morning. Anderson will send the information out to everyone. The cost of the training is \$25.

As there was no other business, the December 9, 2014 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Staff

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