

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; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Joe Roberts, MDOT; Josh Grab, MDOT; Kris Welch, MDOT; Jason Garza, MDOT; Eric Sprague, Bay Metro Transit Authority; Kurt Hausbeck, City of Bay City; Jack Hofweber, MDOT BCTSC; Michael McBain, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development.

Introductions & Welcome Michael McBain, the new BCATS Planner/GIS Technician.

Minutes from February 10, 2015 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Hausbeck, to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2015 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Legislative Update:

Koenig said that the current obligation authority is good through May 31, 2015. The Federal Transportation Secretary is trying to fund transportation through a bill called the "Grow America Act" that will be brought before the US House and Senate.

TIP Amendments:

There are three new amendments to the TIP for **MDOT**. The first amendment is for the **MDOT Trunkline Scoping and Studies GPA Project** which is a Region-Wide project that will be for work on the M-13/M-84 Bridge (Lafayette Bridge) over the east channel of the Saginaw River in FY 2015. The second and third amendments are the PE and SUB phases for deck replacement of **3 Bridges on I-75 in Bay County**. MDOT is also moving a FY 2015 **Trunkline Traffic Operations and Safety GPA** project (PE phase of **M-25 WB** – Pavement Grooving) back to FY 2016.

There are two new amendments to the TIP in FY 2016 for **BCRC**: The first is for preventative maintenance on the **Seven Mile Road Bridge over the Kawkawlin River**. The second is for replacement of the **Midland Road Bridge over Culver Creek**.

There are four amendments and three administrative modifications to the TIP in FY 2015 for **Bay Metro Transportation Authority (BMTA)**. The first amendment is to **Replace 2 Overhead Heaters**. The second is to **Replace a Plow Truck**. Next was the **Purchase of 2 Bus-Mounted Security Cameras**. The final amendment due to a decrease in state and federal costs was the **Upgrade of Computer**

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Hardware/Software (Security). The first administrative modification was due to a small increase in federal costs and change in federal funding source from 5307 to 5339 for **Concrete Drive Replacement**. Next was a small decrease in federal and state costs for the **Replacement of (2) 2008 Lift Vans**. Finally there was a total project cost decrease in **Operating Assistance**.

Anderson provided a handout of the Snapshot for all of the projects listed above.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend amending the above projects 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.

Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management Update:

Anderson received an email this morning regarding the posted preliminary recommendation maps for both the Euclid Avenue and Wilder Road Corridors. The consultant is working on setting up a meeting that will be held in late April/early May which will be a public open house in order to get public input on the project.

Regional Transit Survey Results – EMCOG:

Anderson provided a handout of the survey results from the Regional Transit Survey, this is the same information he emailed to BCATS Members. We are being asked to review the information and give any feedback or comments to either David Engelhardt of EMCOG at dengelhardt@emcog.org or to Jay Anderson of BCATS andersonj@baycounty.net by the end of April, 2015.

GLBR Travel Demand Model – Socio-Economic Data:

Joe Roberts and Josh Grab from MDOT were present at the meeting to discuss the GLBR Travel Demand Model – Socio-Economic Data for Bay County. They provided handouts to everyone regarding population and housing information. Roberts & Grab were asking for approval of the local data collected from BCATS.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Sprague, to favorably recommend approval of the GLBR Travel Demand Model Socio-Economic Data to the BCATS Policy Committee. Motion Passed.

FY 2016 Pre-UWP Meeting:

Anderson and Sprague went to the FY 2016 Pre-UWP Meeting. Anderson sent out the local match expense spreadsheets and will need to get it back so it can be approved at the BCATS Policy Committee Meeting in June 2015.

FY 2015 Second Quarter Billings:

Anderson reminded everyone that the FY 2015 Second Quarter Billings are due and should be submitted to him as soon as possible.

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Project Updates:

The **MDOT 9 Mile Road Project** over US-10 will start in May 2015. **The MDOT US-10/I-75 Project** is starting on the crossovers for the westbound lanes first. The **MDOT M-25 Project** (Pine Road to County Line Road) is a mill and fill project scheduled for June 2015. Wider shoulders will be added as a part of this project (Pine Road to Nolet Road) for non-motorized transportation. The **Rural Elections Officials Meeting** will be taking place on Thursday, April 16th at the Bay City TSC Office. The **BMTA Capital Gains from 2012/2013/2014 Bus Replacement Project** to replace buses over 20 years old will start soon and should be completed by the fall of 2015. The **BMTA New Ford Transit Vans** are a “home run” with the raised roofs and an estimated \$8k savings per van. The **BMTA Bus-Mounted Security Camera Project** will be underway soon. The **BMTA Bus Bike Rack Project** will go out for bid the week of April 20th. The **City of Bay City Center Avenue Project** (Madison and Water Street) will begin the summer of 2015. There is potential work being done at Wenona Park that may hold this project up. The **City of Bay City Euclid Avenue Project** (eastbound lane between Salzburg Road and North Union Road) has started as part of a utility replacement project. There will be a mill and resurface project of all DDA streets by re-bonding the DDA Bonds. This project is awaiting City Commission approval. This project would start after the festival season. It is expected that much of the work will take place at night. The City of Bay City is looking into doing much needed work on **Trumbull and Lincoln** where potential overlays may be used as a short-term solution for these streets. The **Bay City Road Commission (BCRC) Salzburg Project** will have a May 2015 let date. The **BCRC Garfield Road Project** (Midland Road to ½ mile north of North Union) full reconstruct project is expected to begin in early May 2015. The **BCRC Garfield Road Curve Project** (at Hotchkiss Road) will have a June 2015 let and is a safety project. It is expected that the project will begin in July 2015 to remove the curve at this location. The **BCRC Bridge Projects** (Wheeler Road and Mackinaw Road) are in the TIP for 2014 will be starting anytime for the deck repairs. Old Kawkawlin Road (State Park & M-13) is a major priority and is in the design phase. Patterson Road (Wilder Road to Wheeler Road) is also currently in the design phase. The Farley Road project (M-25 to Cass) is a mill and fill project.

Other:

2015 Aerial Photography:

Anderson updated everyone that this project is underway and the flight should be done soon. The LiDAR portion of the project has already been completed.

RoadSoft Webinar:

Anderson just wanted to let everyone know that there would be an Intro to RoadSoft webinar coming up May 12th and 14th. He will email out information to everyone.

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New Employee PASER Training:

Anderson informed everyone that there would be a New Employee PASER Training taking place June 3rd in Mt. Pleasant.

Category F Funding:

Lillo said that the deadline for Category F Funding would be June 1, 2015. The Road Commission will be turning in a request for funding for the Wilder Road Project (from the M-13 Connector to Euclid Avenue) for mill and fill. Lillo would like to request a letter of support from BCATS, MDOT, even the City of Bay City to help with this application. Lillo will send an email to request letters.

As there was no other business, the April 14, 2015 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Staff

Transcribed by C. Gaul

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