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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkalwin Township; Ken Feldt, City of Bay City; Michael McBain, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff. Pam Boyd, MDOT was at the meeting via phone.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from February 18, 2015 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Bragiel, to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Update:

There was no update for Bay Metro brought before the committee. Engelhardt briefly discussed Regional Mobility Project that will review mobility issues, specifically where there are gaps in service. Engelhardt mentioned that this project is taking into account not just regional transit providers but local and private transit providers as well.

Legislative Update:

Boyd said that the current obligation authority through MAP 21 has been extended for two months through the end of July. About \$44 million was provided to the Local Agency Program at MDOT with about \$33 million going to Advanced Construct projects. The Federal Highway Trust Fund will run out of money in August. There may be a second extension of MAP 21 by the end of August. Boyd will email a summary of the latest on State road funding from the House legislation.

Governor Snyder's Regional Prosperity Initiative Update & Year Two Update:

Engelhardt said that EMCOG has received their second round of funding and they are moving along with TIP Strategies. EMCOG is planning to have a Strategic Team Meeting in two weeks with project planner Jane Fitzpatrick to discuss regional priorities and inventory tasks that are currently underway.

MDOT Access Management Plan:

Anderson talked about the Public Open House Meeting that was held two weeks ago. He said that it was well attended. There is a draft plan underway which will be presented at the Steering Committee Meeting in July. The contract deadline is September 30, 2015 for the Wilder Road portion of the study.

FY2016 Unified Work Program (UWP):

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Anderson provided everyone with a handout of the draft FY2016 UWP for review. Engelhardt mentioned that there has been discussion about supply chains and how transportation gaps can be filled for freight. This issue may fit well in the UWP in the future. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Begick, seconded by Boyd, to adopt the FY2016 Unified Work Program (UWP) subject to any corrections/additions/revisions by either MDOT or FHWA. Motion Passed.

BCATS Public Hearing on 2014-17 TIP Amendments

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:56 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2014-17 TIP. A snapshot of the amendments being requested was handed out to the members.

There are two amendments to the TIP and one for administrative modification for **MDOT** in FY 2015:

Amendments:

- 1.) The addition of a PE phase for the restoration and rehabilitation of eight (8) bridges on **I-75** in Bay County;
- 2.) The addition of a SUB phase for the restoration and rehabilitation of eight (8) bridges on **I-75** in Bay County;

Administrative Modification:

- 1.) A reduction in Federal and State costs for the SUB phase for the replacement of three (3) bridges on **I-75** in Bay County.

There are six amendments to the TIP and one administrative modification for **BMTA** which are:

Amendments:

- 1.) Changing the FY 2015 Replacement of (2) 2008 Lift Vans project to **Replace (1) 2007 and (1) 2008 Lift Van**.
- 2.) Changing the FY 2016 Replacement of (1) 2010 Lift Van project to **Replace (1) 2008 Lift Van**. This also involves changing the Federal Funding Source from 5307 to 5339 and decreasing the Federal Cost from \$44,800 to \$41,600 and decreasing the State Cost from \$11,200 to \$10,400. This decreases the Total Project Cost from \$56,000 to \$52,000.
- 3.) Changing the FY 2016 Replacement of (2) 2011 Lift Vans project to **Replace (2) 2009 Lift Vans**. This also involves changing the Federal Funding Source from 5307 to 5339 and decreasing the Federal Cost from \$89,600 to \$83,200 and decreasing the State Cost from \$22,400 to \$20,800. This decreases the Total Project Cost from \$112,000 to \$104,000.
- 4.) In FY 2016 the addition of **Purchasing (1) Bus-Mounted Security Camera**.

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5.) In FY 2016 the addition of **Purchasing (5) Van-Mounted Security Cameras.**

6.) In FY 2017 the addition of **Purchasing (1) 2009 and (2) 2011 Lift Vans.**

Administrative Modification:

1.) In FY 2016, the **Operating Assistance** is decreasing in Federal Costs from \$2,079,759 to \$2,034,995, decreasing in State Costs from \$3,108,721 to \$2,699,687, and decreasing in Local Costs from \$3,071,425 to \$2,807,787. This decreases the Total Project Cost from \$8,259,905 to \$7,542,469.

Anderson gave a brief overview of the above requested changes to the TIP.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendment:

A motion was made by Moulton, seconded by Bragiel, to approve of the 2014-17 TIP Amendment with the approval for any administrative corrections or modification that may be required. Motion passed.

MDOT Master Agreement – BMTA MOU:

Anderson said that the Bay Metro Transportation Authority (BMTA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be on the July 2015 Bay County Board of Commissioners agenda for review, approval and signature.

Project Updates:

The MDOT **US-10/I-75 Bridge Project** should have the West Bound Bridge completed by the end of August 2015 so it will be open for Labor Day. The East Bound portion of the bridge will be done in November. The MDOT **M-25 Project** is going well even though there have been some weather delays. The City of Bay City **Center Avenue Project** (Water Street to Madison Street) is a mill/resurface project that will be done later this summer and expected to be completed by mid-September. The City of Bay City **Euclid Avenue Water Project** (Fisher Road to North Union Road) water main will start in July 2015 (after the 4th of July). The Bay County Road Commission **Salzburg Road Project** (Mackinaw Road to 4 Mile Road) recently held a pre-construction meeting and the project should be finished by mid-September. Outside of BCATS area, but in Bay County, the Road Commission **Garfield Road Project** (Midland Road to 0.5 mile north of North Union Road) has started and is a two lane to three lane change in the road. There are some issues with the soils under the road and there has been a lot of water retention. The **Garfield Road Safety Project** at Hotchkiss Road will be done toward the end of the year. The Road Commission's Mackinaw Road and Wheeler Road Bridges over the Kawkawlin River were finished a month early. Lillo wanted to let

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everyone know that the ***Erickson Road Bridge*** will be closed near the Midland County Line in Garfield Township due to failing inspection. The safety and integrity of the bridge is in question and it needs to be closed.

Other/New Business:

TIP Development Schedule:

Anderson provided a handout of the TIP Development Schedule which shows the tasks that will be completed over the next year for the FY 2017-2020 TIP.

PASER Ratings:

Anderson said that McBain has been working on the PASER Road Ratings Project and will be out rating roads for the next few weeks.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Bragiel, to adjourn the June 17, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Director

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