

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Ryan McDonnell, MDOT; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Dennis Bragiell, Kawkawlin Township; Michael McBain, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from October 21, 2015 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Begick, seconded by Hansford, to approve the minutes from the October 21, 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.

Legislative Update:

Anderson said that the Federal transportation bill, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act has been approved. The FAST Act provides funding for 5 years (FY 2016 – 2020). The current MAP-21 had been extended through December 11, 2015. The BCATS TIP Amendments have been approved. Anderson provided a handout he obtained from the December MTPA Meeting of the Federal Bill and the State Bill estimated funding, it looks like there will be an increase in STIP and PL Funds. Fortune will send out an email that has the amounts/numbers to expect. Anderson said that we are currently using the FY 2015 allocations for amounts for the FY 2017-2020 TIP and we will update these amounts as needed. We should know more in 2016.

A Moveable Bridge Bill has been passed by the state senate that would provide for funding to communities such as Bay City that maintain moveable bridges.

Governor Snyder's Regional Prosperity Initiative Year Two Update:

Fortune said EMCOG has applied for third year funding. The current funding runs through 2017. She would like BCATS to provide her with a letter of support for EMCOG.

A motion was made by Bragiell, seconded by Brandt, to have BCATS provide a letter of support to EMCOG for their request for third year funding. The letter is to be signed by the BCATS Chairman. Motion Passed.

Access Management Plan Update (Euclid Avenue/M-13 & Wilder Road):

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Reithel said that the Bay City Ordinance was approved and in place. The Bangor Township Ordinance has also been approved. The Monitor Township Ordinance will be approved at the next Board Meeting. Everything is in place for this project. The update of the Access Management Plan went smoothly.

2017-2020 TIP Development

Anderson made a call for local projects for the 2017-2020 TIP. The City of Bay City and the Road Commission met with BCATS staff to discuss the prioritization of their projects and will have a list ready for the February 2016 BCATS Meeting for review and approval. Once these projects are approved, they will be forwarded to MDOT and FHWA for review and approval. Lillo mentioned that the reconstruction of Trumbull Street (Center Avenue to Woodside Avenue) is the number one priority for the City of Bay City and the Road Commission. The City of Bay City and the Road Commission are currently working with MDOT on a Jurisdictional Transfer of Trumbull Street (including Wilder Road to I-75) and proposing going from two lanes up to three lanes on Trumbull Street.

BCATS Public Hearing on 2014-17 TIP Amendments

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:46 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2014-17 TIP. The TIP Amendments are for MDOT and include:

Amendments:

1. Addition of a PE phase for the resurfacing of ***US-10 Eastbound*** from Midland/Bay County Line to the west city limits of Bay City for FY 2016.
2. Addition of a Construction phase for the resurfacing of ***US-10 Eastbound*** from Midland/Bay County Line to the west city limits of Bay City for FY 2016.
3. Deletion of the restoration and rehabilitation of ***M-13 (River Road)*** project in FY 2017. This project will be moved out to FY 2024.
4. Addition of a ***Trunkline Bride Preservation GPA Project*** to FY 2016.
5. Addition of a SUB phase for the ***M-13 (at M-84 – Lafayette Bridge) Bridge Replacement Project*** over the east channel of the Saginaw River in FY 2016.
6. Addition of a PE phase for the ***M-13 (at M-84 – Lafayette Bridge) Bridge Replacement Project*** over the east channel of the Saginaw River in FY 2016.
7. Addition of a ROW phase for the ***M-13 (at M-84 – Lafayette Bridge) Bridge Replacement Project*** over the east channel of the Saginaw River in FY 2017.

Anderson provided a handout of the Snapshot for all of the projects listed above and he gave a brief overview of the above requested changes to the TIP.

There was discussion about the upcoming **LaFayette Bridge Replacement Project** which will be a two-year build starting in 2020. We will need to determine the best routes for traffic as it will need to be rerouted. It will be important to get the word out to the media.

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The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:53 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendment:

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

GLBR Travel Demand Model – Future SE Data Approval:

Anderson provided a handout of the Great Lakes Bay Region (GLBR) Travel Demand Model Future Socio-Economic Data. The only information that had changes was for the City of Bay City, specifically for the Uptown development project.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Brandt, to approve the GLBR Travel Demand: Future Socio-Economic Data and to submit the information to back to MDOT. Motion Passed.

BCATS 2016 Meeting Schedule:

Anderson provided everyone with a copy of the BCATS Tech and Policy Meeting Schedule for 2016. This is the same schedule as 2015.

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Hansford, to approve the BCATS 2016 Meeting Schedule. Motion Passed.

Project Updates:

The MDOT **US-10 Bridge Project** (over I-75) is completed and is now open. The MDOT **I-75 Project** (M-81 to Dixie Highway) in Saginaw County is finished for the winter and will resume in the spring. The MDOT **Fraser Township Trail Project** will be let January 2016. The MDOT **M-46 Trail Project** in Freeland will begin next year. The MDOT **Wheeler Road Bridge Project** (over I-75) will begin next year. The Bay City **Center Avenue Project** (Water Street to Madison Street) has been completed. There will be a **Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee Meeting** taking place in January 2016 regarding the Thomas & Jenny Street corridor. The Road Commission **Salzburg Road Project** (4 Mile to Mackinaw) is completed and the grass planted has come in nicely due to the mild and unseasonable weather. The Road Commission **Cass Avenue Project** (M-15 to Farley Road) is a mill and fill project that will begin in 2016. The Road Commission **Farley Road Project** (Cass Avenue to M-138) is a mill and fill project that will begin in 2016.

Other/New Business:

GIS Imagery:

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Anderson said that the GIS Imagery has been completed and the cleaned up imagery will be delivered shortly. GIS Staff hope to get the imagery loaded onto the Bay County Website after the first of the year.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Hansford, to adjourn the December 16, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:09 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Director

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