

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:42 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Ken Feldt, City of Bay City; Pam Boyd (*via telephone*), and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Minutes from April 20, 2016 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Brandt, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2016 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Update:

Sprague said that there was nothing really new to report. They are working on the vehicle replacements as they have received 5339 funding to help replace three vans per year.

Legislative Update:

Boyd discussed the new planning rules from Federal Highway. The Final Rule on Planning was effective rule date was May 27, 2016. MDOT has until May 27, 2017 to set performance targets to meet the performance measures in the Planning Final Rule. The MPO target date is November 27, 2017 to adopt targets. The Final Planning Rule also introduced two new planning factors: 1.) Enhance Tourism & Travel; 2.) Improve the Resiliency & Reliability of the transportation system (storm water impacts). MDOT is working on Safety Performance Measures that will be due August 20, 2017, with an MPO deadline of February 28, 2018. MPOs can establish targets within 6 months of the State targets. MPOs will need to update the Performance Measures on the current plan and update the MOUs for each performance measure. In 2018 we will need Performance Measures in the TIP. There was a June 14th Transportation Webinar with detailed information about the new planning rules. This webinar is available online for review and Anderson will make sure everyone gets a link to the presentation.

EMCOG Update:

Engelhardt gave an update on the EMCOG Regional Safety Plan and the Rural Transit Mobility Study. Jay Reithel from MDOT has incorporated a "Safety 101" process to talk about safety and to be more inclusive for the Regional Traffic Safety Plan by getting feedback from a variety of sources. There will be a meeting in July (Engelhardt will pass along the information once the date is set) so we need to think about what issues are important in our areas. Even if people can't attend the July meeting, it will be important to submit some feedback to Reithel. The Rural Transit Mobility Study is in the "final document" stage and Engelhardt will send it out for review to the BCATS members.

BCATS FY 2017-2020 TIP Approval:

Anderson provided everyone with a draft copy of the BCATS FY 2017-2020 Tip for their review. Anderson provided a handout with MDOT GPA Projects for 2018, 2019, and 2020 that have estimates listed with no actual projects attached to them. Anderson felt that BCATS should wait to add these projects into the TIP until we have actual projects to go with the GPAs. Anderson wanted to present this to the BCATS Policy Committee as an option.

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A motion was made by Feldt, seconded by Sprague, to approve the FY2017-2020 TIP with the approval for any administrative correction or modification that may be required to be made as needed. Motion Passed.

BCATS FY 2017 UWP:

Anderson provided everyone with a draft copy of the BCATS FY 2017 UWP for their review. Anderson discussed the request to add \$5,000 for the City of Bay City's non-motorized plan. Other than that, the UWP is basically the same (the PL has increased a bit and the BMTA funds are decreased a bit).

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Feldt, to approve the FY2017 Unified Work Program (UWP) contingent upon corrections or changes by the Federal, State, or other interested parties. Along with the approval for any administrative correction or modification that may be required to be made as needed. Motion Passed.

BCATS Public Hearing on 2014-2017 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:14 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2014-17 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications.

The proposed Tip Amendments include:

The TIP **Amendments** for **MDOT** include:

1. The addition of FY 2016 ROW phase for the **M-13** Project from the Zilwaukee Bridge to the south Bay City limits for a mill and two course HMA overlay.
2. The addition of the FY 2016 **Port Fisher Spur** Project at Port Fisher in Bay City to rehabilitate the tracks at Port Fisher in Bay City.
3. The deletion of a duplicate FY 2016 **Trunkline Bridge Preservation** GPA Project.

The **Administrative Modification** for **MDOT** includes:

1. Reduction in federal and state costs for the FY 2016 **Trunkline Bridge Preservation** GPA Project.

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

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications:

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Feldt, to approve the above projects in the 2014-17 TIP with the approval for any administrative correction or modification that may be required to be made as needed. Motion Passed.

BCATS 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP) Update:

Anderson discussed the BCATS 2045 LRP. Don Mayle was at the last BCATS Tech Committee

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Meeting and requested capacity projects that can be submitted as a test run for the Travel Demand Model. Capacity projects must be submitted to Jay Anderson by this Friday, June 24th in order to be ready to be presented at the August BCATS meeting.

Project Updates:

The City of Bay City **Madison Avenue (Columbus Ave to McKinley St) Reconstruction Project** will have a bid opening July 8, 2016 with a fall 2016 construction date. The City of Bay City **Midland Street/Vermont Street Curve Project** will have a spring 2017 construction. Bay City is still considering a possible road diet with this project per the BCATS Non-motorized plan. The BCRC FY 2017 **3 Mile Road (Amelith Rd to M-84) Project** began survey and design. The BCRC is looking at non-motorized options for Midland Rd between Euclid Avenue and 2 Mile Road to coordinate with potential non-motorized options with Bay City. The BCRC **Cass Avenue (Jones Rd to Farley Rd) and Farley Road (M-25 to M-138) Projects** have been pushed back to FY 2017 after MDOT review. The BCRC received a grant to mill and fill **Wilder Road** from Euclid Avenue to the M-13 Connector this year.

Other/New Business:

Job Well Done:

Pam Boyd wanted to acknowledge all of Jay Anderson's hard work and ability to meet deadlines, even though he is short staffed. Great job Jay!

Vacant Transportation/GIS Position:

Anderson said that the current vacant Transportation/GIS position should be filled soon. Interviews have been completed.

Iron Belle Trail:

Engelhardt said that EMCOGG has been asked to help "flush out" the Iron Belle Trail and are under contract with the DNR to help facilitate the Arenac, Bay, Tuscola, Huron counties. Funds are being put into the Iron Belle Trail project, so MPOs may want to look at ways to incorporate non-motorized plans into projects that would work with the new trail.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the June 22, 2016 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:42 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Anderson
BCATS Director

Transcribed by C. Gaul