

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 Jim Lillo.

Those Present Were:

Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Ryan McDonnell, MDOT; Don Mayle, MDOT; Jon Roberts, MDOT; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Brian Stark, and; Cyndi Gaul, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development. Matt Pitlock, MDOT attended via telephone.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from June 14, 2016 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Hansford, seconded by Reithel, to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2016 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Legislative Update:

There was nothing new to report.

FHWA Approval of 18th Street Addition:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has approved the addition of 18th Street (Garfield Avenue/M-84 to Johnson Street) to the NFC System.

FHWA Notice of Proposal Rule Making:

Lillo discussed the FHWA Notice of Proposal Rule Making and the recent MPO Coordination discussion that has been taking place. There is an unofficial push to combine the Midland (MATS), Saginaw (SMATS), and Bay City (BCATS) MPOs into one MPO, or have all three MPO jointly produce transportation documents (e.g. TIP). This push is coming from the FHWA and possibly Governor's work toward making things more regional. MATS sent a letter about why they shouldn't combine to form one MPO. There was discussion if maybe a letter signed by all the MPOs involved (Bay City, Midland, and Saginaw) would make a better impact for FHWA under their comment period. MPO Coordination Discussion comments are due to FHWA by no later than August 26, 2016.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Hansford, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to have Jay Anderson draft a letter to be signed by BCATS, MATS, and SMATS to recommend that these three MPOs not be combined. This letter will be sent to FHWA by the August 26, 2016 deadline. Motion Passed.

Administrative Modifications to the 2014-2017 TIP:

This informational item was presented to let the group know that there is an increase in the total project cost (\$11,050,000 increased to \$11,935,000) for FY2017 for the I-75 Rehabilitation Project (Cottage Grove to Linwood) due to adding the ROW phase in FY2016. Since this was an Administrative Modification, there was no need to make a motion for recommendation to the BCATS Policy Committee.

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Midland Street/Vermont Street Non-Motorized Options:

Moultane gave an update on the Midland Street/Vermont Street non-motorized options. The City of Bay City is interested in adding a bike lane to this portion of road. They also feel that their non-motorized plan needs to be included in the BCATS Non-Motorized Plan.

GLBR Travel Demand Model Update and Presentation:

Don Mayle, Jon Roberts, and Ryan McDonnell from MDOT Planning gave an update and presentation on the GLBR Travel Demand Model. MDOT provided handouts and a review of the BCATS projects was done to show how the program worked. The final capacity project list is due to MDOT by October.

PASER Collection:

Lillo said the Road Commission PASER collection is complete. There is still some PASER data collection required for the City of Bay City that will be completed next week. The PASER data collection will be completed by next week.

Project Updates:

The City of Bay City **Henry Street Project** is underway and is closed from Thomas to Jenny so traffic is being re-routed. The MDOT **Lafayette Bridge Project** will have a kick off meeting September 1, 2016. The MDOT **I-75 Project** (Cottage Grove to I-75) will have an October let. The MDOT **Beaver Road/M-13 Connector Project** has been advertised. The MDOT **Middle Grounds Project** is waiting for the preliminary environmental evaluation before it moves forward. The City of Essexville has completed pavement of the **Burns Street**. The City of Essexville received notice that they will be receiving a grant this fall and new water mains and sewers will be put in for **Caroline Street**. The Bay County Road Commission Cass Road Project (M-15 to Jones Road) will be funded under a Rubber Tire Grant for 1.4 miles of road. The Bay County Road Commission **Jones Road Project** (Jones Road to Farley Road) has been moved back to FY2017. Bids for this project came in 25% under budget. The Bay County Road Commission **3 Mile Road Project** (M-84 to Amelith Road) is in the design phase.

Other/New Business:

There was no Other/New Business.

As there was no other business, the June 14, 2016 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

Jay Anderson
BCATS Director