

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 Jay Anderson.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Matt Pitlock, MDOT; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Jon Roberts, MDOT; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Brian Stark, and; Cyndi Gaul, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from August 9, 2016 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Moulthane, seconded by Reithel, to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2016 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Legislative Update:

There was nothing new to report. Anderson did mention that FHWA has approved both the FY 17-20 TIP and FY 17 UWP.

FHWA Notice of Proposal Rule Making:

Anderson said that the FHWA/FTA Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on MPO Coordination comment period has been extended to October 24, 2016. Bay County and the City of Bay City have passed resolutions that they do not support the proposed rulemaking. Ogar would like to see additional information provided discussing cost, why this will be expensive, and why it will not be a cost savings. Lillo mentioned that Midland (MATS) is also putting together a second round of comments. Ogar asked about what outreach has been done, specifically to the Michigan Association of Counties. Anderson said he will be submitting comments to FHWA about estimated costs and suggested exemptions for the proposed rulemaking.

Letter of Support for EMCOG 2017 Application for RPI:

Anderson provided a draft copy of a letter of support for the EMCOG 2017 application for continued funding of the Regional Prosperity Initiative. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve and have the Chair sign the letter of support for the EMCOG 2017 application for the continued funding of Regional Prosperity Initiative (RPI). Motion Passed.

Urban Recreation Heritage Route to the Bay:

Ogar discussed the importance of the Heritage Route to the Bay as a place making component for future area planning, including transportation planning. This Urban Recreation Heritage Route to the Bay would provide much needed scenic access as well as enhancement of the beach front near Bay City State Recreation Area. Ogar stressed the importance of creating this corridor between historic downtown Bay City and the beach front. Both Bangor Township and the City of Bay City support this worthwhile effort and plan to have a local designation adopted in their Master Plans. Pitlock will provide Ogar with criteria for different

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grants for this project. Phillips said that there are so many Points of Interest along the route that are heritage and recreation that should help with this project.

A Motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to support a resolution for the creation of the Urban Recreation Heritage Route to the Bay. Motion Passed.

GLBR Travel Demand Model Update and Presentation:

Jon Roberts from MDOT Planning gave an update and presentation on the GLBR Travel Demand Model. MDOT provided handouts and a review of the BCATS capacity projects that were modeled. The final capacity project list is due to MDOT by October. Once the projects are approved MDOT will begin drafting the modeling chapter of the 2045 Long Range Plan.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee approval of the final capacity project list. Motion passed.

Performance Measures

Brian Stark spoke on the upcoming FHWA performance measures rules that MPO and States will have provide in planning documents. Currently the only rule that has been finalized is the safety performance measure. States have will have 12 months to set targets, and MPO will have 180 days to accept the states targets or set their own.

Traffic Counts

Anderson requested that the local road agencies begin submitting traffic counts that have been collected this year so they can be added to the BCATS database and submitted to MDOT.

Project Updates

The Road Commission **3 Mile Road Project** (Amelith Road to M-84) had the GI last week and will be let in January 2017. The Road Commission is expecting to do \$4 mil worth of paving projects for next year. The Road Commission **Cass Avenue Project** (Finn Road to Farley Road) and **Farley Road Project** (M-25 to M-138) will be constructed next year and have already been let. The Road Commission is currently doing a **County-Wide Overlay Paving Project**. The Road Commission **Wilder Road Project** (M-13 Connector to Euclid Avenue) is for the FY 2017 Ground Rubber Tire Grant. The City of Bay City **Madison Avenue Project** is underway. The **Lafayette Bridge Project** will be a complete tear down in 2020 and there is a meeting regarding this project tomorrow. The **Crane Road Bridge Project** in Saginaw County will be the permanent removal of the bridge. The **2 Mile Road Bridge** over the Goetz Drain will be replaced as part of the Crane Road Bridge Project.

Other/New Business:

Fixed Cost Variable Scope

Jay Reithel mentioned the fixed cost variable scope procurement framework for bid-scenario for rural projects. May be an option to look into for BCATS in the future.

Bay City to Saginaw Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

Anderson said that there will be a Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, October 15th

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for the celebrate the completion of this portion of the Great Lakes Bay Region Trail. There are plans to add a pedestrian bridge to the Middlegrounds in 2018, pending an environmental review.

As there was no other business, the October 11, 2016 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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