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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jay Anderson.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Matt Pitlock, MDOT; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Brian Stark, and; Cyndi Gaul, Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development.

Minutes from October 11, 2016 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Lillo, to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Lillo commented that the Road Commission really likes working with BCATS and the Rural Task Force because we look out for the county as a whole, we work together well, and we aren't all out for our own interests as we can see the "bigger picture" for the community. BCATS is a model for how MPOs should work together.

Legislative Update:

There was nothing new to report.

GLRB Travel Demand Model:

Anderson provided handouts of the GLRB Travel Demand Model chapters from MDOT for the 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP) that have some updated language.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Hansford, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the updated GLRB Travel Demand Model chapters for the 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP). Motion Passed.

Draft 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP) for Public Comment:

Anderson provided a handout of the 2045 Long Range Plan draft document for review. The LRP still needs a list of projects to be complete. While there are some items still needed to complete the LRP, Anderson would like to release it for public comment as soon as the other pieces are added. Anderson encouraged the local road agencies to pass along future local projects for inclusion into the LRP.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the release of the Long Range Plan out for Public Comment as soon as it is ready. Motion Passed.

Project Updates

The Road Commission **3 Mile Road Project** (M-84 to Amelith Road) will be let in January 2017. The project is currently out for bid. The Road Commission is expecting to do \$4 mil worth of paving projects for next year around the county. 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

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wrapping up 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 Bay City **Patterson Road Project** (Marquette Avenue to Smith Street) reconstruction has some issues with concrete underlay and water table flooding, so curb, gutter, and other utilities may need to be reconstructed. GI plans for this project were submitted December 13, 2016. The project may be rehabilitation instead of a reconstruction. The City of Essexville has been conducting a Cost Study for lead service line replacement. The City of Essexville received a SAW Grant for \$1.4 Mil as did the Bay County Road Commission.

Other/New Business:

Bay City Traffic Counts

Anderson asked Phillips to send what Bay City has so that the counts can be completed. Phillips said she would do that right away.

Regional Traffic Safety Plan Meeting

Anderson and Reithel discussed the Regional Traffic Safety Plan Meeting where there was discussion about lane departures, intersection safety, pedestrian/bike safety, and drivers under 24.

Beautification Meeting

Reithel discussed the recent Beautification Committee Meeting and they discussed modeling and a road diet for the Thomas & Jenny St corridor, and that there are some morning and evening rush hour deficiencies that are cause for some concern.

Uptown Developers Moving into F.P. Horak Property

Phillips said that the Uptown Developers have purchased the F.P. Horak property and will be developing the area as an extension of the Uptown Project.

Panera Bread

Lillo mentioned that Panera would be going into the old Bellows property on the corner of Wilder Road and State Street Road. Developers want to have two drives for the business, one on Wilder Road and the other on State Street Road. However, there are safety concerns about having two drives. Anderson mentioned it would be a good test to the recently completed Access Management Plan and Ordinance for Wilder Road.

As there was no other business, the December 13, 2016 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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