

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Technical Committee Minutes – April 14, 2020

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Meeting Via Microsoft Teams Meeting – Meeting was recorded

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Tina Makarewicz, MDOT; Ryan McDonnell, MDOT BCTSC; Jon Roberts, MDOT; Mitch Huber, MDOT SPS; Aaron Dawson, FHWA; Brian Stark, MDOT; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City Planning; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from February 11, 2020 BCATS Technical Meeting:

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Lillo, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2020 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update: There was nothing new to report at this time.

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Anderson provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

FY 2020 Amendment:

1. Addition of the ***BMTA FY 2020 5311 Transit Operating Assistance*** for rural transit operations.

FY 2021 Amendment:

1. Addition of the ***BMTA FY 2021 5311 Transit Operating Assistance*** for rural transit operations.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed.

FY 2021 UWP Update:

We have received a lot of local feedback and should have a draft UWP released soon. The new UWP needs to be to MDOT by June 1st for review and we are planning to adopt the final document at the June BCATS Meeting.

2020 Aerial Photography Update

The 2020 Aerial Photography was flown April 1 – 3, 2020 to take advantage of the nice

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weather we were having at that time. We should have some sample data later this summer for review and expect to have the full data by the end of the year. Engelhardt wondered if there was any way to do a 5-year comparison showing flooded areas between the last aerial photography and the new data from this year. Anderson said that would be possible.

Project Updates:

Many MDOT projects have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many contractors have opted to move their finish dates and not work during this time. The **MDOT US-10 Median Guardrail Project** (I-75 to Flajole Road) is scheduled to start at the end of April, 2020. The **MDOT I-75 Project** (Beaver Road to Cottage Grove Road) construction will be taking place in 2021. During this down time, MDOT has been conducting traffic counts on I-75 and US-10. The data shows that traffic for these locations is down by half under the 'Stay in Place' order. MDOT has also been working on plan development.

The **Road Commission Old Kawkawlin Road (Two Mile Rd to State Park Dr)** was let and awarded to Shaw Contracting. The **Road Commission FY2020 Road Projects** (Garfield Road and Salzburg Road in Williams Twp, German Road, and 7 Mile Rd Bridge over Tebo Drain) will be let in May 2020. The **Road Commission Light Installation Project** on Pine Road for Meijer will be installed next week.

The **Bay City Trumbull Street Project** to repair the various issues with the project is completed enough to open the road. The manhole covers for Trumbull will be replaced in June 2020. The **Bay City Wenona Street Project** is in the design phase. The **Bay City South Trumbull Road Project** (Columbus to the City Limits) to replace the water mains by the hospital is on hold so as not to disrupt the hospital flow during the COVID-19 pandemic. The **Bay City Woodside Street Project** by the Water Plant for road reconstruction will begin soon.

The **BMTA Fixed Route Service** stopped on March 27th. Buses are working on a demand response only and bus drivers are not collecting fare at this time to avoid having to handle money in an effort to eliminate the spread of COVID-19. BMTA is averaging around 100 rides per/day for rides to medical appointments, work, and essential shopping. Bus drivers are wearing masks and gloves and the buses are being sanitized often during the day and before and after each shift. Bus drivers are using a clear shower curtain as a protective barrier between them and the public. The BMTA received an additional \$3 million CARES funds to help with COVID-19.

Since the Road Commission Old Kawkalwin Road project came in under budget (about \$116,000 under), Engelhardt wondered if it would be possible to flex the funds to BMTA. It would be better to utilize the funds without leaving them on the table. Makarewicz said she would find out what process we would need to follow in order to utilize the funds. However since the project is an advanced construct project the bid savings will likely be transferred back to the Bay City Wenona Ave project in FY 2021.

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Other/New Business:

Travel Demand Model

Roberts said they are still working on the travel demand model. There is nothing new to report at this time. He should have updates at the next BCATS Technical Committee meeting

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moulane, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the April 14, 2020 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:36 a.m.
Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by C. Gaul