

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Mitch Huber, MDOT SPS; Brian Stark, MDOT; Aaron Dawson, MDOT; Jane Fitzpatrick, EMCOG; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City Planning; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City Engineering; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Terri Close, Hampton Township; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

- ***Introductions were made***

Minutes from February 19, 2020 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Begick, seconded by Moulane, to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

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

Legislative Update: There was nothing to report from the state or federal level. Dawson gave a description of a new White Paper from FHWA on cost TIP amendments. Dawson discussed the different scenarios that were proposed in the White Paper and asked that any comments on the proposals be provided to FHWA by June 26th.

- ***EMCOG Update moved to the end of the meeting.***

BCATS Public Hearing on 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:43 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020-2023 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion.

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:

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There was a brief discussion regarding the future TIP Amendments for the left over bid savings from the BCRC Old Kawkawlin Road (Phase II & III) Project. The committee

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would like to see the funds used for the Bay City Wenona Avenue project in FY 2021.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Engelhardt, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed.

EMCOG Update:

The COVID-19 stimulus package will include lots of funds for EDA Grants. Fitzpatrick said that the allocations of funds should take place soon and there is expected to be a loosening up of the mandatory regulations so that more projects may be eligible for funding. She will know more after the next Monday meeting. Lot of meetings have been cancelled or moved to virtual meetings. The May 1st RED Team meeting has been cancelled and moved to July 10th in Oscoda. The CEDS 5-year plan committee group meetings are still taking place virtually. The September 11th meeting in Beaverton for the roll out of the plan is still expected to take place at this time. EMCOG received the MDOT population data to help with report forecasting.

FY 2021 UWP Update:

Anderson provided a quick update on the 2021 UWP. Staff attended the UWP Planning meeting with MDOT in Lansing. BCATS staff should have a draft UWP released within the next few weeks. 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.

Project Updates:

MDOT did not have any project updates at this time. 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 **BCRC Pine Road Project** to install a mid-block crossing on Pine Road by Meijer will be operational by mid-May 2020. The **BCRC Old Kawkawlin Road Project** had pre-construction and was awarded to Shaw. The **BCRC Wheeler Road Project** (State Park to Patterson) has started work on the second segment of the project. There is an upcoming meeting to discuss the joint **State Park Drive Project** with Bangor Township, City of Bay City, and Bay County Water and Sewer. The **BCRC Garfield Road Project** (Seidler to River) had pre-construction and should be awarded May 1st.

There were several questions for Fitzpatrick regarding the EDA Grant Funding requirements and wanting to know if different projects would be eligible. Fitzpatrick said that there were no guidelines as of yet for funding and that she should know more within the next week.

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Other/New Business:

PASER Ratings

PASER Road Ratings will be put off until Mid-May at the earliest and could be put off further due to COVID-19 travel restrictions for state employees.

2020 Aerial Photography Update

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

Tentative May BCATS Meeting:

There is a possibility of scheduling a Tech and Policy BCATS Meetings in May in order to process TIP Amendments. Anderson will keep everyone informed.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the April 22, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:10 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by C. Gaul