

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Eric Sprague, BMTA, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Under New Business, under Authorization to Sign FTA 5303 there was a typo, "M-15" should be omitted from the minutes. It was moved by Begick, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting, as corrected. Motion Passed.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Bay Metro Update:**

Sprague said that Bay Metro has started receiving replacement vans that are replacing 2004 and 2007 vans. Eight replacement vans are expected to be in soon, with the ninth van coming in after the bids are complete. The replacement vans will have a square back design which will make it easier to get people in wheel chairs onto the buses. The new vans will save BMTA money but not requiring customizations that are normally required. MDOT is using BMTA RFP for statewide van purchase as a template for other transit agencies across the state.

### **Legislative Update:**

Anderson sent out a chart to everyone that breaks down the upcoming May 5<sup>th</sup> proposed sales tax. He just received an email from MDOT and he will pass it along to everyone.

### **Governor Snyder's Regional Prosperity Initiative Update & Year Two Update:**

Engelhardt said that EMCOG has received their second round of funding and they are moving along with TIP Strategies. EMCOG is planning to have a Strategic Team Meeting in two weeks with project planner Jane Fitzpatrick.

### **MDOT Access Management Plan:**

Anderson provided a handout pamphlet created by the consultant to explain the plan for the Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management project. The consultant met to discuss the project at the TSC Office at the end of January. However, there will also be a project meeting with the consultant and property owners in early March 2015 so it's anticipated there will be more information after the meeting.

### **BCATS Public Hearing on 2014-17 TIP Amendment:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2014-17 TIP. A snapshot of the amendment being requested was handed out to the members. There is a request to include the MDOT I-75 Project to restore and rehabilitate the section of road from Cottage Grove Road to Linwood Road that needs to have a new Right of Way (ROW) phase project added to the 2014-17 TIP. Discussion ensued.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 2:02

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p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

**Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendment:**

A motion was made by Begick, seconded by Bragiel, to approve of the 2014-17 TIP Amendment with the approval for any administrative corrections or modification that may be required for the request to include the MDOT I-75 Project to restore and rehabilitate the section of road from Cottage Grove Road to Linwood Road that needs to have a new Right of Way (ROW) phase project added to the 2014-17 TIP. Motion passed.

Fiscal Year	County	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Advance Construct	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Phase Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.	Local ID No.	MPG/Rural Action Date	Amendment Type	Air Quality	Comments	Total Project Cost (\$1000s)
2015	BAY	MDOT	I-75	Cottage Grove Road to Linwood Road	1.80	Restore & rehabilitate	Major Rehabilitation	ROW		32	IM	4	M	0		35	116087			Add		New ROW phase	11,935

**MDOT MI Travel Counts Survey:**

Anderson provided a handout letter regarding the MI Travel Counts project. MDOT and SEMCOG sent out a travel counts survey to random residents across the state to fill out online regarding their travel habits. A small subset of this random group will be offered the use of GPS devices in order to get better and more accurate data.

**GLBR Travel Demand Model – Socio-Economic Data:**

Prior to the meeting Anderson provided handouts of the 2010/2013 Projections for everyone to review regarding the GLBR Travel Demand Model - Socio-Economic Data. Anderson is looking for any major changes to an area where there is a business coming in that will support 10 or more employees. It's important to review the handout for accuracy. It's important that any businesses listed show up in the correct Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) polygon location (even if they are slightly off for exact location). Anderson will be providing MDOT information within the next two weeks, so it's important that everyone review the information for their area and get back with him if there are any changes or corrections. There will be a presentation at the June 2015 BCATS Tech Meeting. BCATS Tech and Policy Committees will be asked to approve the data for use in the GLBR Travel Demand Model in April.

**Project Updates:**

The Bay City ***Center Avenue Project*** for mill and resurface from Water Street to Madison will begin this summer and should be completed by October 2015. City Electric may replace some of the street lighting for this project.

Engelhardt wanted to remind everyone to submit projects as soon as possible to make sure there is funding for the project. Projects should be submitted to MDOT by March 15, 2015 in order to get funding obligated.

**Other/New Business:**

***Township Road Assessments:***

Monitor Township is assessing roads to fix with a millage. They are looking at bonds for the funding up front. Kawkawlin Township is looking for asset

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management on millage money.

### ***PASER Training:***

There will be some upcoming PASER Trainings in Saginaw and West Branch, along with some free webinars. Anderson will email everyone a link to the PASER Training information.

### ***Act 51 Funding:***

Engelhardt said that starting this year, recipients of Act 51 funding must do a report to the Transportation Asset Management Council about the road maintenance, including a three year project of maintenance activities and costs. If reports aren't completed funds may be withheld.

### ***Windmill Parts:***

Bragiel mentioned that there would be 80 large windmill blades being moved along M-13 to Wheeler Road to Patterson Road to Wilder Road in order to get the equipment to the staging location at Bay Aggregate on Bay Road.

### ***BCATS Chair & Vice-Chair Elections:***

Anderson would like to have the BCATS Chair and Vice-Chair Elections held at the April 2015 Meeting. If you would like to be a nominee, or would like to nominate someone, please email Anderson.

### ***Complete Streets:***

Anderson said that Complete Streets is something BCATS needs to look at as we move forward. The Midland MPO has added a Complete Streets Policy. It's something BCATS should look at and consider. This will be discussed more at the April 2015 meeting.

### ***Road Diets Webinar:***

There will be a free webinar on Road Diets by FHWA on March 3, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anderson will email the information regarding this webinar to everyone.

### ***BCATS Non-Motorized Policy:***

Engelhard discussed the BCATS Non-Motorized Policy and wanted to know if the City of Bay City has approved it. Moulthane will look into this.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Foret, to adjourn the February 18, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:46 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson  
BCATS Director