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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:44 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; David Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township Supervisor; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township Supervisor; Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive; and Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

Minutes from June 21, 2017 BCATS Policy Meeting:

Moulane mentioned that the last paragraph of the minutes had the wrong date as it was the June meeting, not the May meeting. It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Bragiel, to approve the minutes as corrected from the June 21, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:

MDOT has been working on the Safety, System Performance\CMAQ\Freight, and Pavement and Bridge condition performance measures and targets. MPOs have until February 27, 2018 to decide if they will support MDOT's five Safety Targets, adopt their own targets, or a combination of the two. There will be HPMS training on September 11, 2017 for MPOs in Lansing. HPMS data is used to set the above performance measure targets.

Anderson has been participating on the MDOT Transportation Performance Measure: Metro Team committee to get correct language into the TIP and LRP in order to be in compliance with the FHWA ruling on Metropolitan Planning. Anderson has also been participating on the JobNet Technical subcommittee on how projects should be submitted into the State JobNet Database. There's a push to have more public involvement through JobNet by FHWA. The goal is to get a list of MPO TIP projects, a funding constraint table, and generate a list of obligated projects.

Bid Savings:

Engelhardt discussed the project bid amounts and mentioned that MPOs may want to check on the State website. They will need to use their ID number to access information from this website. It would be good to have another system to help track project bids so if there are project savings everyone would know sooner so the fund savings could be used for other projects. Lillo wondered how an MPO would get access to project bid savings. Engelhardt was going to work with BCATS, BCRC, and MDOT LAP to find the bid information.

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EMCOG Update:

Engelhardt provided update on the EMCOG Regional Traffic Safety Plan (RTSP) and the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. The RTSP is completed. The RTSP will aid the facilitation of grants, projects, and remediation. The Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative is moving along with monthly RPI meetings to keep track and allow for open communications. People can apply for some match funds through mini grants that are being offered.

BCATS Public Hearing on 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:10 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2017-2020 TIP.

Anderson provided a handout with the following TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications that were requested. The following TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications include

MDOT Amendments:

1. Increase in Federal and State Costs for the FY 2018 ***Trunkline Highway Preservation GPA Project.***
 - o Increase Scope of work for the ***M-13*** Mill and HMA Overlay project to include Chippewa Street to Linwood Road which also increased the Federal and State Costs to the GPA

BMTA Amendments:

1. Increase in state and Federal Costs for the FY 2017 ***Replacement Operations Support Vehicle Project.***

BCRC Amendments:

1. Increase in Federal and State Costs for the ***Pine Road Project*** (Munger Road to German Road) and changing it to Advanced Construct in FY 2017 with the Conversion in FY 2018. This is a Rural Task Force project in the BCATS planning area.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2017-20 TIP was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:18 p.m.

Approval of the 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications:

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2017-2010 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications.

A motion was made by Bragiel, seconded by Malkin, to approve the above BCATS 2017-2010 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications. Motion Passed.

Project Updates:

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The Great Lakes Bay Region Trail Group is looking to revise the **Delta College to SVSU Path Project** by creating a non-motorized path between Delta College and SVSU, at the request of Jean Goodnow, Delta College President. The MDOT **I-75 Project** (Cottage Grove Rd to Linwood Rd) is ongoing. The MDOT **US-10 Project** is complete. The **BCRC 3 Mile Road Project** is complete. The BCRC **Wilder Road Project** will start on Monday and will be done in three phases and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2017. The BCRC **Wilder Road Sign Project** (MDOT TSC to Truman Parkway) has been underway. The BCRC Codey Estey Road Project (7 Mile Rd to M-13) to crush and shape is underway. The BCRC **Farley Road Project** is complete. The BCRC **Cass Avenue Project** is complete.

Other/New Business:

Kawkawlin River Signage Along Footpath:

Barcia discussed the moving of a bridge warning sign next to the Kawkawlin River on M-13 because it interferes with the walking trail dirt path. There was talk about just moving the sign. However, we need to check with MDOT standards and regulations. Reithel will look into the possibility of just moving the sign.

Independence Bridge Update:

Barcia gave an update on the offer by United Bridge Partners to purchase the Independence and Liberty bridges. There has been a lot of discussion about the bridge becoming a privately owned toll bridge or having a millage voted on to help with the costs of the bridge upkeep. There is also discussion about looking for additional 10-year funding for the bridge from MDOT. The City of Bay City would like to meet with MDOT to discuss their suggestions for the bridge.

Unified Work Program (UWP):

Anderson said that the FY 2018 UWP has been approved by the MDOT and Federal Highway. We are just waiting on the Project Authorization Forms.

PASER Ratings:

Anderson said that PASER Ratings were completed for Bay City and Bay County and that Non-Federal Aid road rating in Essexville would be finished August 23rd.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the August 16, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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