

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; David Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township Supervisor; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township Supervisor; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township Trustee; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township Supervisor; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Matt Wilson, SVSU Student; Brian Stark, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from August 16, 2017 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Bragiel, seconded by Rowley, to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee. 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. Anderson mentioned that Anita Boughner will be taking over Pam Boyd's position. Don Mayle has moved to the Rural Task Force at MDOT from the Urban Modeling Section and Jon Roberts is temporarily taking over Don Mayle's position to meet any of BCATS modeling needs.

Safety Performance Measures:

Anderson said that MDOT has set their Safety Performance Measures Targets. BCATS will have until February 27, 2018 to set their targets. Anderson provided a handout with the methodology used by MDOT to set their performance targets for review with the recommendation that BCATS consider supporting the State Performance Targets for the Safety Performance Measures.

EMCOG Report - Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative Update:

Engelhardt provided an update on the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. Through this initiative they have been able to bring a variety of people to the table to participate in the discussion on improving economic development in the region through initiatives such as talent attraction and retention and improving accessibility to jobs, healthcare, and education to the local population. EMCOG is in the process of submitting their application for 2018 funding.

EMCOG Letter of Support for Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative:

Anderson provided a draft letter of support for review, with the recommendation that the BCATS Chairman sign the letter. This letter is to support EMCOG in their 2018 grant funding application.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Bragiel, to recommendation to have the BCATS chairman sign the 2018 EMCOG RPI-5 Letter of Support. Motion Passed.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:53 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. Addition of ***M-25 Bridge CPM Project*** (M-25 over CM Railroad in Bay City) to FY 2018
2. Addition of ***Region-Wide Systematic Improvements Project*** (various locations) for roadside facilities preservation (PE Phase) to FY 2018
3. Addition of ***Region-Wide Systematic Improvements Project*** (various locations) for roadside facilities preservation (CON Phase) to FY 2018
4. Increase in Federal and State Costs for the FY 2018 ***Trunkline Traffic Operations or Safety Project GPA Project***
 - Addition of the ***Region-Wide Delineation Upgrades*** (various locations) for traffic safety (PE Phase) to the GPA
 - Addition of the ***Region-Wide Delineation Upgrades*** (various locations) for traffic safety (CON Phase) to the GPA
 - Addition of the ***Retro Reflectivity Assessment Project*** (region-wide) for retro reflectivity readings and condition assessment to the GPA
 - Addition of the ***Region-Wide Pavement Markings Project*** (region-wide) for Special Pavement Marking Application (PE Phase) to the GPA
 - Addition of the ***Region-Wide Pavement Markings Project*** (region-wide) for Special Pavement Marking Application (CON Phase) to the GPA

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2017-20 TIP was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:58 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 Rowley, seconded by Malkin, to approve the above BCATS 2017-2010 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications. Motion Passed.

BCATS 2018 Meeting Schedule:

Anderson provided a schedule handout for review with the schedule similar to 2017. Technical meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 10:00 a.m. and the Policy meeting on the third Wednesday of every other month at 1:30 p.m.

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2017 BCATS Annual Report:

Anderson wanted to remind everyone that staff will be working on the 2017 BCATS Annual Report. If anyone has photos and project descriptions, please submit them to Jay Anderson or Brian Stark. This is our chance to showcase our 2017 projects. Anderson spoke with MDOT and we only have to put a notice on MLive that the report is out on our website. This will save money since we won't have to publish the entire report. Malkin mentioned using the Valley Farmer.

Project Updates:

The City of Bay City ***Patterson Road Project*** (Smith St to Marquette Ave) for reconstruction will be completed November 11, 2017. The ***Independence Bridge Project*** (Preventative Maintenance) has started and will continue until November 18, 2017. Work will start back up in January 2018. This project should be completed by April 2018. The ***Trumbull Street Project*** (Center Ave to Woodside Ave) has been designed following city standards and will have an August 18th Let. Most of this project will be done in 2019. The Monitor Township Traxler Court Project has been completed. The Monitor Township Haberland Court Project to work on the storm sewers and drains has been completed.

Other/New Business:

Transportation Asset Management:

The Transportation Asset Management Council is looking at MPOs that don't use all of their allocated funds in order to shift funding to MPOs that can use the additional funding. When submitting for the quarterly bills, MPOs should be reviewing what all they can bill for in order to maximize funds.

Bay City Bridges Meeting:

There will be a special bridge meeting for City of Bay City Commission to discuss options for Liberty and Independence Bridge ownership and maintenance on October 30, 2017 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

MDOT Regional Non-motorized plan meeting:

Engelhardt said that EMCOG is working with MDOT to update their non-motorized plans. A public meeting will be held October 30th from 5-7 p.m. at the MDOT Bay region office in Saginaw, MI.

Environmental Assessment of Projects:

Anderson said that there will be an Environmental Assessment component to local projects submitted to MDOT Local Agency Programs coming up in the future. While there's nothing set right now, it will be coming up soon. MDOT Local Agency Program staff are seeking comments from Act 51 agencies on the proposed Environmental Assessment process.

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As there were no further business, a motion was made by Bragiel, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the October 18, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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BCATS Director

Transcribed by C. Gaul