

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Technical Committee Minutes – June 9, 2020

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Meeting Via Microsoft Teams Meeting – Meeting was recorded

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Mitch Huber, MDOT SPS; Jack Hofweber, MDOT; Aaron Dawson, FHWA; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from May 12, 2020 BCATS Technical Meeting:

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Huber, to approve the minutes from the May 12, 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. MDOT Staff are furloughed through the end of July. Huber asked if we had submitted our final acceptance report for 2019. Anderson thought we had already submitted the report and will check to make sure. Dawson said at the Federal level they have been working on the next Transportation Bill and maintaining business as usual.

FY2021 Unified Work Program (UWP):

Anderson sent everyone an updated draft of the FY 2021 UWP to review. There was a brief discussion.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Huber, to favorably recommend the FY 2021 Unified Work Program (UWP) be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed.

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Anderson sent out a list 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. Cost change for the ***BMTA Computer Hardware and Software Project*** Section 5339 funding.

FY 2022 Amendment:

1. Addition of the ***BMTA 5311 Rural Operating Assistance Funding***.

FY 2023 Amendment:

1. Addition of the ***BMTA 5311 Rural Operating Assistance Funding***.
2. Addition the ***MDOT Trunkline Traffic And Safety GPA Project*** for \$1,881,638 Federal.

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

Bay County Employee Furlough:

Anderson wanted to let everyone know that the BCATS Staff would be starting furlough hours on Monday, June 15th and will end July 24th. BCATS Staff will be available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and will not be available on Monday or Tuesday. Lillo mentioned that the Road Commission Board were going to be having a meeting later today to vote about going on furlough too.

FY 2020 PASER Collections:

Anderson has been having conversations with the Road Commission and City of Bay City regarding the FY 2020 PASER Collections. While the PASER Collections for this year are not being cancelled by the State, it is understood that there are concerns about having multiple people in the same vehicle to rate roads during the Covid-19 pandemic. We will be keeping our eyes and ears open about PASER rating funding since, at this point, current funding can't be rolled over into the next year. Reithel asked about the possibility of doing virtual road ratings since the technology does exist to record the road while driving on it for review later. Hofweber said that the State was cancelling all ride around activity, which means that Federal roads would not be able to be rated this year. However, it is possible to rate the local roads. Anderson has been in contact with the TAMC and they understand that there are a lot of moving parts and concerns with heading out to do PASER Collections, especially since some agencies are only allowing one person per vehicle when traveling. The consensus has been that we should delay the ratings until 2021, when the whole county may hopefully be collected. There will be more discussion on this matter.

Project Updates:

The **BCRC Old Kawkawlin Road Project** (State Park Dr to Two Mile Rd.) started paving of the first mile of road on Thursday and will be completed by the end of July. The **BCRC Garfield Road Project** (Hotchkiss Rd to Salzburg Rd) is scheduled to start July 13, 2020 and be completed by the end of August 2020. The **BCRC Wheeler Road Phase 2 Project** for mill and fill will be completed by the end of next week. The **BCRC Mackinaw Road Project** will begin in August 2020. The **BCRC German Road Project** (Trumbull Rd to M-15) will begin July 20, 2020 and be completed by the end of September. Reminder: The Road Asset Management Plan is due on October 1, 2020. The **Bay City South Trumbull Road Project** (Columbus Ave to the City Limits – next to the hospital) started yesterday replacing the water main and storm sewer and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2020. The **Bay City Asset Management Plan** is underway. MDOT has been working on the portions of the **Bay-Zilwaukee Trail** that sustained damage by the recent flooding in Saginaw County. The **MDOT US-10 Guardrail Project** located in the BCATS Area will be completed next week. The **MDOT M-47 Signing Upgrade Project** is underway.

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Other/New Business:

There was nothing new brought before the BCATS Tech Committee at this time.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the June 9, 2020 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:38 a.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by C. Gaul