

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Ryan McDonnell MDOT BCTSC; Jack Hofweber, BCTSC; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development. Via phone: Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG and Tom Doyle, MDOT.

Minutes from June 11, 2019 BCATS Technical Meeting:

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Reithel, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2019 BCATS Technical 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.

Doyle said that the UWP should be approved within the next two weeks. The TIP is going to Federal Highway on August 15, 2019.

Anderson mentioned that the new Federal Legislative Bill, America's Transportation Infrastructure Act, has a 27% increase in funds being proposed and allows for multiple MPOs, so we shouldn't have to merge MPOs in our area.

FY2017-2020 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Anderson provided a handout of the FY 2017-2020 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification to recommend to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

FY 2019 Amendment:

1. Addition of the **MDOT** Lake State Railway Project (@ 34th St) in Bay City/Bay County to remove track and restore road, curb, and sidewalk.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Moulane, to favorably recommend the FY 2017-2020 TIP amendment be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed.

Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model Update:

There will be a kick-off meeting held on August 26, 2019 at the Bay City TSC Office. Trail maps will be available at this meeting, unless you requested them to be sent directly to your office. There was discussion about if the Travel Demand Model had the ability to do micro analysis and if we should be planning now for what data we may want to include for future projects. MDOT is using the Travel Demand model to help while creating detours and routes for future projects. It has been helpful with all the bridge work and repairs.

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Project Updates:

The **MDOT Thomas/Jenny Maintenance Project** will be starting in September to prepare the routes for the detour due to the FY 2020 **MDOT Lafayette Bridge Reconstruction** project. MDOT will be closing the westbound lanes of Veteran's Memorial Bridge while performing **Safety Upgrades** at Jenny St. (**M-25 WB**) and Henry Street. MDOT will be installing High Friction Surface Treatment and concrete patching on westbound **M-25** (Jenny and 7th Streets) starting August 14 to September 27, 2019. The **MDOT River Road Project** will be completed by November 2019. The **MDOT I-75 Project** is moving along with work beginning on the southbound lanes. The **MDOT Chip Road Project** (Over I-75) is almost complete and the road will be opening soon. The **MDOT Mackinaw Road Project** (Wheeler Road to Beaver Road) will be paved in September 2019 as part of the bridge project of I-75. The **MDOT US-10 Project** (I-75 to 7 Mile Road) is in for design. There will be important work done in the City of Bay City in 2025.

Other/New Business:

FY2020-2023 TIP Approval:

The FY2020-2023 TIP has been submitted for approval by Federal Highway. There has been discussion about the local projects and combining Phase II and Phase III of the Old Kawkawlin Road Project (2 Mile to Euclid Avenue) and (Euclid Avenue to State Park Drive) into one project.

2020 Aerial Photography Update:

The 2020 Aerial Photography proposal was successfully approved by the Bay County Ways and Means Committee. The proposal will be going to the full Bay County Board of Commissioners later today. This project is a combined effort of Bay, Midland, Saginaw, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties partnering with the State of Michigan MiSAIL Program.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Reithel, to adjourn the August 13, 2019 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by C. Gaul