

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Those Present Were

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Ryan McDonnell, MDOT; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moutane, City of Bay City Planning; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City Engineering; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township Trustee; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

Minutes from June 17, 2020 BCATS Policy Meeting

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Moutane, to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2020 BCATS Policy 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. Things are business as usual until there's new legislation. Boughner said that the Federal transportation bill will likely be extended.

EMCOG Update

There was nothing to report from EMCOG. Category B Grants are listed out on the TEDF website. HPMS data should be coming out soon.

2020 HIP Funds

There is additional Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding (\$82,072.00) available like there was last year in 2019. Anderson would like to add the funding to the City of Bay City Wenona Avenue (Fisher Street to Jane Street) project scheduled for FY2022.

A motion was made by Moutane, seconded by Phillips, to approve the additional 2020 HIP Funding allocated for the City of Bay City Wenona avenue project in FY2022. Motion Passed.

Performance Measures Story Map Presentation

Ryan Smith provided a presentation on the newly created Performance Measures Story map. A draft copy was available to view during the meeting. Using Arc GIS Online to create the Story Map works well with the performance measure data. The Performance Measures Story Map includes a breakdown of the performance measures and will be the live document that will change as data is updated. At the end of the story map there is a survey that will be helpful as we move forward. The Story Map will be published on the BCATS website and should be available to the public by the end of the year.

Non-Motorized Plan Update

Ryan Smith provided an update on the BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. All of the maps showing existing and possible/proposed non-motorized facilities for each of the municipalities in BCATS have been updated. Ryan included some safety maps showing/highlighting pedestrian and bicyclist crash site data. More narrative about Complete Streets was included in the plan as well as most other sections of the plan. Staff will be incorporating information from the City of Bay City to ensure consistency. Project lists were updated with data from completed and upcoming projects. Phillips will be sending information to Smith about the Johnson Street Project so the non-motorized components of the project can be included. A Story Map will be created for the Non-Motorized Plan and some more online surveys are being developed to allow the public and local agency members provide feedback. If

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anyone has projects they would like added to the Non-Motorized Plan please send them to Ryan Smith or Jay Anderson.

Project Updates

The **MDOT Intersection Improvement Project** at the intersection of Center Ave and Madison Ave will happen in September over a weekend. It is a collaborative effort between multiple agencies. The **MDOT M-25 Project** in Essexville will use up 2020 funding and should be completed by September 24, 2020. The **MDOT US-10 Project** for westbound reconstruction/M-25 is in the design phase. This project will include the interchange at Mackinaw road with the use of roundabouts. During this project, US-10 will be down to a one lane road for the summer of 2021. The **Bay City Trumbull Street Project** is finishing up. The contractor has not responded about finishing their portion of the project and Bay City is working with MDOT to see what recourse they have with the contractor issue. The **Bay City Wenona Street Project Phase I** will be let January 2021. Phillips will provide the updated costs for this project. The **Bay City Marquette Avenue Project** (Transit St to Hart St) received a Category F Grant from the State and will be let in the fall of 2020. The **Bay City TAMP Plan** is wrapping up. The **BCRC Old Kawkawlin Project** has been completed. The **BCRC German/Bullock Road Project** (Trumbull Rd to M-15) is underway. The **BCRC Salzburg Road Project** (11 Mile to Garfield Road) has been completed. The **BCRC HAWK (High-intensity Activated crosswalk) Project** at Pine Road is the first of its type in the county. The BCRC sent out flyers to the public about the new crosswalk. The owner of **Bob's Bar** (corner of M-15 and 22nd Street) sent a letter response to the BCRC and they are very interested in selling. This site will be cleared to enhance the right turn onto 22nd Street and straighten the intersection.

Augustyniak asked why Fraser Township was no longer part of the BCATS Urbanized Area. Anderson explained that when the new Urbanized Boundary was established they were defined by the census and Fraser Township was removed. Lillo pointed out that by not being in the Urbanized Area, Fraser Township won't be in competition with other units for Urban Federal Aid.

Augustyniak asked if the State Road north of Omer had been purchased for the State Non-Motorized plan. Engelhardt thought that the State was planning to purchase the rail road right of way, however he hadn't heard if that had been done. Reithel said that he would find out.

Other/New Business

TAM Plan Promotion

Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) will allow the rollover of funds from 2020 into 2021. Hopefully BCATS will be able to collect all Federal Aid Road Ratings in Bay County and Bay City during the 2021 PASER collection season.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the August 19, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:36 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by C. Gaul