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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township Supervisor; Terri Close, Hampton Township Supervisor; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township Supervisor; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township Supervisor; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township Trustee; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department. David Engelhardt/EMCOG and Aaron Dawson/FHWA attended via phone.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from December 20, 2017 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Close, seconded by Rowley, to approve the minutes from the December 20, 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. JobNet is delayed until July 2018.

Resolution to Support MDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets:

Anderson provided handouts for review with the methodology used by MDOT to set their safety performance targets. The BCATS Tech Committee made a recommendation that BCATS support the State Safety Performance Targets.

A motion was made by Bragiel, seconded by Rowley, for BCATS to support the MDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets. Motion Passed.

EMCOG Report - Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative Update:

Engelhardt provided an update on the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. There will be a Strategic Team Meeting held on February 27th. EMCOG received the same funding as FY2017 and plan to move forward with the mini grants for \$20,000 each. This year the mini grants will most likely require a match. Engelhardt mentioned one of the results of the mini grants from FY 2017 was a Safety and Economic Development Study for the US 127 Corridor from St. Johns to Ithaca.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:45 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2017-2020 TIP.

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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 of **MDOT GPA Region-Wide Trunkline Bridge in 2018.**
 - o **M-25 (Vet's Bridge over Saginaw River)** for Structural, Mechanical, and Electrical work.
2. Addition of **M-13 Project** (Zilwaukee Bridge to Bay City South Limits) for FY 2018 to the Illustrative List.

BMTA Amendments to the Transit Candidate List:

1. Increase the cost for upgrade of **BMTA Telecommunications System** in 2018.
2. Increase cost of **BMTA Utility Vehicle with Plow** in 2018.
3. Scope change to reduce from the replacement of two lift vans to **(1) BMTA Replacement Lift Van** in 2018.
4. Increase cost of **BMTA Computer Hardware and Software** county-wide upgrade for transit operations equipment in 2019.
5. Addition of county-wide **BMTA Replacement Maintenance Vehicle** in 2019.
6. Addition of **Replacement Region VII Lift Van** in 2019.
7. Change Scope of Work for four county-wide **BMTA Replacement Lift Vans** in 2019.
8. Change Scope of Work for county-wide **BMTA Replacement Radio and GPS Units** for transit equipment in 2019.
9. Increase cost of **BMTA Operating Assistance** county-wide for transit operations in 2018.
10. Addition of **BMTA Replacement of 14 Flare Boxes Project** from the 2018 TIP.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2017-20 TIP was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:49 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 Bragiell, to approve the above BCATS 2017-2010 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications. Motion Passed.

Pre-Unified Work Program (UWP) Meeting:

Anderson and Sprague attended the FY 2019 Pre-UWP Meeting on Tuesday, February

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13th in Lansing, Michigan. There wasn't a lot of new information and funding will be basically the same. We'll be starting the 2020-2023 TIP toward the end of FY 2018. The draft UWP Document is due to MDOT June 1st.

Bay City Bridge Discussion:

A meeting is scheduled for February 22nd between the City of Bay City, Bay County Road Commission, Bay County, and MDOT to discuss the Independence Bridge and the Liberty Bridge (owned by Bay City) to work out a solution to the maintenance and funding issues facing the City of Bay City, as well as identify other funding sources to come up with money to cover the costs for these bridges.

Phillips asked Reithel to look into a presentation of the modeling for the Independence Bridge to see if it would be eligible to be a Trunkline Route to either I-75 or M-13. There has been talk about trying to classify the route from the intersection of Trumbull St and Center Ave to Wilder Rd and I-17 as a regional connector.

Project Updates:

Handouts of the possible bridge design for the Lafayette Bridge Reconstruction Project were provided by MDOT for review and discussion. The Coast Guard will keep the Channel Closed until mid-April for the **Independence Bridge Project** to help with the construction. This project should be completed by the end of March, pending manufacture of grates for the bridge deck. The traffic signals have been adjusted to accommodate the detours. The **Trumbull Road Project** is in design and will be let in late July or early August 2018. Construction for this project will begin in March of FY2019. MDOT is still working with the Riverwalk/Railtrail and Great Lakes Bay Region Trail groups to create a crossing to the Middle Grounds with the **Bay/Zilwaukee Trail**.

Other/New Business:

PASER Training:

Anderson will be attending PASER Training on February 28th at the Horizon Conference Center in Saginaw, Michigan. PASER Webinars have started up as well. We will work on getting PASER collection dates set up for the year.

RoadSoft Training:

There will be an Investment Reporting Tool Requirements using RoadSoft webinar on March 19th.

Spring Asset Management Conference:

There will be an Asset Management Conference in Traverse City May 22, 2018.

Transportation Planner /GIS Tech Position:

Anderson gave an update on the posted position and said that interviews would start next week.

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As there were no further business, a motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Bragiel, to adjourn the February 21, 2018 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:37 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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