

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:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS Director; Dave Harran, Bay City; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Terry Moulthane, Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Pamela Boyd, MDOT-Planning; Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Bragiel, seconded by Brandt, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting. Motion Passed.

Introductions:

Engelhardt took a moment so that everyone could introduce themselves.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Update:

Sprague was not present and no update was given.

BCATS 2011-14 TIP Amendments:

Engelhardt provided everyone with a handout of the proposed BCATS 2011-14 TIP Amendments for MDOT. The first amendment request was to remove the M-84 at I-75 roadside facility from the 2014 TIP (PE and Con). The second amendment request was to add the M-25 & M-13/M-84 Bascule Bridges over the Saginaw River Electrical Work to the 2014 TIP. The third amendment request was to add the TAP Trunkline GPA to the 2014 TIP. Discussion ensued. The discussed amendments are being added to the BCATS 2011-14 TIP which has been extended until November 30th, 2013 as the active TIP, but the amendments are also being approved and are to be incorporated into the BCATS 2014-17 TIP when it becomes the active TIP.

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Boyd, to approve the MDOT amendment requests to remove the M-84 at I-75 roadside facility projects from the 2014 TIP, to add the M-25 Bascule Bridges over the Saginaw River Electrical Work to the 2014 TIP, and to add the TAP Trunkline GPA to the 2014 TIP (Amendments to apply to both the BCATS 2011-14 TIP and the BCATS 2014-17 TIP). Motion Passed.

MDOT Access Management Plan:

Engelhardt discussed the MDOT Access Management Plan for the Euclid Avenue and Wilder Road Corridors. Reithel is trying to get SPR Funding for this project and hopes to join the two projects so that work won't have to be duplicated. There is currently \$50,000 SPR funding on the table to do the Euclid Avenue corridor and an additional \$20,000 of PL funding with the Bay County Road Commission covering the match with \$5,000 (Total of \$25,000) for the Wilder Road corridor. Engelhardt questioned how we can allocated the funds for each project as one is an MDOT project and one is a Road Commission project. Boyd thought that it would just be a matter of how items were described in RFP and

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subsequently billed for the project. Boyd will talk with Engelhardt and Reithel after the meeting to discuss clarification of the RFP language and billing for this project.

Governor Snyder's Regional Prosperity Initiative - Letter of Support:

Engelhardt discussed the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative and explained that Fortune would like to have a letter of support from BCATS in order to identify the stakeholders for the initiative. This letter of support would not in any way obligate funds from BCATS. This letter is for regional planning purposes.

A motion was made by Foret, seconded by Bragiel, to approve a BCATS letter of support for the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative with the signature of the BCATS Chair, Mr. Lillo. Motion Passed.

BCATS Annual Report:

Engelhardt discussed the BCATS Annual Report and asked if anyone had any information or before and after pictures from their projects that they would like added to the annual report. The purpose of the BCATS Annual Report is to highlight transportation projects and enhancements throughout the area. Please submit your information to Engelhardt by mid-November, 2013.

Project Updates:

The **Salzburg Road Project** should be done by the end of November. The **I-75 Project** (the I-675 to I-75 portion) will have a five-week detour. The **East Main Street Project** will have the storm sewer put in by the end of this year. The **Midland Road Project** (between Three Mile and Four Mile) will be finishing up soon. The **Beaver Road Project** will be paved November 1, 2013 and should be completed by the end of November. The **Bay City Hall Project** will be completed in November 2013. There will be some updates for the **Mackinaw Road Project** over US-10. The City of Bay City is looking at possible upgrades for **Water Street** and **Saginaw Street** near the Mill End Project. The **Lincoln Road Project** still needs to be completed. There is also a potential "Beautification" project on **Thomas Street** and **Jenny Street** in the future.

Other/New Business:

Fourth Quarter Invoices:

Engelhardt stressed the importance of everyone getting in their Fourth Quarter Invoices in to him as soon as possible.

October 15, 2013 MTPA Meeting:

Engelhardt attended the October 15, 2013 MTPA Meeting and mentioned that there is a link on the bottom of State of Michigan website that has a link that you can click on for information, to receive emails, etc. This link is also on the MDOT website.

Bay Metro:

Boyd mentioned that there will be a teleconference on October 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. regarding GPA inclusion in the new 2014-17 TIPs. Boyd will send Engelhardt more information about this meeting and is hoping that Eric Sprague of Bay Metro Transit

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would be part of the working group. Engelhardt will let Sprague from Bay Metro know about this meeting.

Rural Task Force:

Engelhardt discussed the new D & C Category for funding where you either use it or lose it. The funds can't be re-programed.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Begick, seconded by Fortune, to adjourn the October 16, 2013 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:11 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director