

BAY CITY AREA TANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm.

Those present were: Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff: Gary A Brandt, Monitor Township, Tom Ryder, Bay County Commissioner, Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township, George L. Augustyniak, Fraser Township, Jack Wheatley, representing Bay City, Jay Reithal, MDOT, Mike Stoner, Bay Metro, Pamela Boyd, MDOT Planning, Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission, and Jo Bollman, Enviromental Affairs staff.

Introductions:

Lillo had everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Augustyniak, second by Ryder, to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2011. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Stoner discussed how the FTA Operating funding is dispursed by the state, where the formula benefits those programs which spend the most funds receive the most funds. Examples would be Lansing and Grand Rapids, both areas receive the majority of the funds that are allowed through the funding program due to the amount of spending they do. Stoner stated that several groups are trying to get the state to change its' formula policy so that is fair to all groups participating in the allocation of funds.

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Stoner was asked how the college run to Delta and SVSU is doing and he stated that an average of 150 people a day use the bus to go to the colleges from the local Meijer's parking lot and believes the amount of people using the bus will increase.

TIP Amendments – Bay Metro and MDOT:

Engelhardt stated Bay Metro needs an amendment to the JARC program with funding amounts increasing from \$145,000 to \$160,000 and MDOT along I-75 between Linwood and Pinconning will be reducing in cost for the amount located outside of the BCATS area, so as not to double account for that portion of the project. Also, the project description was incorrect. A motion was made by Boyd, seconded by Wheatley, to accept the Bay Metro and MDOT TIP amendments. Motion passed.

BCATS 2012 Unified Work Program (UWP):

Engelhardt stated they have not met yet but he had asked if there is anything in particular that needed to be addressed or focused on in the 2012 work program. At this time no one had anything they needed to discuss. Engelhardt stated there were tentative dates in early May for when they will meet.

BCATS Flexible Match – FY 2011 Additional Eligible Work Items & FY 2012 Fee Based Approach:

Engelhardt stated he is looking for more eligible activities to be involved with matching the funding. Bay City did not incorporate a cash match in their 2012 budget process. The amount of cash match proposed being difficult to find during the budget process. Engelhardt is hoping that finding additional eligible work items, will reduce the amount of cash needed from the agencies, and this would assist the city by reducing the cash amount required.

2040 Metropolitan Plan and Travel Demand Model:

Engelhardt talked about the long range plan, the last travel demand model developed was a tri – county model, Bay City, Saginaw, and Midland. The Travel Demand Model is being enhanced to include hourly traffic counts and a Transit Component, an improvement from the existing 24 hr traffic counts. Engelhardt stated they will look at other types of planning output with the latest model update, such as peak hour deficiencies.

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Paser data collections:

Engelhardt stated That Dirk Westbury is scheduling the paser rating dates for the 50% of county federal aid eligible roads. Lillo indicated that the Raod Commission will be doing all the local roads this year and got their application in to be reimbursed for their efforts. Lillo stated that the results of the local road ratings would be available by November.

Projects Update:

Wheatley stated that after 4th of July the street project will be starting on South Walnut from Vermont all the way to the Veterans Bridge. This project entails total reconstruction of the street including storm sewers. Late summer Adams Street from McKinely to Columbus will be redone. Both the Independence and the Liberty bridges will have road work done on them. The Independence will be closed at times to traffic. Wheatley stated that in the late summer that Harrison will be finished also.

Lilo stated that on June 13. 2011 Midland Rd will have road work done for one and a quarter miles from 2 Mile to a quarter of a mile past 3 mile. Lilo stated there will be a road project on North Union between, Euclid and 2 mile in 2012 and that when it is done there will be a wide shoulders along side of the road for non motorized vehicles. There has been concern about pedestrians having nowhere to walk and being endangered of being hit by a car or falling into a ditch.

Reithel stated that MDOT is waiting for the bridge to be finished on M-13 on the eastside of Bay City and once that is done they will be starting the construction on M-84 from Euclid to I-75, which should be in the very immediate future.

Other Concerns/New Business:

It was brought up to Boyd from MDOT Planning that there are still concerns about the traffic backing up on the ramps from US-10 due to heavy traffic

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coming and going from the Fabiano Distribution Center. Boyd stated she will look in to it and see what can be done to relieve the traffic tie up.

Engelhardt discussed the meeting BCATS hosted along with MDOT at the Wirt Library regarding Pedestrian Access mostly from an ADA perspective, and stated it was very interesting to participate in the field exercises using wheelchairs traversing city streets with curb cuts. Engelhardt brought up a meeting tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2011, in the Saginaw /Bay Area with a Stuart Lindsay, Tribal Affairs Coordinator with MDOT. The meeting will focus on ways of better collaboration and coordinating projects with the Tribal Governments.

Boyd stated that MDOT is going through some reorganization and they are hoping everything will be done by October of this year.

Everyone was reminded that the June meeting will be the last meeting for TIP amendments.

As there was no further business, the April 20, 2011 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was adjourned by 2:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director
Transcribed by Jo Bollman

