

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:

Jim Lillo, Bay Co. Road Commission; Chris Rupp, Bay County Commissioner; Jack Wheatley, Rowe Engineering representing Bay City; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; George Augustyniak, Fraser Twp. Supervisor; Gary Brandt, Monitor Twp. Supervisor; Jack Hofweber, MDOT- Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT-Bay City; Mike Niederquell, Wade Trim; Jim Bedell, City of Bay City; Dirk Westbury BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Approval of Minutes:

Fortune noted a correction in the minutes in the 2012 Transportation Summit section. Line 12 should state "Saginaw Urbanized Area would extent into Bay County with ..." It was moved by Augustyniak, seconded by Fortune, to approve the minutes with the correction to the February 15, 2012 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:

Sprague was not present and no update was given.

BCATS TIP:

Lillo that indicated the City of Bay City has requested this project be pushed out to at least 2014. The fact that utilities have to be replaced for this project and there being a lack of funds in both the water and sewer departments, Bay City wants to move this project from 2013. Lillo lead a discussion regarding Lincoln Street. There was talk about maybe switching the Lincoln Street Project with the Midland Road Project. Wheatley was going to discuss further with Bay City staff as to which future year makes the most sense. Engelhardt suggested the project could be incorporated into the new 2014 -2017 TIP in year 2015 quite readily. No TIP amendment was made at this time.

Use of Preliminary Engineering (P.E) and Transit Capital:

Lillo discussed the use of P.E. and/or Transit Capital Projects in the illustrative list of the TIP in order to take full advantage of any bid savings. It has been suggested that bid savings from road project could be used for P.E. or transit capital projects. These costs are normally incurred by the local agency, but the goal would be to keep all the federal funds allocated to BCATS in Bay County. If there are no road projects that could utilize these funds, either due to short time frames at the end of the fiscal year, or smaller dollar amounts, then this would be an option.

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BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

Lillo discussed the BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and explained that every 5 years requires an update. BCATS will have a draft ready for review at the end of April. The document will then need to be open for public review for at least a thirty (30) day period. The plan will be approved at the June 20, 2012 Policy Committee meeting.

2010 Census Urban Boundary:

Lillo discussed the Census Urban Boundary changes and what implications they may have to the BCATS. Part of the Saginaw Urbanized Area are coming into Bay County. There should be some sort of memorandum of understanding between BCATS and SMATS. This will need to be addressed at a later date. Other notable changes are that Fraser Township is no longer in the Urban Boundary. The Midland Urban Area reached the 50,000 population threshold to become an MPO. However, current the proposed Transportation Bill and the House and Senate change the threshold for MPO designation to 100,00 or 200,000 respectively.

BCATS FY 2013 Unified Work Program:

Engelhardt, Westbury, and Sprague attended the Pre-UWP Meeting in Lansing on Monday, April 16th. The purpose of the meeting is to let Lansing know what our area is planning on doing over the next year. The focus for 2013 will be on updating the TIP. If there's anything you'd like to see BCATS improve or change, please let Dave Engelhardt know.

Project Updates:

The ***M-84 Salzburg Ave Project*** had a plan review last Thursday and a GI is scheduled for April 12th with construction planned for 2013. The portion of Wenona Ave that is a part of this project will be completed before 4th of July in 2013. Business access will be maintained throughout all phases of the project. An enhancement grant for street lighting to coincide with this project is looking positive and may be awarded soon. The ***US-10 Microsealing Project*** will began next month. The ***Salzburg Road Project*** was let April 6th and it was awarded to Shaw Contracting and was 8% under engineer's estimate. The ***Johnson St Project*** will be let in June with construction to begin in July. The ***Cody Estey Project*** is three miles long and upgrades it to an All-Season Road. The ***Wilder Rd/Two Mile Road Intersection Project*** adds a left turn phase to the signal on Wilder Road.

Other/New Business:

Safe Routes to Schools Training (SR2S):

There will be a SR2S Training held on May 1, 2012 at the Community Center.

Rail Trail Clean Up:

In honor of Earth Day, there will be a Rail Trail clean up on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

Bus Stop Platforms:

Starting this year, bus stops must have a Bus Stop Platform to accommodate wheel chairs, etc. These platforms will be ADA accessible and compliant.

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Federal Representative:

Inactive projects should be reviewed and closed out. It's important to finalize older projects that haven't been used or spent.

Transportation Summit:

There will be a Transportation Summit on Friday, April 20, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Bay City TSC Office on Wilder Road.

As there was no further business, the April 18, 2012 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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