

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 P.M.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jack Wheatley, Rowe Engineering representing Bay City; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township Supervisor; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor; Jack Hofweber, MDOT- Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT-Bay City; Jim Bedell, City of Bay City; Dan Hansford, Essexville City Manager; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township Supervisor; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT-Lansing; Bob Pawlak, Portsmouth Township Supervisor; Dave Engelhardt, BCATS Director, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Lillo noted that a correction needed to be made under the Approval of Minutes, line 2 should read "Saginaw Urbanized Area would **extend** into Bay County."

It was moved by Hansford, seconded by Wheatley, to approve the minutes with the above noted correction to the April 18, 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 - Amendments:**

Engelhardt provided a handout and discussed that the MDOT snapshot had various amendments to make to the BCATS TIP for projects. The Road Commission has several: Beaver Road project and Cass Road Project, correct the State funding source from "M Funds" to "State Economic Category D Funds (EDD)." MDOT project additions to the TIP include "Construction of a Carpool Lot at M-84 and Three Mile Rd in 2014, MDOT Highway Safety GPA project in 2012."

There were also the addition of a Road Commission Project. The Bay County Road Commission preventive maintenance bridge project in 2014 for three bridges over the Kawkawlin River (Wheeler Road, Mackinaw Road, and Chip Road). Lillo mentioned that the Road Commission has received a grant for the Beaver Road Project. Those safety funds will also be added to the project as part of the amendment.

Lillo pointed out that the Beaver Road Project is listed as being .91 miles in length on the Improvement Projects FY 2011-2014 handout. However, the project is actually 1.88 miles in length.

Bid savings from the Johnson St project will be used to assist in paying for PE on the Salzburg Four mile to Mackinaw project. The estimated savings currently is \$36.666, but the amount will be better determined when MDOT local agency program enters data into the Local Agency Balance Report. The amendment proposed for this allows Dave

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Engelhardt to adjust the amendment amount to the actual amount that shows up as saving on the BCATS local agency balance report.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Wheatley, to approve the BCATS 2011-2014 TIP to include the above amendments. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:**

Engelhardt discussed the various comments that were received about the BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and indicated that he is still open to hearing comments. The comments will become part of the BCATS 2040 MTP appendix. Most comments received dealt with specific location concerns/complaints or minor corrections that were corrected as needed. Financial methodology needs all the funding lines included in the MTP. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Fortune, to approve the BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan subject to any FHWA or MDOT comments/corrections/additions. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS FY-2013 Unified Work Program (UWP):**

Engelhardt discussed that the draft of the 2013 UWP is complete, although there may be some minor changes required. The document is basically "business as usual." The only major change to the UWP from FY 2012 to FY 2013 was the switch from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update to the Transportation Improvement Program update.

A motion was made by Bedell, seconded by Brandt, to approve the BCATS FY 2013 Unified Work Program (UWP), with any changes/correction required by MDOT or FHWA. Motion Passed.

### **2010 Census Urban Boundary:**

Engelhardt discussed that BCATS will be going through the adjustment of the Urban Boundary later this summer and what impact it will have on BCATS. Engelhardt also discussed the NFC review that will follow the Urban Boundary adjustment. The only expected changes to the Adjusted Urban Area will be in Frankenlust Township and Portsmouth Township due to growth in those communities. Due to the Census and the redefined Urban Areas, MDOT will meet with the Road Commission to discuss the need to look at other roadways and areas that may need to be included. MDOT will be sending out a packet of information around July-August, 2012.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***Zilwaukee Bridge Project*** will began next year and will be a two-year project. The southbound lane will be done first along with the Zilwaukee Bridge barring replacement, then next year the northbound lane will be done. While this project is underway, I-675 will be the detour for the none peak flow traffic. The peak flow traffic will use the NB lanes of the bridge in year one and the SB lanes of the bridge in year two. The ***M-84 (Salzburg Ave) Project*** is under development for construction in 2013 and will be constructed in 3-4 phases to keep access to businesses, residents, and to the Lafayette Bridge. This project was recently awarded an Enhancement Grant for lighting from Euclid Avenue to the Bridge. As part of this project, MDOT would like to see the closure of the ***Rail Road Crossing on***

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**Chilson.** MDOT will first need to confirm funding for this project, then they will need to go to the property owners. The **Johnson Street Project** will be starting next month and be completed in the fall. There will be a public meeting on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Washington Elementary School on Mckinley. The pre-construction meeting for this project will also be held on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The **Salzburg Road Project** is moving along quite well, with work currently on the storm sewer for this project. The chip and seal of **Walnut Street Project** from the Veteran's Bridge to Henry Street is done. The Road Commission will be putting in a new signal at **Two Mile Road & Wilder Road** by Meijer's to include a left turn phase. The **Beaver Road Project** received a Safety Grant which will need to be incorporated into the project funding for 2013. The **Cody-Estey Road Project** (Eleven Mile Road to the County Line) will began late in 2012. This will be a crush & shape, mill & fill project that will put the road back to an All-Season road. The **Midland Road Project** (3 Mile Rd to 4 Mile Rd) will be done in 2013. The **Three Mile Road Project** is a paving project near Monitor Township Hall will be going out to bid for August letting. The **Hotchkiss Road Project** will be a paving project between Fraser Road and Seven Mile Road along with Wilder Rd in Williams Twp which will be part of the same bid letting.

The **US-10 Microsealing Project** is complete with only occasional traffic delays. An **I-75 Project in Saginaw County** will be starting soon and will consist of patch work to extend the life of the roadway.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***MDOT Long Range Plan Open House:***

MDOT will host an Open House for the Long Range Plan on August 15th.

As there was no further business, the June 20, 2012 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*