

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

Technical Committee Minutes - April 6, 2010

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Those present were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Dave Geiger, MDOT Bay Region, and; Cyndi Gaul, Bay County EA & CD. Excused: Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission and Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning.

### **Minutes from February 9, 2010 BCATS Tech meeting:**

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Majerczyk, to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting. Motion Passed.

### **Federal Highway Bill Update:**

Engelhardt said that the Safety-LU Authorization Bill has been extended to December, 2010. The 2009 Federal Highway Bill rescission has been rescinded which will now allow for access to funds that had previously been tied up. The funds will be back on a "first-come-first-serve" basis in order to move projects forward with funding. There is no new bill in place.

### **BCATS FY2008-11 TIP Amendments:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout listing the various FY2008-11 TIP Amendments which included the MDOT Rail GPA, Borton Avenue Bid Savings, Liberty and Independence Bridges projects. The MDOT Rail GPA project needed to include the Wilder Road Crossing, which increased the cost for this project which needs to be reflected in the TIP. The bridge projects need to be moved from the 2011 TIP to 2012 TIP. The Borton Avenue Project had a bid savings of approximately \$79,000 and the money should have been freed up once the bid was awarded so the funds available from this project need to be re-programmed. Engelhardt suggested the STP funds from the Borton Avenue Project bid savings be put toward the Road Commission's Bay Arenac Project.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the various FY2008-11 TIP Amendments as listed and that the funds left over from the Borton Avenue Project be re-allocated to the Bay Arenac Project. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS 2010-14 TIP:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of the projects listed in the 2011-14 TIP along with an Illustrative List. He also explained the importance of having the FY2011-14 TIP reviewed in order to move forward with the Public Review Process. The State is talking about only having TIP amendments 4-6 times per year and only at specific times. MDOT wants to include an Illustrative List which will allow for projects to be moved more quickly if or when funding become available.

A motion was made by Moulthane, Seconded by Majerczyk, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to have the FY2011-14 TIP, including the Illustrative List to be published for public review. Motion Passed.

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### **BCATS 2011 Unified Work Program (UWP):**

Engelhardt explained that this was the BCATS Annual Work Program and it is basically a repeat of last years Unified Work Program (UWP). Engelhardt told everyone that there was going to be a Pre-Unified Work Program (UWP) Meeting taking place on April 16, 2010.

### **Travel Demand Model Data Approval:**

Engelhardt provided members with a table/handout which listed th population and employment data for the Travel Demand Model. The table shows where there has been a change since the approval of the 2005 data, including a decrease in population in some areas with an increase in areas of new subdivisions and growth. This information is required for updating the Travel Demand Model in preparation of the Long Range Plan update and Engelhardt was looking to get approval of the data presented.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the Travel Demand Model Data as presented. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS Non-Motorized Plan:**

Westbury gave an update of the BCATS Non-Motorized Plan. He explained that they are looking at historic railways and trolley lines that would have been listed in previous plans to see if there were some new ways to look at non-motorized usage areas and how we can continue to connect communities.

### **Wheels-On Road Bicycle Facilities Design Training:**

Engelhardt told members that BCATS would be hosting a Wheels-On Road Bicycle Facilities Design Training in Bay City on May 11, 2010. Westbury is currently working on the riding route that will be used for the training, and provided members with the draft route. The bike ride will be about 1 ½ hours. The class size will be limited to 25 and the registration fee is \$10 to cover lunch and snacks.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***Borton Avenue Project*** has been let and construction is scheduled to begin in June, 2010. This project will be starting once school is out for the summer and will tie up Borton Avenue for a couple of weeks. The ***Wilder Road/MarquetteAve/Truman Pkwy/Woodside Ave Project*** will be completed by August 15, 2010. The first phase will be Marquette Ave in order for it to be used as a detour during the remainder of the Project. The ***Harrison St Project*** has been successfully reviewed and approved by MDOT. The ***Marquette Connector Project*** is almost finalized out and the public response on the road is positive. The ***Center Avenue Project*** held up well during the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay City. The bridge work on the ***M-84/I-75 Project*** over I-75 will be completed in June, 98 days after closure of the bridges. After the bridge work is complete, the bridge over Dutch creek will be closed for replacement. The rest of the road work for Phase One (Delta Rd to 2 Mile Rd) will continue into the fall. Phase Two, from 2 Mile Rd to Euclid Ave will be started in the spring of 2011 and complete later that year. The ***I-75 Project (Crane Road north to Hotchkiss Rd)*** has been Let and the detours have been set.

**Other/New Business:**

***Garfield Road Interchange:***

Engelhardt provided a handout regarding the traffic counts taken by MDOT on Garfield Road from US-10 to MBS and explained that an Earmark may be sought for this project.

***MDOT Non-Motorized Summit:***

There will be an MDOT Non-Motorized Summit will be coming up in Flint on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Engelhardt will forward details once he receives the email.

As there was no other business, the April 6, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

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