

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning, Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Jack Wheatley, Bay City Engineering/Rowe Engineering; Terry Moulane, Bay City Planning; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from August 10, 2010 BCATS Tech meeting:

Lillo noted a misspelling of the name Edmands in the minutes. It was moved by Majerczyk, seconded by Rivard, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2010 meeting with the correction from Lillo. Motion Passed.

2011-14 TIP Update & Amendment Schedule:

Engelhardt informed the committee that the 2011-14 TIP has not yet been approved so we are still operating on the 2008-2011 TIP. Engelhardt also discussed the 2011 Pilot TIP amendment schedule and that our current meeting schedule fits into the schedule for amendments. Wilcox stressed that it is a pilot schedule and may change in the future. As a result of the schedule, some flexibility is lost, but amendments should no longer come at the last minute. Reithel requested a copy of the schedule with the BCATS meeting dates included.

2011-14 TIP Amendment:

The amendments before the committee are as listed in the agenda packet as three MDOT GPA projects in 2011, the ROW phase of the M-13/M-84 project and text corrections to comply with FHWA comments. In addition to these amendments MDOT will also be moving the I-75 restore and rehabilitate project between Linwood Rd and Pinconning Rd from the Illustrative List into the project list for 2011 as funding for the project has been fully identified.

A motion was made by Moulane and supported by Lillo to make the recommendation to the Policy Committee to amend the 2011-14 TIP with the aforementioned projects and text corrections subject to any further corrections by FHWA. Motion Passed.

FY 2012 Flexible Match - Movement to Cash Contributions:

Engelhardt provided the committee with a handout detailing the amount for each agency that would be needed as cash contributions to BCATS in FY 2012 based on road and lane mileage. He noted that BMTA was not included there, but would like Bay Metro to provide a similar cash contribution, thereby lower the cost for each road agency. Since the cost of fringes when using flexible match is no longer allowed, using these actual cash contributions would allow for the full costs of any

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services to be accounted for and used as the local match requirements. The agencies supplying the cash match would then be allowed to bill for those services and recoup their cash match contributions. It would allow that agency to recoup their full cost from wages and fringes to preform the work. It would also provide BCATS with the matching funds required if an agencies is unable to preform the matching work, BCATS would be able to hire someone to preform the traffic counts. Discussion ensued.

HPMS Traffic Counts:

Engelhardt informed the committee that for the HPMS Sample Segments that more than just a simple traffic count would be needed in the future. If it is possible to preform a classification count on those segments, they will be needed in the future. BCATS staff will identify each sample segment with in the area to the agencies.

Michigan Rail Plan:

Engelhardt discussed the recent meetings being held regarding the State Rail Plan. As there was not one locally, Bay County hosted a meeting to get information from various freight users. What was identified as important points to focus towards was to not reduce the current capacity of freight on rail, keep the existing infrastructure under repair and improve connections to make the shipping on rail be more efficient. If there is implementation of any passenger rail service, the passenger rail should not degrade the existing freight operations.

Tri-County Intermodal/Freight Study:

Engelhardt looked into other regional freight plans to the possible development of a Great Lakes Bay Region Freight/Intermodal Plan to enhance economic development and freight movement. He informed the committee of a similar plan for Genesee County incorporating Bishop Airport and the I-69/I-75 corridors. The scope of the Genesee Plan, may be more than what would be needed here, but Engelhardt will get more information regarding that plan. Possible funding for at GLBR Freight Plan could include SPR funds, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, or unspent Planning Fund balances from BCATS and/or SMATS. Engelhardt will do more research topic.

BCATS Non-Motorized Plan Update:

Engelhardt discussed the last meeting held on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Westbury provide those in attendance a map of the priority routes as discussed from that meeting. Questions where raised on where to go next. Possible another meetings and to look toward education and establishing non-motorized facilities in the area. More to come.

Project Updates:

The ***Wilder Road Project*** is pretty such completed. There is still some work near

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I-75 and the M-13 connector to be done in the next couple of weeks as well as work on the railroad crossing which will close Wilder road for a couple of days. The **Bay-Arenac Dr Project** is finished. All of the **Chip and Seal Projects** in the county have been completed and reimbursement are starting to arrive for these ARRA projects. The **Safe Route To Schools Project** looks good and is getting a great response from the public. There are still some issues to resolve with the contractor. The **M-84 Project** is on schedule and the 2010 portion of this project will be completed by November 15, 2010. The **M-13 Bridge Project** will begin December 2010 and be completed in March 2011 with winter construction which will close over the Cheboyganing Creek. **Phase 2 of the M-84 project** will begin next year after the M-13 bridge is complete. This phase is from Hotchkiss Road to Euclid Ave and will expand M-84 to three lanes south of Salzburg and to five lanes from Salzburg Road to Euclid Ave. The **Walnut Street Project** will be bid in the winter and will be funded through bonds from the city.

Other/New Business:

None.

As there was no other business, the October 12, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director