

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff	Jay Reithel, MDOT
Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission	Jason Garza, MDOT
Terry Moulthane, Bay City Planning	Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning
Eric Sprague, Bay Metro Transit	Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff

Minutes from April 12, 2011, BCATS Tech meeting:

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Moulthane, to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

TIP Amendments - Bay County Road Commission & Bay Metro:

Engelhardt discussed the two amendment requests for the TIP from the Bay County Road Commission and Bay Metro. An email was received by Bay Metro from FTA regarding additions to the TIP. Sprague explained the requested changes and indicated that the amounts were in the chart (handout). The Bay County Road Commission is proposing the addition of a new water source. Lillo found out that they may need to designate a new water line in the form of either a new water plant being built or an addition to the existing water plant. There's going to be a meeting on August 18th to discuss the pros and cons for building a new plant over the rehabilitation of the current plant in order to handle additional sewage from Saginaw and Northern Bay County. The water sewage plant project will impact roads, therefore it will impact projects in the TIP. At this point in time it's unclear as to which direction the sewer project will take, so it's unclear as to what the actual cost differences will be for upcoming projects or which projects will be impacted. Engelhardt said that it might be better for the group to wait until after a decision is made for the new water source project before any changes are made to the TIP. The Bay County Road Commission BCATS TIP Changes were tabled.

A motion was made by Reithel and supported by Lillo to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to amend the 2011-14 TIP with the afore mentioned Bay Metro project changes. Motion Passed.

TIP Selection Criteria:

Engelhardt provided a copy of resource material for a TIP Project Prioritization Plan that will be created and then recommended to the BCATS Policy Committee. Engelhardt would like members of the BCATS Tech Committee to read and discuss the handout in order to formulate a Project Prioritization Plan with TIP Selection Criteria. He would like to see a workgroup that consists of MDOT, Road Commission and City of Bay City representatives. Criteria set up for selection of project for the TIP will be valuable for the Long Range Plan as well. It is the goal to

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have this criteria outlined and in place for the December 2011 or February 2012 meeting. The first thing that needs to be developed is a guidance document. Engelhardt will set up a workgroup meeting.

Title VI Reporting:

Engelhardt discussed the Title VI Reporting and told everyone to make sure they are completing the correct forms for reporting. BCATS has a Title VI Policy, however it needs to be updated to include some of the new rules and changes. Sprague will send form criteria to Engelhardt to help with the updating of the BCATS Title VI Policy. Completed Title VI Project Forms should be sent to MDOT. Engelhardt will send out an email detailing the procedure more clearly.

Self-Certification of BCATS Program:

Engelhardt discussed the process of Self-Certification of the BCATS Program. This is a process that is done every year. It's BCATS way of saying that they believe they have completed the federal planning requirements for the last Fiscal Year. The review process is actually completed when the Pre UWP meeting is held in Lansing. At the Pre UWP meeting MDOT and FHWA are in attendance and there is a review of last years work program and discussions for the following years work program. The Chair Person of the BCATS Policy Committee signs the Self-Certification.

A motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Wilcox, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the BCATS Self-Certification and to give the BCATS Policy Committee Chair Person authorization to sign the Self-Certification. Motion Passed.

Building Healthy Communities:

Engelhardt provided everyone with an informational handout of Building Healthy Communities initiative that is coming out of the Health Departments regarding sustainability and what BCATS can do to help with this program. Engelhardt will try to have a representative come and speak on this topic at the next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting.

BCATS Non-Motorized Plan:

Engelhardt discussed and provided a handout of the BCATS Non-Motorized Plan and explained that it's almost complete. There have been some updates and changes to the document that will need to be reviewed.

Project Updates:

The **Midland Road Project** has begun and is on track. The **Kinney Road Bridge Project** in Merritt Township east of M-15 is almost completed. The structure is completed, the guardrail will be installed next week. This project is outside the BCATS area. The **Indian Trails Lease** expired and Bay Metro had to get a new

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agreement that extends the current one for another year. Reconstruction of **Walnut Street** has begun and the road will be closed until November 15, 2011. The **Pinconning I-75 Project** is a 9-mile stretch from Linwood Road to Pinconning, is ahead of schedule and will be completed in one year. September 12, 2011 the overlay for the project will begin for the northbound lane. I-75 over the Saganing River to Whitefeather will be under construction over the winter. The **M-84 Project** from Delta to Euclid Avenue will be completed in mid-November, 2011. The **MDOT Center Line Survey** is on track and the title work has been completed. However, there are some problems with the section corners.

Other/New Business:

Welcome & Introduction of New BCATS Tech Committee Member:

Engelhardt welcomed Jason Garza of MDOT to the BCATS Tech Committee and everyone introduced themselves.

As there was no other business, the August 11, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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