

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning; Don Mayle, MDOT; Jack Wheatley, Bay City; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Eric Sprague, Bay Metro Transit; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from December 13, 2011, BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Lillo, to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

Engelhardt gave the committee a project list submitted to be included in the 2040 Plan. Estimated cost figures are needed for the each project in the year of construction. These projects include the deficiencies shown in the Travel Demand Model. According to the communication Engelhardt has received, an inflation factor of 3.3% for project cost estimates. Engelhardt asked that everyone get their project costs completed within the next two weeks so the amounts can be added/updated for the Plan.

TIP Amendments:

Engelhardt provided a list of TIP Amendments and discussed the MDOT, Bay Metro and the Bay County Road Commission TIP Amendments. MDOT has advanced construction project listed in the BCATS TIP as it is also included in the STIP, the advance construction conversion should be deleted from the BCATS TIP. The Road Commission has a 2012 signage update with the cost of the project portion within BCATS, which is not the cost of the whole project. Bay Metro has several changes that include updating projects in 2012-13-14, adding new projects and deleting some projects along with cost changes. The 5309 Bay Metro Project should be placed on the illustrative list so that they can be moved later through an Administrative Modification by Dave Engelhardt if the project is awarded.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Wilcox, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to amend the 2011-14 TIP to include the MDOT, Road Commission and Bay Metro changes/corrections discussed. Motion Passed.

Preliminary Engineering (PE) In TIP - Illustrative List:

Engelhardt discussed the using of the BCATS Federal Funds for Preliminary Engineering (PE) in the TIP and placing those projects on the illustrative list to take advantage of any bid savings from road projects, especially near the end of the Fiscal Year. PE is an eligible expense for Federal Funds, but BCATS has rarely used

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these funds for PE, opting to reserve those funds for road work. However, it is likely that any possible bid savings would not be sufficient to cover a road project and at the end of a Fiscal Year, it may not be possible to get the funds obligated in time for a full road project. In order to keep the funds in the area, transferring them to a PE project may be an option. It should be noted that if a project uses Federal Funds for PE, it must then be constructed with 10 years. Engelhardt would like projects for this list of those possible projects for the Technical Committee meeting.

### Act 51 Funds:

Engelhardt discussed the revenue and cost analysis findings on Act 51 funds for verification with agencies. Right now Engelhardt is trying to identify all revenue sources for the 2040 Plan. Engelhardt is trying to come up with reasonable estimates on the cost over time to improve the roads within BCATS. So far, estimates are showing about 50% of funds received by all agencies are being used to improve the system, the rest is for routine maintenance such as plowing, patching and such. Of that 50%, BCATS funding is at about 60%.

### Access Management:

Engelhardt was looking at the Bay City's Master Plan and noticed there is discussion on Access Management option. Engelhardt felt that the group as a whole needed to look regionally to see where Access Management would be a benefit and work on projects that support these goals. Engelhardt would like to facilitate a meeting to further discuss this matter.

### 2012 Transportation Summit:

Engelhardt talked about the success of the 2012 Transportation Summit and explained that a large portion of the meeting was discussing the MPO process. While a large number of attendees were transportation people, there were still folks from the community that were new to the information and process. Overall, the meeting went well and some good input was received. Per the feedback from the meeting, it's important to include more pie charts and pictures on informational websites in order for the data to be easier for the general public to understand.

### Project Updates:

All MDOT projects have been wrapped up for the year. The *Salzburg Road Project* will be let in April, 2012. The *Cody/Estey Road Project* is ready to go. The *Signage Update Project* is on hold due to a 90 day moratorium on Force Account Projects. The *Harrison Street Project* will be bid in late March. The *Johnson Street Project* will be let in June, 2012. The *Lincoln St Project* (Kosciuszko to Freemont) is scheduled to be done in 2013, however there are issues with the water and sewer that may push the project back. There will be some new projects coming up for Bay Metro which will include having new signage and having the interior of the bus station re-done.

Other/New Business:

*TIGER Grant:*

Engelhardt discussed the TIGER Grant and let everyone know that there was still funding available under the TIGER Grant.

*Uptown at the Rivers Edge:*

Engelhardt discussed that there would be some new development on the site of Uptown at the Rivers Edge and that he hopes BCATS will be keep in the loop during the planning process so they can help with additional trails or any off ramp access to the site. Identifying the future roads on the site and there classification may create more Act 51 funds for Bay City.

*New House Bill:*

Engelhardt discussed the new House bill that deals with infrastructure. The bill increases the MPO threshold to 100,000 with the small MPOs being grandfathered. The bill will be going to the full House.

As there was no other business, the February 7, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C Gaul*

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