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Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning; Jack Wheatley, Bay City; Eric Sprague, Bay Metro Transit; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Adam Rivard, MDOT-Bay City TSC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from February 7, 2012 BCATS Tech Meeting:

There was a minor correction to the February 7, 2012 minutes. It was moved by Lillo, seconded by Wheatley, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2012 meeting with the one correction noted. Motion passed.

Legislative Update:

Nothing new going on with the legislative update. Currently there's an extension (90 days) until the end of June.

BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:

Engelhardt provided a handout and discussed the schedule for completing the draft of the Long Range Plan and that it will be important to get public comment. The handout showed a lack of funding information. Westbury explained the table and discussed that the estimates provided by MDOT are based on the previous year's funding levels and expected inflation factors. Engelhardt would like to see the numbers are double checked in order to provide the most accurate data.

Engelhardt asked that everyone get their project costs completed within the next two weeks so the amounts can be added/updated for the Plan.

BCATS 2011-2014 TIP:

Engelhardt shared a letter he received from MDOT regarding full federal allocation. It would seem that MDOT is trying to get unspent funds out the door as quickly as possible.

Engelhardt discussed the Lincoln Street project planned for 2013. However, it looks as if the project will be moved to 2014 or 2015 as the city will not be able to fund the needed utility work. Therefore, a new project to take to 2013 funding planned

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for Lincoln St was discussed. Lillo suggested Midland Rd from 3 Mile to 4 Mile could take Lincoln's place. The idea of Lincoln being programmed in 2015 when the new TIP was developed was discussed. Wheatley was going to discuss that idea with Bay City staff and get back with their comments.

Engelhardt discussed the identification of P.E. projects for the illustrative list to use on any project cost savings. A handout was provided that showed a list of all the projects and costs, based on current estimates. Engelhardt asked that P.E. estimates for any desired projects be submitted to BCATS for inclusion on the illustrative list.

Census Urban Boundary Changes:

Engelhardt discussed the Census Urban Boundary changes and what implications they may have to the BCATS study area. Part of the Saginaw Urbanized Area are coming into Bay County. There should be some sort of memorandum of understanding between BCATS and SMATS. This shouldn't be a huge issue, it just something that needs to be addressed. Other notable changes are that Fraser Township is no longer in the Urban Boundary.

2013 Unified Work Program (UWP):

Engelhardt will be going to Lansing on Monday, April 16th for a Pre-UWP Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to let Lansing know what our area is planning on doing over the next year. Engelhardt will share what he learns from that meeting with the group. There is a move to working on a more regional level. Projects that have regional impacts are favorable right now, such as the Garfield Road Project, the Airport, etc. There will be discussions among the interested parties for these regional projects to determine where funding might be available for a study or for a specific project.

FY-2012 Second Quarterly Expenses:

Engelhardt asked everyone to submit their FY-2012 Second Quarter Expenses to him in order move forward with payment.

Project Updates:

The ***M-84 Salzburg Ave Project*** had a plan review last Thursday and a GI is scheduled for April 12th with construction planned for 2013. The portion of Wenona Ave that is a part of this project will be completed before 4th of July in 2013. The ***US-10 Microsealing Project*** will began next month. Funding has been allocated for the ***Bus Station Project*** remodel which will be complete by the end of August, 2012. It is anticipated that there will be no disruption of bus service during this project. The ***Harrison Street Project*** has been moved to 2013. The ***Johnson St Project*** will be let in June with construction to began in July. The ***Salzburg Road Project*** was let April 6th and it was awarded to Shaw Contracting and was 8%

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under engineer's estimate. There are three local bridge projects in 2014 planned the **Wheeler Road, Mackinaw Road, and Chip Road** all over the Kawkawlin River. The **Two Mile and Wilder Intersection Project** will add a left turn phase to the signal on Wilder Road.

Other/New Business:

FTE Section Level Planner:

Wilcox said that the new FTE Section Level Planner has been hired from Wilber Smith. Welcome Jim Koenig!

As there was no other business, the April 10, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

Transcribed by C Gaul