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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Pamela Boyd, MDOT Planning; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkalwin Township; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Chris Girard, City of Bay City; Michael McBain, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from June 17, 2015 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Foret, seconded by Girard, to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Update:

Sprague said that Bay Metro has finished up two grant projects, the replacement of the 9 vehicles and the addition of bike racks. MDOT is using the BMTA RFP from a regional transit consortium for statewide van purchases as a template for other transit agencies across the state.

Legislative Update:

Boyd said that obligation authority for MAP 21 has been extended until October 29, 2015. Funds will become available shortly. Final obligations can begin next week. Any revisions on projects are due on Friday, August 21st. MDOT received \$150M less this year, so it's important to get your projects obligated as soon as possible. The US Senate passed a new transportation bill will be called Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) and is a 6-year bill currently scheduled to be funded for up to three years, the House will consider the bill in September.

Governor Snyder's Regional Prosperity Initiative Year Two Update:

Engelhardt said that the first year focus was on "Center of Excellence" and "Disciplines". It's important to prevent a duplication of efforts, as well as having information in one place that will help with new business growth. EMCOG has received their second round of funding and they are moving along with TIP Strategies in the second year.

There will be a workshop on ***Regional Transit Mobility*** taking place on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the MDOT Bay Region Office to discuss gaps in regional transit.

MDOT Access Management Plan:

Anderson said that the final draft has been sent out. There is a meeting on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bay City TSC to go over the maps and reviewing the draft plan and ordinance.

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FY2016 Unified Work Program (UWP):

Anderson mentioned that the UWP has been approved by MDOT and we are waiting on approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

National Functional Classification (NFC) Approval:

Anderson described to everyone about the NFC review process. Upon review of the classifications, there are not changes to the BCATS Area at this time.

A motion was made by Girard, seconded by Engelhardt, to approve the National Functional Classification (NFC) with no changes. Motion Passed.

Great Lakes Bay Region (GLBR) Travel Demand Model – Future Socio-Economic Data:

Anderson said that there was a meeting two weeks ago to review the Future Socio-Economic Data for the GLBR Travel Demand Model. BCATS will need to submit the data by the November 1, 2015 to MDOT in order to approve the data at the December BCATS meetings.

Project Updates:

The MDOT **US-10/I-75 Bridge Project** has the beams set for the west bound bridge and is scheduled to be fully completed by December 2015. The City of Bay City **Center Avenue Project** will start at the end of August. The City of Bay City **Trumbull Street Project** (Center Avenue to Woodside Street) for resurfacing will be completed this week. The Bay County Road Commission **Salzburg Project** (Mackinaw Road to 2 Mile Road) is scheduled for paving next week and will be open before school begins. The Bay County Road Commission **Garfield Road Project** (Midland Road to North Union Road) will be paved next week and the sand issue has been fixed. The Bay County Road Commission **Garfield Road Safety Project** (at Hotchkiss Road) to straighten the curve will start after the Garfield Road in Auburn project is completed, probably around September 1st. The MDOT **M-25 Project** (Pine Street to the Bay County Line) went well. Monitor Township is doing \$3M worth of work due to support from a local millage. Other townships are following this trend.

Other/New Business:

Gary Stanley:

Anderson shared the sad news of the passing of Gary Stanley.

Vermont Street Project Bike Lane:

Engelhardt asked about the Vermont Street Project and wondered if there had been any further discussion about including a bike lane of the reconstruction.

New GIS Website:

Anderson said that the Bay County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department has received approval from the Board of Commissioners to start

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working on a new GIS Website to replace the old parcel viewer program. Bay County will be working on this project along with the City of Bay City. Anderson would like to see BCATS Project information added to the new website.

Free RoadSoft Webinar:

Anderson said that there is a free RoadSoft Webinar taking place on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Anderson will email out information for this webinar.

Trumbull/Wilder Road:

Anderson discussed the issue about the Trumbull/Wilder Road potential for the extension of M-15. There will be a meeting on Monday, August 24th to revisit this issue and work on the development of a long term plan.

MDOT Staffing Changes:

Boyd discussed the MDOT staffing changes. Greg Johnson is being replaced by Mark VanPortfleet. Larry Doyle the TSC Manager for Davidson is being replaced by Tracy Leix. Kris Welch is the new MDOT Program Manager for BCATS and replaces Jim Koenig. Josh Grab is moving to the Environmental Section of MDOT.

RPI New MDOT Boundaries:

Boyd discussed the coming shift of MDOT boundaries that will affect Huron, Sanillac, and St Clair Counties.

PASER Ratings:

Anderson said that McBain has been working on the PASER Road Ratings Project. We are done with the Federal-aid road ratings. The local road ratings will be done within the next two weeks.

HPMS:

Engelhardt asked about HPMS and wondered what was taking place with the program as he has not received any information or spread sheets. Boyd will follow up on this matter and see what is going on with the program.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the August 19, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:22 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Director

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