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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Ken Feldt, City of Bay City; Ryan McDonnell, MDOT; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Michael McBain, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff. Pamela Boyd, MDOT Planning attended the meeting via Telephone.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from August 19, 2015 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Hansford, seconded by Begick, to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Update:

There was no update for Bay Metro brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:

Boyd said that there's nothing new to report. The obligation authority for MAP-21 is extended until October 29, 2015 with appropriations through December 11, 2015. The state transportation bill seems to be at a standstill.

Governor Snyder's Regional Prosperity Initiative Year Two Update:

Engelhardt said that there are ongoing monthly meetings for the Regional Prosperity Initiative and the focus has been on the "Center of Excellence", strategizing, and looking at different projects. At some point there will be a presentation

There was a workshop on ***Regional Transit Mobility*** that took place on September 30, 2015 to discuss gaps in regional transit and ways to come up with a Transit Mobility Strategy.

MDOT Access Management Plan:

Anderson said that the final draft has been sent out in digital and hard copy formats. The ordinance has been completed and has been forwarded on to the Bay City Planning Commission for their approval. The ordinance has a few minor changes and should be adopted soon. The Bay County Road Commission will be adopting a policy that mirrors the City of Bay City, Bangor Township, and Monitor Township. Boyd would like to see the final report posted on the BCATS website.

2017-2020 TIP Development:

Anderson said that there was a call for projects last week. BCATS should review the list

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of projects for the 2017-2020 TIP at the December 16th BCATS Policy meeting, so it's important for everyone to have their projects in before the December 8th BCATS Tech meeting. BCATS will need to prioritize the project list. Boyd said that the projects for the 2017-2020 TIP must be entered into the State Data Base by March 1, 2016. Boyd recommends using the 2015 allocation amounts for the 2017-2020 projects for planning purposes. Anderson pointed out that this is also a good time for BCATS to create their illustrative list of projects so if additional funding becomes available, we're prepared with projects.

National Functional Classification (NFC) Approval:

Anderson described to everyone about the NFC review process and provided a map handout. Feldt would like to change 18th Street (M-84/Garfield Avenue to Johnson Street in Bay City) from a Major Local Road classification to a Minor Collector Road classification. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Feldt, seconded by Hansford, to approve the National Functional Classification (NFC) update with the classification change of 18th Street (M-84/Garfield Avenue to Johnson Street in Bay City) from a Major Local Road to a Minor Collector Road. Motion Passed.

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

Anderson wanted to remind everyone 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 Bay City **Center Avenue Project** (Water Street to Madison Street) is a mill/resurface project that has been delayed due to some utility issues. This project should be completed by mid-November, 2015. The Bay City **Washington Street Resurfacing Project** (Woodside Avenue to 7th Street) is underway. The Bay City **Euclid Avenue Water Utility Project** for the east northbound lane is underway and should be completed by mid-November, 2015. 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 MDOT **9 Mile Bridge Project** has been completed. The MDOT **I-75 Project** (at Dixie Highway) is on schedule. The Bay County Road Commission **Salzburg Road Project** (4 Mile Road to Mackinaw Road) is done. The Bay County Road Commission **Garfield Road Project** (Midland Road to North Union Road) in Auburn is completed. The Bay County Road Commission **Garfield Road Safety Project** (Garfield Road @ Hotchkiss Road) is going well and should be completed by the end of October, 2015. The Bay County Road Commission **Midland Road Bridge Project** (at Fraser Road) is a 2016 Project that is in the design phase. The MDOT **M-13/River Road Project** (Zilwaukee to the South Bay City limits) has been moved to 2023 and is a "shelf job" that is currently in the design stage. The MDOT **M-13 Connector Project** (up to Beaver Road) is currently in the design stage.

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BCATS Public Hearing on 2014-17 TIP Amendments:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:16 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2014-17 TIP. A snapshot of the amendment being requested was handed out to the members.

There are two amendments to the TIP for **BMTA** in FY 2015/2016:

Amendments:

- 1.) Changing the FY 2015 **Purchase (2) Bus-Mounted Security Cameras** to FY 2016 and adding the 5307 and CTF funding from the FY 2015 Upgrade Computer Hardware/Software (Security) project;
- 2.) Delete the FY 2015 **Upgrade Computer Hardware/Software (Security)** project;

There are three **Bay County Road Commission** amendments for informational purposes to the TIP for FY 2016:

Amendments:

- 1.) The addition of resurfacing of **Cass Road** (Finn Road to Farley Road)
- 2.) The addition of resurfacing of **Farley Road** (Cass Road to M-138)
- 3.) The addition of resurfacing of **Cass Road** (M-15 to Jones Road)

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:23 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendments:

A motion was made by Hansford, seconded by Foret, to approve of the 2014-17 TIP Amendments with the approval for any administrative corrections or modification that may be required. Motion passed.

Other/New Business:

MDOT Long Range Plan Webinars:

Anderson passed around a flyer for the upcoming MDOT Long Range Plan Webinars.

Bay City State Recreation Area (BCSRA) Pedestrian Crossing:

Anderson has been in discussions with Laura Ogar about the interest that there is in having a non-motorized trail that will link the Frank N Anderson Trail to the BCSRA. There is also a big interest in having a pedestrian crossing and safety signage that will link the campground to the day use area.

State Long Range Plan – Public Input:

Lillo discussed the State Long Range Plan and asked if there was a way to do

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webinars over an actual public meeting for the Public Input portion. Boyd said that the State was looking into more webinars over in person meetings.

Asset Management Authorization:

Anderson said he hasn't heard about the Asset Management Authorization yet. Boyd said if Anderson doesn't hear something soon he should contact her so she can look into the matter.

HPMS:

Engelhardt and Anderson haven't seen anything on this yet. If neither one of them hears anything by the end of the week, Boyd would like them to contact her so she can follow-up.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the October 21, 2015 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:31 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Director

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