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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, Bay County Road Commission; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; David Engelhardt, EMCOG; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; Steve Wisniewski, Hampton Township; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff. Pam Boyd, MDOT attended via phone.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from December 21, 2016 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Bragiel, seconded by Wisniewski, to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2016 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Election of BCATS Chairman and Vice Chairman:

There was discussion that Jim Lillo should continue on as the BCATS Chairman and that Dan Hansford should continue on as the BCATS Vice Chairman. No other members were nominated or requested to be nominated.

A motion was made by, Bragiel, seconded by Rowley, to have Jim Lillo as the BCATS Chairman, and to have Dan Hansford continue on as the BCATS Vice Chairman. Motion Passed.

Legislative Update:

Boyd said that there wasn't a lot to report from the Federal and State levels as the new Federal Regulations have not been introduced. Though, we should hear more about this over the next month. The Final Rule on MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform won't go into effect until 2021, after the next Census. There will still be some exemption option for MPOs that would like to opt out of the merger.

Anderson discussed the new policies for asset management collection and PASER collection that were addressed at the February MTPA Meeting. Asset management amounts are expected to be increased. There is a push to bill and collect within the same fiscal year. TIP Amendments will now have threshold of 25%. Any project that uses state and/or local funds does not need to be in the TIP, unless there are also Federal Funds being used. Any projects utilizing Federal Funds must be included in the TIP. Our local roads will be due for PASER data collection this year.

Anderson discussed the MEIR data collection system. This data won't be required for ten years; however it is being discussed now at MDOT and MTPA. HPMS data will be required for Performance Measures. The Pre-UWP meeting will outline what is required for data collection.

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Performance Measures:

Anderson provided a handout of the FHWA Safety Performance Measure Fact Sheet. Established targets for MDOT are due in August 2017. There are five performance measures being used. Our MPO can follow the State targets, or we have the option to create our own set of targets. BCATS is currently set to follow the State safety targets. BCATS will finalize Safety targets in February 2018.

EMCOG Update:

Engelhardt gave an update on the Regional Traffic Safety Plan and the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. There will be one more meeting for the Regional Traffic Safety Plan to discuss the draft version of the plan. The Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative funding will be coming through in February to EMCOG. Transit Mobility Plans are being developed and will go to MDOT for review and approval.

BCATS Public Hearing on 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:58 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2017-2020 TIP.

Anderson provided a handout with the following TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications that were requested:

The TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications for the **BCRC** Include:

Administrative Modification:

1. Reduction in Local Costs for the **3 Mile Road Project** (M-84 to Amelith Rd).

Amendments:

1. Deletion of the **German Road Project** (Bullock Rd to M-15). This is a Rural Task Force Project within the BCATS Planning Area. This project was moved to the RTF Illustrative List.
2. Addition of the **Pine Road Project** (Munger Rd to German Rd) for resurfacing. This is a Rural Task Force Project within the BCATS Planning Area.

The TIP Amendment for the **City of Bay City** includes:

1. Moving the **Harry S. Truman Parkway (Independence) Bridge Project** (over the Saginaw River) for preventative bridge maintenance from FY 2016 to FY 2017.

The TIP Amendments for **MDOT** include:

1. Addition of the FY 2017 **Lake State Railway Project** (State owned rail line, MP 13.9 to MP 17.7) for rail replacement through the Michigan Rail Loan Assistance Program.
2. Addition of the FY 2017 **Local Traffic Operations and Safety GPA Project**.
 - o **Wilder Road Project** (at Lake State Railway Company, City of Bay City) for

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traffic operations and safety to add half-railway gates.

3. Addition of the FY 2017 ***I-75 Northbound Project*** (M-13 Connector to Beaver Rd) ***Right-of-Way Phase*** to restore and rehabilitate with un-bonded concrete overlay and rubberized HMA.
4. Increase in Federal and State costs for the ***I-75 Project*** (Cottage Grove Rd to Linwood Rd) to restore and rehabilitate in FY 2017.
5. Addition of the FY 2018 ***I-75 Project*** (Beaver Road to Cottage Grove Road) ***Right-of-Way Phase*** to restore and rehabilitate with un-bonded concrete overlay and rubberized HMA. Amendment to add this project to the TIP.

The TIP Administrative Modifications for **BMTA** include:

1. Moving the FY 2017 ***Operating Assistance Project*** from the Transit Candidate List to the TIP.
2. Moving the FY 2017 ***Facility Security Cameras and Lighting Project*** from the Transit Candidate List to the TIP.
3. Moving the FY 2017 ***Replacement of (2) Lift Vans Project*** from the Transit Candidate List to the TIP.
4. Moving the FY 2017 ***Replace Operations Support Vehicle Project*** from the Transit Candidate List to the TIP.

There was a brief discussion regarding the above 2017-2020 TIP Amendment requests.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2017-20 TIP was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2017-20 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:

A motion was made by Boyd, seconded by Begick, to approve the above 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications with the approval for any additional administrative correction or modification that may be required to be made as needed. Motion Passed.

Adoption of the BCATS 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP):

Anderson provided a handout of the Draft 2045 Long Range Plan for review and discussion.

A motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Bragiel, to adopt the 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP), pending review by MDOT, FHWA, and FTA. Motion Passed.

Pre-UWP Meeting:

There will be a BCATS Pre-UWP Meeting taking place on Tuesday, February 28th in Lansing. There will be a discussion at the meeting about 2018 PL Funds. Jay Anderson, Brian Stark, and Eric Sprague will be attending this meeting.

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Project Updates:

The City of Essexville is Caroline Street Reconstruction Project will begin this year due to its high concentration of lead service lines underneath the road. This project is not funded through BCATS. The Road Commission **3 Mile Road Project** (M-84 to Amelith Road) came in way under budget. The Road Commission **Cass Avenue Project** (Finn Rd to Farley Rd) and **Farley Road Project** (M-25 to M-138) both came in under budget. The following BCRC projects are not funded through BCATS. The Road Commission **Wilder Road Project** (M-13 Connector to Euclid Avenue) is for the FY 2017 Ground Rubber Tire Grant Project is out for E-Bid and is the first electronic bid the Road Commission has done. The Road Commission **Mackinaw Road Project** (Freeland Rd to Mackinaw Rd) is a repaving project that will be done this year. The Road Commission is hoping to replace six bridges around the county that are in danger of failing. Four of them are on local roads and two on primary roads. The Road Commission has received funding through the **SAW Grant** that will allow them to hire 6-8 interns that will collect data.

Other/New Business:

Staff Changes and Retirement Announcements:

Boyd said that Darrel Harden will be leaving MDOT and his last day is February 24th. His assistant Jim Sturdivant can be contacted to answer questions. Doug Bell of SMATS will be retiring and his last day is February 24th. Cody Robler of MATS left in December 2016.

JobNet Live:

Boyd said that JobNet went live on January 30th. The migration of information seems to have gone smoothly. MDOT staffs are still in the process of checking and submitting changes to JobNet.

Transportation Asset Management Conference:

There will be a Transportation Asset Management Conference taking place on Thursday, May 25th at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Rural Transit Managers Workshop:

There will be Rural Transit Managers Workshop taking place March 29-30, 2017 at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Begick, to adjourn the February 22, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:40 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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