

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Jay Anderson.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jay Anderson, BCATS staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Jack Hofweber, MDOT; Jason Garza, MDOT; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Kurt Hausbeck, City of Bay City, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

### **Minutes from April 8, 2014 Special BCATS Tech Meeting:**

Moulthane pointed out a typo on page 3 of the minutes under "Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Project". In line 3, the word "hand" should be "and". It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Hansford, to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2014 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting with the change above. Motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Legislative Update:**

Koenig gave a brief update and said that the 2015 Budget was just signed on June 9, 2014. The Senate Bill has been passed and there is a \$1.2 Billion shortfall. The State is still looking at options to deal with the shortfall of funding and would like to have some resolution before the summer break in one week. The Federal Government presented Congress with Obama's "Grow America" plan for transportation. Funding for transportation has been approved through fiscal year 2015.

### **TIP Amendments - Various MDOT:**

Anderson provided a spreadsheet with the various TIP Amendments being proposed listed for review and discussion.

A motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Reithel, to favorably recommend the approval of the various BMTA and MDOT 2014-17 TIP Amendments to the BCATS Policy Committee with the approval for any administrative corrections or modification that may be required to be made as needed for the following: **1.)** The addition of the 2015 MDOT I-75 Project (M-13 Connector to Beaver Road) for un-bonded concrete overlay or rubberized/HMA overlay. This is a new project; **2.)** The 2014 Bay Metro Transit Authority Bay Metro Transit Routes Project to provide bike racks on buses has a minor change to the Federal Funding Source; **3.)** The 2014 MDOT US-10 over I-75 Project for bridge replacement should reflect the decrease in Federal and State Funds and should show that the total project has an overall total cost increase; **4.)** The 2015 MDOT Trunkline Roadside Infrastructure GPA region-wide project includes one line item from in the current TIP that should be moved from 2016 to 2015 for the rest area in the current TIP; **5.)** The 2015 MDOT Trunkline Traffic Operations and Safety GPA region-wide project has a new GPA for pavement grooving on M-25; **6.)** 2014 MDOT CPM Road Trunkline GPA region-wide project has a new GPA addition for the resurfacing of M-25 from Pine to Tuscola County Line; **7.)** The 2014 MDOT Pre-Construction Phase GPA region-wide project which is the pre-construction phase of the trunkline includes a new GPA for the PE and the State cost in GPA should be \$122,396.00 for the total; **8.)** The 2014 MDOT

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M-25 Project (M-13/M-84 over Saginaw River) for the replacement of bridge electrical components of the drive system should be deleted from the TIP; **9.)** The 2014 MDOT M-25 Project (M-13/M-84 over Saginaw River) for the replacement of bridge electrical components of the drive system in was obligated in 2013 and should be deleted from the TIP per Mark Kloha at MDOT; **10.)** The 2014 MDOT US-10 Bridge Replacement Project (Eastbound and Westbound over I-75) PE phase has a major cost change to increase State and Federal Funding, there should also be a project name change and a change in the limits to better reflect the actual project and the project description, and; **11.)** The 2015 MDOT US-10 Bridge Replacement Project (Eastbound and Westbound over I-75) CON phase has a total project cost change to reflect the increase in State and Federal Funding from the PE phase, there should also be a project name change and a change in the limits to better reflect the actual project and the project description. Motion passed.

### **Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management Update:**

Reithel provided an update on the Euclid Avenue/Wilder road Access Management Project. Proposals for the project have been submitted and a letter is being sent to the consultant for each of the portions of the project (Euclid Avenue and Wilder Road). This way the projects will be billed separately. The contract for BCATS will be written so as the project does not exceed \$25,000. Once we get the proposal back we will start the county contract process. Then we will need to get the GIS Data Agreement in place. Reithel believes that the project, including all the contract approvals, will take approximately 19 months to complete. The project should begin the end of summer 2014 and the completion date is scheduled for September 2015.

### **2015 Unified Work Program (UWP):**

A draft handout of the 2015 UWP was sent out with the agenda packet for review. Koenig said that he has reviewed the document and that it looks good to him. There are just a couple concerns and questions about the wage increases, aerial photography, and the access management amounts.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Koenig, to favorably recommend the approval of the 2015 Unified Work Program (UWP) with administrative changes and modifications of MDOT to the BCATS Policy Committee for approval as required. Motion Passed.

### **TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification Alignment to GPA Document:**

Anderson provided a handout and discussed the difference in the General Program Accounting (GPA) threshold (20%) and the threshold listed in the BCATS Bylaws (10%). Anderson felt that BCATS might want to look at making a change to the Bylaws so that they mirror the GPA threshold. BCATS will discuss this matter at the August 2014 meeting. Anderson also mentioned per MDOT request that a GPA project tab will be added to the current TIP/E-TIP file.

### **MDOT Master Agreement - MDOT/BCATS MOU and BCATS/BMTA MOU:**

A handout of the MDOT/BCATS MOU and the BCATS/BMTA MOU were sent out with the agenda packet for review. Both of these documents have been successfully moved through the Bay County Ways and Means Committee and will go to the Board of Commissioners later today for approval (June 10, 2014). Once the documents are signed by the Board Chair, the

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documents will be forwarded to Koenig. Anderson will provide BMTA with an updated BCATS/BMTA MOU for review and approval by BMTA.

### **Project Updates:**

The **MDOT US-10 over I-75 Bridge Project** is in the design-build project. MDOT will be making a presentation at the upcoming **Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee Meeting** on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The **MDOT M-25 Project** (East Pine to Tuscola County Line) will have some shoulder widening to accommodate non-motorized transportation in a portion of this project. The **MDOT US-10/M-47 Project** is outside of the BCATS Area and includes the removal of 4 bridges, including one rail road bridge. There will be several lane closures associated with this project. MDOT is also planning to repair the shoulders on US-10(I-75 west to Carter Road) and is in the process of getting a maintenance agreement completed and will be done in September 2014 to handle the "blow out" of the current shoulder. The **MDOT M-13(River Rd) Project** (Zilwaukee Bridge north to Bay City limits) has the RFP completed and will be designed for construction in 2016. The **BMTA Bike Rack Project** is still working on some additional funding and an application for Federal Funding has been submitted. The BMTA is working on getting bids for **bus replacement** of 9 buses. The BMTA is still working under their old grant to complete the **bus station updates** and bring the building up to current codes. There will be updates to the street sign on Washington St, the lobby floor, and the bathrooms. The City of Bay City **Saginaw Street Project** (6<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street) will start in late August. The City of Bay City **Euclid Avenue DWRP Project** is a FY 2015 water line project. The City of Essexville **Woodside Street Project** will begin June 13, 2014.

### **Other:**

#### ***Federal Transit Email:***

Koenig discussed the email he received from Stewart McKenzie at Federal Transit about having all MPOs look at their TIP E-file information so they can make sure the funding is correct for FY2015-17 (5309 funding vs 5316 funding).

#### ***Bay County Transportation Planning Division Manager Job Posting:***

Anderson reminded everyone that the Bay County Transportation Planning Division Manager Job (Dave Engelhardt's vacated position) has been posted and will close on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

As there was no other business, the June 10, 2014 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson  
BCATS Staff