

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

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dave Harran, City of Bay City; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jim Koenig, MDOT Lansing; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Terry Moulane, Bay City Planning; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Rachel Phillips, MDOT Bay City TSC, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

### **Minutes from March 13, 2013 BCATS Tech Meeting:**

It was moved by Hansford, seconded by Harran, to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

### **Legislative Update:**

Engelhardt said that there was nothing new to report. Fortune said that the regional planning agencies group has spoken about prosperity and regional re-invention and will be speaking on August 26<sup>th</sup> in the Thumb Area. There have been ten prosperity regions identified. No one is really sure what this will mean for the MPO's.

### **BCATS 2011-14 TIP Amendments:**

Engelhardt provided everyone with a handout of the proposed MDOT amendment to the BCATS 2011-14 TIP and the minor scope description change for the Road Commission's North Union project. The requested changes to the TIP will affect the FY 2013 portion. Engelhardt questioned if these changes would be timely enough given they are 2013 changes. The MDOT TIP Amendment is to add wide shoulders work on M-25. The MDOT project is an amendment as it is a new project with Federal Funding. The Bay County Road Commission project has a minor scope change. The North Union description needs to be changed from two wide shoulders to only one wide shoulder. The North Union change is a small description change and is an administrative modification. Both the MDOT M-25 and North Union project amendments/changes will be recommended to the BCATS Policy Committee Meeting for approval. There was discussion that it would be a good idea to have everyone review other project lengths and project descriptions in order to make sure they are correct in the both the 2011-14 TIP and the 2014-17 TIP.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Moulane, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee the MDOT TIP Amendment to the BCATS 2011-14 TIP and notification of the administrative modification for the North Union Project description. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS 2014 TIP Amendment Schedule & New Transmittal Form:**

Engelhardt discussed the BCATS 2014 TIP Amendment Schedule and provided everyone with a copy of the schedule, along with a copy of the new transmittal form.

### **BCATS Vice-Chair Nominations:**

Engelhardt discussed the need for a new Vice-Chair for the BCATS Committee as Jim Bedell has left a vacant seat with his leaving the area. Engelhardt would like to have nomination recommendations for the next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. If anyone is interested,

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please send Engelhardt an email.

### **April - June, 2013 Expenses:**

Engelhardt discussed the need for agencies to submit expenses for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter for FY2013 in a timely manner in order to have them processed quickly.

### **Non-Motorized Corridor:**

Engelhardt discussed the proposed non-motorized corridor which would include Midland Road, Vermont Street, Liberty Bridge, and Woodside Avenue. This is a unique corridor with a lot of potential as a non-motorized designated route into and through the City of Bay City. Engelhardt wanted to know if the group was interested in pursuing this endeavor. Lillo thought it was interesting and that with the increase of people using non-motorized transportation (especially bike riders) that it would be a good idea to look at this idea of creating a non-motorized corridor. There was a concern about changing Midland Road from five lanes down to three lanes. There would need to be clear indicators of the non-motorized path, especially for Midland Road. There was discussion on how to safely deal with the creation and marking of this non-motorized corridor.

### **Bay-Zilwaukee Trail Connection into Bay City:**

Moultane discussed the Bay-Zilwaukee Trail Connection that will go into Bay City. Some work has been done to procure easements, however there haven't been any meeting scheduled for this project. There is a Fall construction date planned through the DNR Trust Fund for bridge repair/reconstruction. There is a lot of focus on using the Middle Grounds in this project. Discussion ensued.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***East Main Street Project*** is moving along. The ***Euclid Avenue Waterline Project*** did not get funding. The ***Mill-End Project*** is moving along and is scheduled for a September 2013 date for completion. Consumers Power is still working on installing the gas for this project. The ***Salzburg Project*** is ongoing and the water hasn't passed inspection yet. The ***M-84 Car Pool Lot Project*** is currently suspended. This project was to use Federal Funds so it will need to be deleted from the TIP. The ***US-10/I-75 Interchange Study Project*** is looking at bridge ratings to see if the bridge needs to be replaced. The study will also look at other possible ideas. The ***Midland Road Project*** will open August 30, 2013 to traffic. The ***North Union Road Project*** will be through final submission to MDOT LAP by August 23, 2013. The ***Patterson Road PE*** is under contract with MDOT and is moving forward. The ***Old Kawkawlin Road PE*** is under contract with MDOT and is moving forward. The ***Beaver Road Project*** (2 Mile and 4 Mile to I-75) is under construction. The ***MDOT PE Contract with Essexville*** will be signed after the meeting tonight. There must be a resolution to allow the Essexville Mayor and Clerk to sign the document. The Midland transportation group ***MATS*** is having someone from the State come in to do a presentation regarding the MDOT LAP Process. Funds have been applied to for the ***MDOT Euclid Avenue Access Management Plan Project*** and BCATS has applied for \$20,00 in the FY2014 UWP for ***Wilder Road Access Management Project*** which will piggyback on the Euclid RFP process.

### **Other/New Business:**

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### ***Addition of Terry Moulane as Voting Member:***

There was discussion about adding Terry Moulane as a voting member of the BCATS Policy Committee since he is taking the place of Jim Bedell. Engelhardt will look into the matter and see what we have on file regarding alternates.

As there was no other business, the August 13, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

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