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Notice of a **POLICY COMMITTEE** meeting
of the
Bay City Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

Wednesday April 18, 2007, 1:30 PM
Finance Department Conference Room
7th Floor, Bay County Building
515 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI

1. Call to order

2. Minutes from February 28, 2007

3. Public Comment Period

4. Update from Bay Metro Transit

5. Public Hearing - BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendments:
   FY 2008 Bay Metro Projects
   MDOT FY 2008 GPA Amounts
   N Henry Phase II & III joined and moving into FY 2007
   M-25 Removed from FY 2008 (going to FY 2009 in new TIP)

6. Approval of BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendments:
   FY 2008 Bay Metro Projects
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7. 2035 BCATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Discussion of comments during Public Participation Period

8. 2035 BCATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Approve plan with changes noted above and final completion of Consultation Process

9. 2008-09-10-11 TIP Review and approval to publish for 30 day Public Participation

10. BCATS Unified Work Program - will be submitting for approval at June meeting

11. Non-Motorized Trails Summit - Frankenmuth May 10th

12. Projects Update

13. Other/New Business

Call To Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Those present were: Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, Bay City Engineering; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township Supervisor; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Roy DeLorge, Kawkawlin Township;Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jim Bedell, Bay City Planning; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Nick Perfili for Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; Mike Buda, Bay City; Donald Milne, Wilcox; and Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

Approval of Minutes:
It was moved by Gaydos, supported by Begick, and carried to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2006 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Update From Bay Metro Transit:
Stoner was not present and no update was given.

Public Hearing on BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment - Bay Metro:
The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment for the Bay Metro Projects. Bay Metro projects that were listed in 2006, as well as, a few minor changes (as detailed on the sheet provided) are being moved to the 2007 list of projects. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing on the BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Amendment of BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP - Bay Metro :
A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Lillo, to amend the 2006-07-08 BCATS TIP to move the 2006 Bay Metro projects and changes to the 2007 list of projects as provided by Bay Metro. Motion passed.

Public Hearing on BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment - State Park:
The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment to include the addition of the Bay City State Park Recreational Trail Project in FY 2007. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing on the BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP Amendment was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:38 p.m.

Amendment of BCATS 2006-07-08 TIP - State Park:
A motion was made by Perfili, seconded by Gaydos, to amend the 2006-07-08 BCATS TIP to include the Bay City State Park Recreational Trail Project in FY 2007. Motion passed.

2035 Long Range Plan:
Engelhardt discussed the 2035 Long Range Plan and discussed with members the need to have the plan publicized for 30 days for a Public Review Period. There is still one chapter that needs to be completed for the 2035 Long Range Plan regarding fiscal constraint. Engelhardt indicated that would be completed shortly. The plan for publicizing the 2035 Long Range Plan would also include hard copies being given to planning agencies and having a notice published in the Bay City Times and sending out letters of notification to indicate that the plan was available , as well as on the Bay County website. Engelhardt explained that the 2035 Long Range Plan would be publicized on the Bay County Website (*http://www.co.bay.mi.us*) as part of the public review process. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Perfili, seconded by DeLorge, to approve having the 2035 Long Range Plan publicized for a 30 day Public Review Period. Motion passed.

2008-09-10-11 TIP Review:
Engelhardt gave members handouts of the 2008-09-10-11 TIP for review in the new uniform format . Engelhardt also presented an overview of the 2008-09-10-11 TIP and discussed the 2008 overlap with the 2006-07-08 TIP. Engelhardt provided members with a new TIP table which shows the cascade of funds for the 2008-09-10-11 TIP. Almost all of the funding in 2010 is being used for the Henry Street Project Phase III. The fiscal year projects in the new 2008-09-10-11 TIP will need to be the same as those shown in the 2006-07-08 TIP. This will likely require a TIP amendment at next meeting.

Travel Demand Model:
Engelhardt showed members the maps provided by MDOT showing the deficiencies indicated on the Travel Demand Model. The handouts included the 2005 deficiencies as well as the 2035 horizon year which lists of all BCATS projects. Engelhardt expressed his thoughts on how valuable this information was to help MPOs spend money more efficiently. Discussion ensued.

Asset Management Reporting Training:
There will be an Asset Management Reporting Training taking place on Monday, March 5, 2007 at SVSU from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Ott Auditorium. This training is being conducted to help local road agencies and MPOs make sure they are recording information correctly and that the data is presented in a format desired by the State. There will also be an Asset Management Data Collection training taking place on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at the Horizon Center. This training is for those who actually rate the roads and use the PASER System for

recording data.

Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category A Grants:
Engelhardt informed members about the Category "A" Grant in order to give them a "heads up". A notice regarding this grant has been sent out to all the township and city officials in the BCATS area.

New Internet Interactive GIS Mapping Site:
Engelhardt discussed the new internet interactive GIS Mapping site and explained that it was still in its early phase. The site should be up and running within the next few weeks. The goal is to have a mechanism in place that will allow easy access to the most updated mapping information.

BCATS Unified Work Program (UWP) Meeting:
There will be a pre-Unified Work Program (UWP) meeting held on March 15th. The Unified Work Program outlines what projects BCATS will be working on over for the next year. BCATS must have an approved Unified Work Program for 2008 by September 2007.

Project Updates:
The design for the ***Pine Rd Project*** is complete and there will be a May letting for this project. The ***Cass/Trumbull Project*** is completed and there are some minor clean-up issues. The ***Wenona Street Project*** is scheduled to begin March 12, 2007 and be finished by June 20, 2007. The ***North Henry Street Project Phase II & III*** needs to be let or under construction before September 30th for the Local Jobs Today funds. It should be noted that there are some concerns that the ***North Henry Street Project Phase III*** may not be funded by the Local Jobs Today as the project may not be able to begin prior to the required deadline on 9/30/07. The ***Woodside Ave Project*** which is receiving Local Jobs Today Funding will begin and be completed this fall.

Other/New Business

Road Commission Safety Grant Application:
The Road Commission would like to submit an application for a Safety Grant and is asking for a letter of support from BCATS. Specifically they are looking to get a grant to fix the culvert under 7 Mile Rd, 1/4 mi. north of North Union Rd, and to smooth out the curve at that location which has seem several accidents in recent years, including one fatality, with vehicles leaving the roadway and hitting the ditch.

A motion was made by Begick, seconded by Gaydos, to have BCATS write a letter of support that would be submitted with the Road Commissions application form for a Safety Grant. Motion passed. Engelhardt was appointed to write the letter of support on behalf of BCATS.

MDOT I-75 Environmental Assessment:
An Environmental Assessment has been done for I-75 located between I-675 and US-10. Anyone interested in reviewing this report may contact Engelhardt. The report is available for public comments until March 16, 2007.

Legislative Eye Opener:
Gaydos informed members that there will be a Legislative Eye Opener coming up and one of the topics up for discussion will be Act 51 funds. Gaydos will bring up concerns regarding the 1% non-motorized requirement placed on Act 51 funding.

As there was no further business, the February 28, 2007 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

The next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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