

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:38 P.M.

Those Present Were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS Director; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Eric Sprague, Bay Metro; Brandon Krause, Bay County Commissioner; Dave Harran, City of Bay City; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City; Jim Koenig, MDOT Lansing; Dirk Westbury, BCATS Staff, and Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Introductions were made as there were some new faces around the meeting table.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Krause, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2013. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

TIP Amendments (\$926,914):

Engelhardt provided everyone with a handout of TIP Amendment Recommendations based on the additional \$926,914 our MPO received of previously unobligated federal funding balance that has accumulated over numerous year that BCATS must obligate in FY 2013 or the funding would be revert to a common pool of funds for other local agencies statewide. These TIP amendments are in addition to the ones previously approved at the February BCATS Policy Committee meeting. The projects include bringing North Union Rd from the 2014-17 proposed TIP into FY2013 and then use the balance on five (5) different PE Projects that are planned for construction in the next five years. Those include: Madison Ave between Columbus and McKinley, Patterson Rd between Wheeler and Wilder Rd, Patterson Ave between Smith and Marquette Ave, Old Kawkawlin Rd between M-13 and State Park Dr, and Woodside Ave between Pine and Scheurmann St. The Old Kawkawlin Rd PE Project includes PE only up to the GI phase. In addition to these amendments, Engelhardt informed the committee that in the past week, BCATS received an email regarding the BMTA TIP amendment from February regarding the new buses. The funds allocated for the project were \$3,442,500 (2% greater than was amended into the TIP last month). However, the February amendments have not yet been sent to MDOT. Engelhardt wanted to inform th committee that these new cost numbers will be the cost figures that will be sent with the amendments, not the numbers from February.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Hansford, to allocate the additional \$926,914 into the TIP and to approve the TIP Amendments, including the North Union Rd Project and the five (5) PE projects as stated above, including the BMTA cost corrections with Engelhardt having administrative authority to make required changes or additions of these projects. Engelhardt to continue to have administrative modification authority to utilize any funding that becomes available through bid savings on either the Midland Rd or North Union projects, should time allow. Motion Passed.

Next MTPA Meeting in Lansing:

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Engelhardt discussed the possibility of there being a vote at the March 19, 2013 MTPA Meeting in Lansing about the elimination of the MDOT Category C (Urban Congestion Relief) and D (Rural All-Season Roads) funding. Engelhardt would like to have BCATS approval to vote for the elimination of MDOT Category C & D funding should a vote arise at the next MTPA Meeting.

A motion was made by Krause, seconded by Fortune, to agree to have Dave Engelhardt vote to eliminate MDOT Category C & D funding on behalf of BCATS. Motion passed.

Plan Submission for 2013 Projects:

Lillo asked what the latest date would be to submit projects to MDOT for 2013. Koenig said that the last date for submission to Local Agency Program would be May 10, 2013 in order to assure that everything gets completed on time.

Project Funding Changes:

Westbury asked about how to show the funding for the additional \$926,914 in the Fiscal Constraint (FC) Table of the TIP. Koenig said that the MPO should not plug in the extra funding in the FC table since MDOT is planning to take care of those additional funds in the STIP. As a result, the BCATS FC table for 2013 will show that there is \$926,914 of Federal Funds committed more than revenues received. Therefore the BCATS TIP alone will not be fiscally constrained, but when combined with the STIP, fiscal constraint will be obtained.

Other/New Business:

Draft 2014-17 TIP:

Engelhardt provided members with an updated draft copy of the projects proposed for the 2014-17 TIP for review accounting for changes due to moving North Union into FY2013. The full text version with maps and projects detailed of the 2014-17 TIP will need to go out for Public Review after April's Policy Meeting, for ultimate approval at the June BCATS Policy meeting.

Road Closures:

Work on the I-75 Zilwaukee Bridge NB in Saginaw will begin in April with the detour being I-675. For the first month, there won't be any crossover traffic. After that, traffic will crossover for the peak travel periods.

As there was no further business, the March 13, 2013 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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