

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Technical Committee Minutes - April 12, 2011

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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

Dan Hansford, Essexville

Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission

Terry Moulthane, Bay City Planning

Dirk Westbury, BCATS Staff

Jay Reithel, MDOT

Adam Rivard, MDOT Bay City

Jack Wheatley, Rowe

Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning

Andy Pickard, FHWA

Introductions:

Introductions were made to introduce Andy Pickard, new representative for FHWA. Judy Delestowicz, from MSU Extension, will be providing secretarial support.

Minutes from February 3, 2011, BCATS Tech meeting:

It was moved by Wilcox, seconded by Wheatley, to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2011, meeting, with the correction to fix the date error on first page. Motion passed.

TIP Amendments - Bay Metro and MDOT:

BMTA brought forth a TIP amendment for the increase of the 2012 JARC operating from \$145,000 to \$160,000. MDOT had an amendment to correct the project cost of the I-75 project in Northern Bay County to reflect the cost for the portion within the BCATS area.

It was moved by Lillo, seconded by Moulthane, to recommend the approval both TIP amendments to include update cost correction for the MDOT project and dollar change for Bay Metro Project. Motion passed.

2012 Unified Work Program (UWP):

Engelhardt asked for input on upcoming projects that might be considered by the committee member's organizations for FY2012, not already provided by the committee, to add to this report. Some discussion on long-range planning.

BCATS Flexible Match - FY 2011 and FY 2012:

BCATS is still struggling for flexible match since fringe costs are not eligible for matching cost. Engelhardt does not want Bay County's general fund to be forced to cover the amount that isn't matched. Some discussion about finding legitimate flexible match through eligible Bay County work items such as Bay County GIS data and general services to support BCATS possibly up to \$9,000. Some discussion centered around capturing billable services that are not part of the current GIS fee schedule. Pickard stated that he would look into other work items that could be used for flexible match. Engelhardt will bring them back to the committee to

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amend the budget to reflect alternative match to cover anticipated shortfall in FY2011.

Second Quarter FY11 Billings - Flexible Match and Asset Management:

Engelhardt asked if there could be any flexible match items beyond traffic counts. Wheatley said he would look into it. Feedback was asked regarding on the TAMC Internet reporting and/or PASER training. Engelhardt asked if there is any additional data the group has to offer toward the FY2011 second quarter billing report, before he submits for reimbursement.

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model:

Engelhardt stated that the SE data is expected in early May. The 2010 census data is now out, and it shows a shift in population data, which will reshape data sets. Engelhardt would like input now from this group for base year, then keep working on future years' model.

Asset Management Studies for Bay County Road Commission and MDOT:

Engelhardt discussed the Asset Management Report BCATS prepared for the Bay City Federal Aid Eligible Asphalt roads and would like to expand it to cover all of the area's federal aid roads. Pickard asked Engelhardt for current federal aid report to review; Moulane also asked for a copy via email.

Paser Data Collection:

Westbury informed the committee that this year's PASER data collection will include the north half of Bay County and I-75 along with Bay City's westside.

Project Updates:

Bay County Road Commission: The ***Midland Road Project*** will start in July with paving to done in November. It is possible other portions of the project, i.e. seeding, many have to wait until next spring. Over three hundred residents attended the March 10 public meeting on the project - a great turnout and all went smoothly. The ***Kinney Road Bridge Project*** in Merritt Township east of M-15 will start after May 1. This three-span wood structure will replace the bridge that has been closed for two years and will be an inexpensive repair. This project is outside the BCATS area.

MDOT: The ***M-13 Bridge Project*** over the Cheboyganing Creek is running behind. The opening date of that project impacts detour routes and the start of the ***M-84 Project and I-75 Project***, which was scheduled to start April 18. The ***Pinconning I-75 Project*** is a 9-mile stretch from Linwood Road to Pinconning, will start soon and expected to be a two-year project. However, the contractor wants to complete it in one year, but that will be determined by that time needed for the

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bridges on the project.

Bay City: No federal funds available for other new construction. Reconstruction projects on **Walnut Street and Adams Street** will start after the summer festivals. Still on track for FY2012 **Johnson Street Project**.

Essexville: No update.

Other/New Business:

Englehardt gave a report on the MDOT meeting held yesterday, April 11, for rural elected officials. The five-year plan and projects were on the agenda, highlighting the differences between a reduced program versus a full program. The consensus was funding is anticipated to be found to fund the full program for FY 2012.

Engelhardt mentioned that even though the MDOT ADA meeting, April 18, hosted by BCATS, is full, spaces could be found if anyone is still interested.

As there was no other business, the April 12, 2011, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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