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Call to Order:

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

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

Those Present Were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jack Wheatley, Bay City; Terry Moulthane, Bay City; Adam Rivard, MDOT-Bay City; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Chris Rupp, Bay County Commission; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Dave Harran, City of Bay City; Cory Wale, Bay County Road Commission; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from August 7, 2012 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Moulthane, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

Legislative Update:

A new Transportation Bill was passed by Congress and signed by President Obama on July 6, 2012. The Bill, MAP-21, is for two years and also included an extension of SAFETEA-LU through September 30, 2012, and the new regulations started on October 1, 2012. MDOT's Policy Division is reviewing the Bill and will determine what it means for the MPOs in the State. The FHWA guideline will come out in the next few months as well. MAP-21 appears to hit small MPOs quite hard and we could lose more than \$400,000 in Surface Transportation Funds, which is more than 30% of what we have programmed. Sprague noted that BMTA funds are also down.

STP Funding for Fiscal Years 2013 and Future Years:

Due to the estimated drop in STP funding from MAP 21, Engelhardt discussed the possibility of having to make changes in TIP projects for 2013 and 2014. Wale stated that the Road Commission is in for the Midland Rd project and if funding is cut, it is likely that they will not be able to go ahead with the project and may not be able to find a replacement project.

BCATS FY2013 TIP Amendment Schedule:

Engelhardt gave everyone a copy of the BCATS FY2013 TIP Amendment Schedule.

BCATS TIP Amendment - Addition of Beaver Road Safety Project:

The Bay County Road Commission was awarded a safety grant for their Beaver Road Project. This grant, along with STP rural funds, Economic Development "D" funds, and local matching funds will be used in this project.

A motion was made by Hansford, seconded by Reithel, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the addition of the Bay County Road Commission Beaver Road Safety Project into the BCATS TIP. Motion Passed.

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Uptown Site - Future Projects (Informational)

As part of the snapshot of the projects provided by MDOT to BCATS for TIP inclusion, a project on Mechelen Dr was listed as an Economic Development Category A project. Wheatley discussed the project as reconstructing the ramp coming off of the M-25 bridge, just north of the Uptown site. It would also include Mechelen Dr, 9th St, and Saginaw St in that area. Discussion continued as to the merits of reconstruction these road and alternate road options.

As there are no Federal Funds associated with this project, the project is not required to be in the TIP. However, do to the nature of the Category A grants, they are regionally significant and are recommended to be included in the TIP. Engelhardt requested more information and details on the project before inclusion in the TIP. Wheatley said he should have more information at the December 2012 meeting. No motion was made at this time.

BCATS TIP Amendment - Reallocation of Lincoln Street Funds:

The Bay City Lincoln Street project was scheduled to be done in 2013. However, at that time, Bay City will not be able to fund the needed water and sewer work, so the project will be delayed until 2015. This project will need to be deleted from the TIP and the STUL funds that will become available will shift to the Midland Rd Project between 3 Mile Rd and 4 Mile Rd.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Wheatley, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the reallocation of the Bay City Lincoln Street Project funds to the Midland Road Project. The Bay City Lincoln Street Project will be deleted from the TIP project list. Motion Passed.

BCATS 2014-2017 TIP:

Engelhardt briefly discussed the BCATS 2014-2017 TIP and explained that it was important for everyone to submit projects for the TIP by the end of this year.

Urban Area/NFC Post 2010 Census Statewide Review Process:

BCATS has begun the Adjusted Urban Area review. Engelhardt will come to the Tech Committee in December with the proposed Adjusted Urban Boundary. The deadline for submitting the boundary to the State is June 2013.

Bay Metro Transit Route Review:

Sprague discussed the Bay Metro Transit Route Review explaining that a review of the routes hasn't been conducted in more than 15 years. It's becoming very difficult for Bay Metro Transit to cover the entire city like they use to, as more people are ridding the bus and there are more physically challenged people riding the bus which makes for longer stop time. Funding decreases are also a part of the desire to review the current routes. Westbury is working on maps for Sprague. Currently, a lot of the bus routing is based on school schedules. Sprague will be gathering data and

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looking at the ridership in order to better determine how the new routes should be set up.

Asset Management PASER Ratings:

Westbury gave an update and said that the PASER ratings for this year have been collected for all the Bay City local roads. Westbury will be doing PASER Rating with the Bay County Road Commission later this week to finish all the roads needing to be rated in 2012.

Midland MPO Status:

The Midland MPO is still in the early stages of forming as an independent, stand-alone MPO. It's unclear yet how they are planning to incorporate the Bay County Road Commission and Bay Metro Transit as their area extends into Bay County. Midland is working to get people together to further formulate their new MPO.

Title VI Reporting:

Engelhardt reminded the Committee that Title VI reporting is due by October 6, 2012. While that date has already passed, the State will still take Title VI Reports.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Reporting:

In addition to the Title VI reporting, DBE reporting is also a requirement for BCATS and other agencies receiving Federal Funds. DBE Reporting has a different due date than Title VI.

Project Updates:

The ***Johnson St Project*** is under construction and currently on schedule and will be open November 2012. The ***Uptown Project*** is underway starting with the tearing out the old foundations so that the new Dow Corning Building can be in place by 2014. The developer for this project will be putting in the new streets. The ***Harrison Street Project*** has a 2-block addition and will begin next year. The ***Salzburg Ave (M-13/M-84) Project*** will start in March of 2013. The ***Midland Road Project*** is 50% designed. The ***Salzburg Road Project*** (4 Mile to Mackinaw Road) is also being designed. The ***Garfield Road Bridge Project*** north of Beaver Road is a rebuild of the bridge and will be complete and open November, 2012. The ***3-Mile Road Project*** (North Union to Midland Road) is complete with a portion of the road repaved and a portion with chip and seal.

Other/New Business:

Access Management:

Reithel discussed the upcoming Access Management RFP that will look at developing a draft ordinance for M-13 from Salzburg to Wilder Rd. Engelhardt told him to contact the City of Bay City and Bangor Township and see if it can also include Wilder Road.

Water Main Abandonment:

Wheatley briefly discussed the water main abandonment project that would be taking place on South Euclid later this year. The reason for the abandonment is that there are duplicate water mains in the area.

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As there was no other business, the October 9, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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BCATS Director

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