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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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; Jack Wheatley, ROWE/City of Bay City; Terry Moulthane, Bay City Planning; Maja Bolanowsha, MATS; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from March 13, 2013 BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Moulthane, seconded by Lillo, to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

Legislative Update:

Engelhardt said that there was nothing new happening.

Public Involvement/Review Process for Draft 2014-17 TIP:

Engelhardt discussed the public involvement/review process for the draft of the 2014-17 TIP and that we need to have thirty (30) days. Committee members received a copy of the draft 2014-17 TIP to review prior to the meeting. Engelhardt pointed out that Fraser Township will be removed as a voting member from BCATS, however he encourages their input and attendance at meetings. Engelhardt expects MDOT to provide BCATS with Title VI and ADA language for inclusion in the TIP.

A motion was made by Hansford, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee the acceptance of the draft BCATS 2014-17 TIP to be put out for the thirty day public involvement/review process. Motion Passed.

BCATS By Laws Amendment:

The BCATS By Laws will need to be amended to reflect the removal of Fraser Township as voting members of BCATS. This change has recently taken place with the updated Urbanized Boundary map. Fraser Township will go back to being a rural area. Engelhardt has minutes from Fraser Township's meeting showing they are fine with being removed as a voting member of BCATS.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Wheatley, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to amend the BCATS By Laws to remove Fraser Township as a voting member of BCATS. Motion Passed.

FY2014 UWP Cash Contribution Resolutions:

Engelhardt discussed the FY2014 UWP Cash Contribution Resolutions and said that funding is up about \$500 from last year. This additional amount will be divided among everyone based on a percentage, so that there will be a slight increase. Bay Metro Transit Authority will be able to bill up to \$7,000; Road Commission will be able to bill up to \$19,150; City of Bay City will be able to bill up to \$8,705; and City of Essexville will be able to bill up to \$1,160. Engelhardt stressed the importance of not billing for more than is available.

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Non-Motorized Concept for Bay County:

Engelhardt discussed the possible non-motorized aspects of the Midland Road, Vermont Street, Liberty Bridge and Woodside Avenue corridor. Engelhardt wanted to know if the group had some ideas on how to better incorporate non-motorized aspects into projects. He felt that this route would be a great place to incorporate a non-motorized path into the city. There is plenty of room to keep within the 4-foot minimum for bike paths in this area. Engelhardt asked if Wheatley could look up the areas mentioned to make sure that bike lanes would indeed fit. Engelhardt stressed the importance of having more non-motorized access in the city and around Bay County. There will be a Webinar on April 30th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Road Right Sizing.

Wilder Road Access Management Plan:

Reithel discussed the Wilder Road Access Management Plan and is willing to pursue how BCATS can be a part of the plan. Funding won't be submitted for until May, so right now it's unclear just what funding will be available for this plan. Reithel felt that it was important for Bangor Township, Bay City, and Monitor Township to be on board with the Wilder Road Access Management Plan as the area falls in those areas. It's important that each be encouraged to adopt an ordinance. Lillo said that he would contact both Bangor and Monitor Townships about adopting policies for this plan. Reithel would like to see a sub-committee meeting to get everyone involved together to talk about this before June.

US-10 Corridor Study:

Reithel discussed the upcoming US-10 Corridor Study which will include M-47, Garfield Road, and Mackinaw Road. Reithel said that he is still getting feedback. This study is important because it will help with design issues and should also help with the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce design strategy. At this point there is a need to focus on the study for the build-out justification and improvements needed. Engelhardt felt that BCATS should write a letter of support for the study.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Moulthane, to approve having Dave Engelhardt write a letter of recommendation for the US-10 Corridor Study on behalf of BCATS. Motion Passed.

MDOT Transportation Summit:

Engelhardt wanted everyone to know that there is an upcoming MDOT Transportation Summit being held on April 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the MDOT TSC Office. This summit will take a look at the upcoming funding issues and road projects over the next five years.

Tip Amendments:

Engelhardt discussed the Woodside PE Project and explained that there was a mistake in the 2011-14 TIP that needed to be fixed in regards to funding. The estimated PE for the Woodside Project was \$6,005 when it should have been \$10,000 (for a difference of \$3,995.00). Lillo offered to remove funds from the Patterson Rd PE project in order to cover this cost.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Moulthane, to favorably recommend to the

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BCATS Policy Committee to amend the 2011-14 TIP for the PE cost on the Woodside Project so that it reflects the actual estimate and Patterson Rd PE project. Motion Passed.

Second Quarter Expenses:

Engelhardt discussed its time to submit any Second Quarter expenses for reimbursement. He stressed the importance of not billing for more funds once you have maximized your allowable expenses.

2015 Aerial Photography:

Engelhardt discussed the need for updated aerial photography and that he is targeting a new flight in 2015. In the past, there have been several different funding sources to make the aerial photography flights possible from Dow, Road Commission, BCATS, etc. There is some funding in the Bay County GIS aerial photography account to put toward the flight, however there will be a need for additional funding. Engelhardt feels that the project could be completed county-wide for under \$20,000, if utilizing the states 12" pixel product. The 2010 digital ortho project was approx \$60,000 for a 6" pixel product. He would like to work together with the city to coordinate the flight in order to bundle and save. In the past, Saginaw and Midland have joined to take advantage of cheaper bundling rates. Engelhardt will share the specs from the previous flight so that it can be reviewed to determine if we can meet the needs and interests of everyone involved.

Asset Management:

Engelhardt mentioned that the November and December of FY2013 reimbursement has not yet been received. Essexville would like to rate their local roads this year and have heard nothing back from MDOT. Koenig will look into both of these matters.

Project Updates:

The **Beaver Road Project** will have a June letting. The project came in \$400,000.00 over the programmed amount. The **M-13/M-84 Project** is on schedule. The **US-10/M-47 Project** is in the Plan Review stage for the entrance ramp extension. The **Bay Zilwaukee Trail Project** on the south end in Saginaw County received a NRTF grant. More about this project will be known in the next month. Engelhardt wondered how we could get the Zilwaukee Trail to connect with other trails in Bay City. Moulton said that he hasn't heard anything from Cathy Washabaugh or Rob Eggers about the project. The Rail Trail Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month (next meeting will be May 8th). The **Harrison Road Project** is begin next week. The **Uptown Bay City Project** will be starting the infrastructure work this week. The City of Bay City has applied for DWRP to get money for the **Euclid Water Main Project**. Engelhardt explained that the **Euclid Avenue Project** for road resurfacing was far down on the list according to MDOT mostly because of the water main work that needs to be completed. If the water main project goes through, there's a good chance the street project for Euclid Avenue would be moved higher up the project list.

Other/New Business:

Blueways Trail Grant:

Engelhardt mentioned that Laura Ogar, Director of the Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department, has submitted an application for a Blueways Trail Grant in order to fill in the gaps currently left on the state map along the Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay shorelines. Ron Bloomfield will be preparing the

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historical information for the sites. If anyone knows of any special points of interest that should be included, please let Dave Engelhardt know.

As there was no other business, the April 9, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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