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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Dan Hansford, Essexville; Jim Koenig, MDOT; Jason Garza, MDOT; Kurt Hausbeck, City of Bay City, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

Minutes from March 19, 2014 Special BCATS Tech Meeting:

It was moved by Koenig, seconded by Reithel, to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 Special BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Legislative Update:

Engelhardt said that there was nothing new to report. Koenig discussed the proposed MPO Population Threshold of 200,000 instead of 50,000. However, he believes that the existing MPO population threshold of 50,000 will be grandfathered in and small MPOs would need to self determine if they will still exist.

Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative:

Engelhardt attended a preliminary meeting with Sue Fortune. The East Central region received partial funding and the deliverable is due by December 2014. This is a very short time frame, however they are moving forward. Part of the discussion at the meeting was that there should be a transportation liaison person that can be a point of contact for coordination. Engelhardt will send out an email with more details to everyone.

TIP Amendments:

The Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) county-wide JARC Operating program needs to be moved from 2013 to 2014. The 5316 Federal funding is from the prior year from unspent funds allocated to the State. The BMTA replacement project of five (5) 2007 lift vans using unspent Section 5307 STP Flex Funds from FY2006-2009-2011 needs to be moved to 2014. This project will use State Match and there won't be any local match, so "local match" should be removed from the project description. This project came in at a lower project cost, so there will be an adjustment to the project amount. The 2013 Bus Replacement Project of three (3) vans has been carried over into 2014. BMTA needs to have the 2014 Bike Racks for Busses project funding source changed to 5307 funding, the local share for this project is still "State Funds".

MDOT is adding a Stone Island Road RR crossing project. MDOT is also adding an additional line item for sub-phase and construction phase as an Administrative Change to the TIP for the Bridge Project that will be constructed in 2015.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Reithel, to favorably recommend the approval of the various BMTA and MDOT 2014-17 TIP Amendments to the BCATS Policy Committee including the Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) county-wide JARC Operating

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program be moved from 2013 to 2014; that the BMTA 5316 Federal funding from the prior year which was unspent be re-allocated; that the BMTA replacement project of five (5) 2007 lift vans using unspent Section 5307 STP Flex Funds from FY2006-2009-2011 be moved to 2014 and that "local match" be removed from the project description and that the project amount be changed to reflect the actual cost; the 2013 Bus Replacement Project of three (3) vans be carried over into 2014; that the BMTA 2014 Bike Racks for Busses project funding source changed to 5307 funding, the local share for this project is still "State Funds"; that the MDOT Stone Island Road project be added to the TIP, and; that the MDOT Bridge Project for 2015 have an additional line item for sub-phase and construction phase as an Administrative Change to the TIP. Motion passed.

Euclid Avenue/Wilder Road Access Management Update:

Reithel said that the final RFP has been sent out and is due on April 14, 2014. There are a few questions and clarification matters that need to be addressed.

2015 UWP:

Engelhardt was at the Pre-UWP Meeting on April 2, 2014. We will start to work on the 2015 UWP in June 2014. It is expected that Federal Highway will want more inclusion of performance measures.

PL Balance:

Engelhardt discussed the use of Transportation PL Funds. In the past we have been able to use these funds for Digital Photography as it's a component of our transportation work. Engelhardt has had an increase in his wages, so that increase will be reflected in the PL Fund. New digital Orthophotography is being planned for spring of 2015 and everyone seems to be on board with splitting the cost. In the past, Aerial Photography has been done as a three-county (Bay, Midland and Saginaw Counties) project. There may be more counties interested in participating in the Aerial Photography.

CTT Roadsoft Ratings and Treatment Analysis Service:

Engelhardt provided a handout from the Center for Technology & Training (CTT) which explained that they are looking for Roadsoft data from local agencies and that this information will be used as a part of a large study.

Expense Billings:

Engelhardt briefly discussed Expense Billings. It's important that we receive invoices in a timely manner.

Project Updates:

The **MDOT US-10 Project** over I-75 will be constructed in 2015. The **MDOT 9 Mile Project** over US-10 will be a raised replacement bridge structure with some road impact to 9 Mile. This is a 2015 construction project. The **MDOT I-75 Project** by Saginaw will begin April 12, 2014 and will impact north-bound I-75. This project is out of the BCATS area. The **Saginaw Street Project** will be constructed August 2014. Bids are in for the **Woodside Avenue Project** (Pine to Sherman). This is a 4-5 day job that will begin in June 2014.

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Other/New Business:

Special March 19th BCATS Meeting:

Koenig wanted to thank BCATS for having the Special BCATS Meetings on March 19th in order to accommodate changes required for the TIP.

Act 51 Funds:

Koenig briefly discussed the allocation of the Act 51 funds and provided amounts.

Unified Work Program (UWP):

Engelhardt attended the pre-UWP Meeting last week and gave everyone a heads up that BCATS will be conducting the self-certification process at the next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Koenig will get the self-certification form to Engelhardt.

Elderly Mobility Workshop:

Engelhardt briefly discussed the upcoming Elderly Mobility Workshop taking place May 11 - 14, 2014 in Detroit. Engelhardt will forward the event flyer.

Local Contribution Handling:

The State has a better handle on how BCATS is handling the local contributions and the way we are doing it is fine. Everything is good.

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Beautification Project:

Engelhardt discussed the Chamber Beautification Project and talked about what BCATS could do to help move the project along. The Chamber is looking for a location to plant flowers and place possible signage, so if anyone has an ideas on spaces, please let him know. Right now Engelhardt is looking at all possibilities and what we can do to help with this project.

As there was no other business, the April 8, 2014 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director