

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; David Engelhardt, EMCOG; Ryan McDonnell, MDOT; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; Steve Wisniewski, Hampton Township; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; Brian Stark, BCATS staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff. Pam Boyd, MDOT attended via phone.

***Introductions were made.***

### **Minutes from October 19, 2016 BCATS Policy Meeting:**

It was moved by Engelhardt, seconded by Bragiel, to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2016 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update:**

Boyd said that FHWA finalized the MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule on December 15, 2016. MPOs that share same urbanized area or touch the border of another MPO could be required to merge and they will have two years to merge their resources after the new 2020 Census designated Urbanized Areas. They will come under the jurisdiction of one defined MPO. There is a mechanism in place to allow for MPOs to request an exception to remain separate MPOs. This request must be made to the state's governor and FHWA. There will need to be MOUs in place between the cooperating MPOs. There will be a meeting in January 2017 to discuss this rule. With the new administration coming in, it's not clear at this point what direction things will be taking.

### **2017 BCATS Meeting Schedule:**

Anderson provided a handout of the 2017 BCATS Meeting Schedule. If anyone has any questions or comments, please contact Jay Anderson.

### **EMCOG Update:**

Engelhardt gave an update on the Regional Traffic Safety Plan and the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative. The second meeting for the Regional Traffic Safety Plan will be took place on December 12<sup>th</sup> at the MDOT Bay Region Office to take notes and comments, along with local input and create a draft plan that will be presented before the next meeting. Please get your comments to Dave Engelhardt regarding the Regional Traffic Safety Plan.

The Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative is moving along. EMCOG has submitted for another grant for FY 2017 funding. Engelhardt is working on contacting various agencies for better coordination. There will be a follow up in January 2017.

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### **GLBR Travel Demand Model:**

Anderson provided handouts of the GLRB Travel Demand Model and Socio-Economic Data chapters from MDOT for the 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP) that have some updated language.

A motion was made by Bragiel, seconded by Begick, to approve the updated GLRB Travel Demand Model and Socio-Economic Data chapters for the 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP). Motion Passed.

### **Draft 2045 Long Range Plan (LRP) for Public Comment:**

Anderson provided a handout of the 2015 Long Range Plan draft document for review. The LRP still needs a list of projects to be complete. While there are some items still needed to complete the LRP, Anderson would like to release it for public comment as soon as the other pieces are added. Anderson encouraged the local road agencies to pass along future local projects for inclusion into the LRP.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Boyd, to approve the release of the Long Range Plan out for Public Comment as soon as it is ready. Motion Passed.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***MDOT FY 2017 projects*** are out to bid and the ***Lafayette Bridge Replacement Project*** open house will be taking place soon. MDOT is looking for signage to post or other ideas, like alternate detours, while the bridge is under construction to help local businesses. The ***MDOT I-75 Project*** (Cottage Grove to Linwood Road) is a concrete overlay. MDOT is coordinating with the BCRC on detours for the ***M-13 Connector Bridge Projects***.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***JobNet:***

Boyd discussed the new MDOT program/data base called JobNet. MDOT will be migrating projects to this new data base so please be sure to have local road projects to MDOT by the January 6, 2017 deadline. Boyd said that there would be JobNet Training for this new data base for MPO staff. MPO staff will need to submit local projects online through JobNet. The new system should be up and running by the end of January 2017.

#### ***2017 MPO Performance Measures:***

Boyd said that there will be meetings with the MPOs to share the Federal requirements for the 2017 MPO Performance Measures.

#### ***Projects on Fetch:***

Anderson discussed the BCATS road projects on the Bay Area GIS Viewer (Fetch) and wanted everyone to know that it's up and running.

#### ***Introduction to RoadSoft Webinar***

Anderson wanted to let everyone know that there is an Introduction to RoadSoft two-day webinar coming up January 24 & 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The registration

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fee is \$25.00. If anyone is interested in additional information, please contact Jay Anderson and he will forward more info.

### ***Monitor Township Local Road Project***

Begick discussed the Monitor Township Local Road Project and said that people are happy with the mileage and the results they are seeing on their local roads.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Bragiel, to adjourn the December 21, 2016 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:17 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson  
BCATS Director