

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of January 13, 2016 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Chris Dopp, Rich Werner, Terry Blaniar, Rick Fowler, Dharmesh Valsadia (for Darrell Harden), Angela Kline and Glenn Perian
Non-voting: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: None
Non-voting: Rachael Tupica and SMPC

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Hutchison, Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

Chair Dopp called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. in the Council Room of Springfield City Hall, 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present (see above for voting members present).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Fowler, supported by Perian, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res.
16-01

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Werner, supported by Perian, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res.
16-02

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- The new federal legislation, the FAST (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) Act was signed into law just after the last Technical Committee meeting in December. The 5-year bill replaced MAP-21. Karr distributed information about the new bill.
- MDOT put out a press release in December announcing a delay in the update of the state's Long Range Transportation Plan, due to the new federal and state legislation passed which will impact future funding prospects.
- Another MDOT press release was distributed indicating the development of an update to MDOT's "Five-Year Plan". The new Plan includes FY 2016 through FY 2020. Comments were due on the list of projects by January 9th.
- Both the TIP Subcommittee and the CMAQ Committee have met since the last Technical Committee meeting and the results of those meeting will be reflected in the items on today's agenda
- The "Obligated Projects Report" for FY 2015 was completed by BCATS staff and distributed. It was also posted to BCATS' website.
- The Office of Highway Safety Planning's annual 2 ½ day Traffic Safety Summit is coming up on March 22-24, 2016. Registration is now open for the event for anyone interested in attending. The michigan.gov/ohsp website will provide information about how to register.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Committee at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Current FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #11

Tilma reviewed the lengthy list of entries being changed/added/deleted in the proposed Amendment #11 to the current FY 2014-2017 TIP. He noted that a public notice announcing the amendment was published in the *Battle Creek Enquirer*. As part of the discussion, the status of Rural Task Force funding and projects was also reviewed. Rural projects within the BCATS area appear in the BCATS TIP.

Tilma noted some inconsistencies between the various MDOT database and file listings as to the funding source for the Raymond Road bridge. It was determined that the bridge in question is being funded with state funding and no federal funding.

It was moved by Perian, supported by Kline, to recommend approval of Amendment #11 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by the BCATS Policy Committee, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
16-03**

- B. Draft FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Preliminary Project List**
Tilma provided a draft listing of the projects to be included in the new FY 2017-2020 TIP. The MDOT and local projects currently in the FY 2017 listing of the current TIP are carried forward. However, at this point in the process, fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020 only have local projects represented on the listing. The projects to be proposed for funding with "STUL" federal monies and "CMAQ" federal monies were determined at meetings of the TIP Subcommittee and CMAQ Committee within the last several weeks.

Kline asked the origin of the "Local ID#" information in that column on the listing. Tilma stated that it is a locally determined number assigned to a project in the TIP, but it is not in MDOT's "system" until the electronic e-STIP is fully implemented.

Karr noted that a preliminary list of local projects is to be entered into an MDOT database by March 1st. Therefore, this project list is being brought to the BCATS' Committees for consideration this month. There is still an opportunity to make changes as the process progresses, as the final FY 2017-2020 TIP document will not come for Committee approval until May or June this year. Much additional work will be completed to prepare the final TIP document before final adoption, including a financial chapter, environmental justice review and more.

It was moved by Kline, supported by Perian, to forward the preliminary project list for the FY 2017-2020 TIP to the BCATS Policy Committee for its action at the January 27, 2016 meeting, with the addition of the cost information for the 2020 CMAQ projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
16-04**

COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting

Chair Dopp announced that the next regular Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.

B. Committee Member Comments

Kline asked for the TIP project table in an electronic form from Tilma. Tilma indicated that he would work on supplying that to Kline.

Dopp announced the hiring of a new City Engineer for the City of Battle Creek. Carl Fedders, formerly employed by the City of Marshall for nine years, will fill the position and start work with the City of Battle Creek on January 25th. Dopp moved up to be the Public Works Director for the City of Battle Creek. Fedders will be assuming Dopp's former role as City Engineer.

Dopp stated that there is a grade inspection for Territorial and Riverside project on January 15th. Once the current TIP amendment #11 goes through the process, funds can be obligated for that project.

Kline stated that she has the 2015 traffic count information available for BCATS.

Werner reminded the members of the retirement of Colleen Bohn and the promotion of Donna Hutchison to be the grants administrator for Battle Creek Transit (BCT). He noted that there are still a couple more positions to fill at BCT before they are back to a full complement of employees.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dopp at 2:20 p.m.