

**BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**Technical Committee**

**Minutes of January 11, 2017 Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Terry Blaniar, Chris Dopp, Rick Fowler, Angela Kline, and Denise Smith (for Jason Latham)  
Non-voting: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: Christine Zuzga and Rich Werner  
Non-voting: Andy Pickard (FHWA) and SMPC

OTHERS PRESENT: Justian Crane, Alissa Hubbell, Adam Heikkila, Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

Chair Dopp called the meeting to order at 1:38 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). Introductions were conducted for the benefit of all in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**Res.  
17-01**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**It was moved by Fowler, supported by Smith, to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Res.  
17-02**

## COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- Karr noted the information sheet with the 2017 PASER Training dates for this winter/spring. The Kalamazoo session is Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the same day as the BCATS Policy Committee in March.
- BCATS staff has prepared an “Executive Summary” document for the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and copies were made available to the members.
- Technical Committee members should have received a copy of the “Obligated Projects Report for FY 2016” via e-mail last month. The report has been fully distributed and posted to the BCATS website.
- The meeting dates for both BCATS Committees have also been posted to the website.
- Relative to the Performance Based Planning discussed last month, Karr will be attending a State safety target setting subcommittee meeting next Tuesday.
- The final regulations for some aspects of the MAP-21/FAST Act required performance measures have been released by the U.S. DOT. Karr distributed copies of the e-mail she received on this topic. There are upcoming webinars available to learn more about the topic.
- Karr noted that the local road agencies members had received a copy of the “Environmental Guidelines” originally adopted by the BCATS Policy Committee as part of the last long range plan update. With the current Plan update, staff committed to redistributing the material as a reminder to the implementing agencies.

Smith distributed a draft timeline for MDOT’s development of the updated 5-Year Plan covering the years 2018-2022. Karr asked if there is an opportunity early on in the process for MPO input into the project selection. Fowler indicated that he would look into this.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #2

Tilma discussed the proposed amendment that consists of one addition and one change to the current TIP. The amendment was noticed in the *Battle Creek Enquirer* on January 6, 2017. He distributed detail about MDOT’s planned signal upgrade work along numerous corridors in the BCATS area. The preliminary engineering and right-of-way work for that project is in 2017, with construction in 2019.

**It was moved by Kline, supported by Blaniar, to recommend approval of Amendment #2 to the FY 2017-2020 TIP, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Res.  
17-03**

## COMMENTS

### A. Next Meeting

Chair Dopp announced that the next regular Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.

### B. Committee Member Comments

Dopp reported that the "Quiet Zone" project is complete and implemented. He stated that it is noticeably quieter in the downtown area without the train whistles.

Karr noted that the February Technical Committee meeting would be subject to having agenda items that warrant having a meeting.

### C. Public Comments

Hubbell asked if the TIP amendment containing the M-66 turn-lane at Glenn Cross Road has been approved. It was reported that it is in process.

There was discussion about MDOT's signal project included in the amendment discussed above, and the need to coordinate MDOT's work with the units of government involved along the numerous corridors impacted by the project.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dopp at 2:01 p.m.