

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of March 14, 2018 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Terry Blaniar, Chris Dopp, Rick Fowler, Glenn Perian (for Christine Zuzga), Brian Sanada, and Donna Hutchison (for Rich Werner)
Non-voting: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: Angela Kline
Non-voting: Andrea Dewey and Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Franklin and Pat Karr

Chair Dopp called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 Perian, supported by Blaniar, to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
18-05**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Perian, supported by Hutchison, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 meeting, as printed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
18-06**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- Calhoun County was successful with local safety grants that are being added to the TIP today. The County was also a recipient of a TEDF grant from the state for road work on F Drive N from 11 Mile Road west to the Flex N Gate industrial facility on F Drive N.
- BCATS staff attended the MDOT Marshall TSC's transportation summit which was held on March 1, 2018.
- The Battle Creek Transit Master Plan project is moving along with more public meetings held this week by the consultant as various service scenarios are considered for inclusion in the Master Plan.
- BCATS staff attended the annual Pre-UWP meeting with FHWA and MDOT staff in early February to discuss the current Unified Work Program (UWP) and development of the FY 2019 UWP. Karr indicated that a draft of the 2019 document will be presented to the Committees in April, with final approval scheduled for May to meet the MDOT deadline for the documents to be submitted to MDOT by June 1st.
- A flyer was provided to the members which describes the one-day spring Asset Management conference being conducted by the Michigan Asset Management Council. It is being held in Traverse City on May 22nd in conjunction with the American Public Works Association (APWA) Michigan conference set for May 23-25, 2018. Karr encouraged anyone planning to attend the APWA conference to consider going a day earlier to participate in the Asset Management sessions.
- As has been previously mentioned, additional language dealing with performance measures and targets is required to be added to the current TIP before May 27, 2018 to comply with the federal rulemakings related to MAP-21/FAST Act. This is necessary in order for amendments to the current TIP to be acted upon by FHWA after the May 27, 2018 date. Staff is working on this project and plans to have material for consideration by the BCATS Committees at the April meetings.
- As most have heard, the state legislature is making an additional \$175 million in road funding available to the recipients of Act 51. This includes MDOT, cities and counties.
- The Michigan State Police/Office of Highway Safety Planning Traffic Safety Summit is scheduled for next week at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, MI.
- The changes related to air quality status as a result of recent action of the U.S. E.P.A. will change the amount of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding coming to the state. Most of the previously deemed "non-attainment" areas for ozone are now classified as "attainment." However, unofficially, BCATS has heard that MDOT will honor the current MPO CMAQ programs in the areas now deemed "attainment" through the current TIP which covers through 2020. This would be good news as agencies have been counting on this funding and have programmed projects accordingly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2019 Unified Work Program (UWP) Preliminary Issues and Outline

Karr reviewed the Preliminary Issues and Outline sheet for the FY 2019 UWP that was provided in the advance material. She indicated that a separate work item for the Performance Measures and Targets is being proposed for next year. The special Transit Master Plan item will be deleted, as the authorization for that work only runs through the end of the current fiscal year. Karr asked for any input on this item. There was none offered.

This was an information item not requiring action at this time.

B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #9

Karr reviewed the TIP amendment material and tables. She noted that only one federally funded item is actually being amended and that there are several administrative adjustments included with the amendment. She reviewed all of the changes. The impacted existing projects and new projects were discussed.

Karr noted that May will be the last opportunity for a TIP amendment before the JobNet program will be brought live in July, and that will result in some downtime during which TIP projects can't be changed.

It was moved by Perian, supported by Fowler, to recommend that the BCATS Policy Committee approve Amendment #9 to the FY 2017-2020 TIP, as presented.

**Res.
18-07**

C. Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) Data for BCATS - Area Federal-Aid Roadways

Karr distributed a summary of PASER data prepared by Andrew Tilma, BCATS Principal Transportation Planner. The charts indicated the deteriorating condition of Federal-Aid roadways in Calhoun County as a whole and within the BCATS area as well. Karr indicated that additional summary material will be developed utilizing the 2017 data collected on these roads in the BCATS area.

This was an information item not requiring action at this time.

COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting

Chair Dopp announced that the next meeting of the BCATS Technical Committee is scheduled for April 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.

B. Committee Member Comments

Perian announced that the City of Battle Creek Planning Commission adopted the updated Master Plan for the City in February. The Plan can be found online on the City's website.

Blaniar reported that the City of Springfield has completed its switch to LED panels for the lights in the administration building and the fire department building. A reduction in the electrical use has already been seen as a result of the lighting change. Blaniar also indicated that Springfield's city manager, Nate Henne, is leaving his position with Springfield as of March 20th to take the city manager position in Owosso, Michigan, Henne's hometown. Henne starts work in Owosso on April 2nd.

Sanada announced an upcoming meeting of the SW Michigan Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee for tomorrow, March 15th, at 1:30pm at the MDOT Region office in Kalamazoo. He invited everyone to attend.

Karr noted that Fowler only has a couple more meetings with BCATS before his retirement at the end of May.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dopp at 1:51 p.m.