

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of April 12, 2017 Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: None
Non-voting: Andy Pickard (FHWA) and SMPC

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Feldt, Steve Siemen, Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

Chair Dopp called the meeting to order at 1:33 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 Fowler, to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
17-07**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Fowler, supported by Perian, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
17-08**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- Karr reported that the Office of Highway Safety Summit in March was excellent this year and the general session and workshop presentations all very good. The dates for next year's Summit have been set for the same week of March in 2018. Following up on one of the workshop sessions, there is a webinar coming up on May 11th dealing with using the Michigan Traffic Crash Facts website. BCATS may also sponsor a local session by UMTRI staff addressing using the site.
- In mid' March, BCATS staff and BCT staff met with FHWA and MDOT staff for the annual pre-Unified Work Program meeting.
- Karr asked if the local agencies are planning to submit bridge projects for the 2020 local bridge call that is due May 1st. Both the City of Battle Creek and the Calhoun County Road Department are submitting projects and will provide their respective lists of bridges to BCATS.
- A news release regarding April being National Distracted Driving Awareness Month was distributed.
- A handout was provided detailing an MDOT course offering for planning and designing on-road bicycle facilities.
- There is a Federal Transit Administration presentation scheduled at the Michigan Transportation Planning Association meeting next Tuesday about the Transit Asset Management issue of MAP-21/FAST Act. Karr will report back any new information garnered from that presentation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft FY 2018 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Karr reviewed the draft FY 2018 Unified Work Program document which was distributed to the members. She noted the description for each work activity, which also includes a timeline. The document also establishes the financial budget for the new work program year. Karr requested input on the draft within the next couple of weeks. The draft document will also be presented to the Policy Committee at its meeting on April 26th. A final version of the document will be considered for approval by the BCATS Committees in May. Karr noted that she will still need MDOT's work program participation figures for the financial tables.

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

- B. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Status of 2017 and 2018 Projects**
Tilma reviewed the overall project list, noting the deletion of a “reminder” listing in the TIP for repayment of CMAQ funds to the MDOT SW Region. This is not an official TIP project. Tilma discussed the overall situation of the CMAQ program and the eligibility of diesel retrofit projects. It is hoped that a determination on that issue will be rendered shortly. He then asked the local agencies, MDOT and transit to provide their updates on the projects provided on the listing prepared by Tilma.

Kline indicated that the County’s STP projects are at the GI stage, or completed with that stage, and awaiting obligational authority. She noted that there are some issues at the state level right now with the release of obligation authority at the federal level. Let dates will be set after obligation. Dopp stated that the “areawide” project is in the May 5th MDOT letting along with the other City of Battle Creek resurfacing projects. Engineering of some of the future projects has been started. He added that there will be some reordering of future year projects that will be addressed in the May, 2017 TIP amendment. The March, 2017 amendment has been submitted to MDOT for processing. There are no City of Springfield projects in 2017-2019. It’s CMAQ project in 2020 is subject to the diesel retrofit determination.

Smith provided an update for the MDOT projects on the listing. Dharmesh Valsadia had developed a listing of project status. Fowler will forward that e-mail to Tilma. Tilma asked for confirmation of the date of construction for the large MDOT signal project. Smith indicated that she will check on that issue and let Tilma know the correct year.

Tilma also noted the listing of projects which are only partly within the BCATS area.

Werner covered the transit update. He indicated that the 2017 bus replacement project using CMAQ funds is being changed to a bus rehab project, lowering the cost of the project. The revenues estimated for operating assistance, farebox, and special services are all on-track to meet the figures listed for a four years of the TIP. Other transit capital projects for the future are also still planned as shown.

The May TIP amendment will be scheduled for action by the Policy Committee on May 24, 2017. Changes for the May TIP amendment will need to be submitted to Tilma by the end of April. There will likely be a CMAQ subcommittee meeting in late April due to the diesel retrofit issues.

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

COMMENTS

A. **Next Meeting**

Chair Dopp announced that the next regular Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location.

B. **Committee Member Comments**

There were no Committee member comments.

C. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Dopp at 2:15 p.m.