

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of April 12, 2023 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Mallory Avis, Heather Bowden, Susan Cronander, Darren Campbell (for Jarret Geering), Kristine Parsons, and Chaz Wilkey
Non-voting: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: Josh Grab
Non-voting: Andrew Sibold (FHWA) and Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

Chair Parsons called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in the Springfield City Hall Council Chambers, 601 Avenue A, Springfield MI.

ROLL CALL

Chair Parsons asked all in attendance to introduce themselves. It was determined that a quorum of the voting members was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Res.
23-10

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Cronander, supported by Wilkey, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2023 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res.
23-11

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- BCATS staff will be pursuing publishing a spring newsletter about upcoming construction season projects and other items.

- BCATS forwarded to MDOT the action of the BCATS Policy Committee regarding the updated BCT transit safety targets.
- BCATS requested from MDOT the information needed to include in the draft FY 2024 UWP for BCATS. Karr thanked Heather Bowden for providing the necessary financial figures for MDOT.
- BCATS staff provided a letter of support to Battle Creek Transit for a Congressionally Directed Spending funding opportunity. Senator Peters office requested that the MPO acknowledge its support of the proposed funding. BCT requested funds to support the capital needs associated with a transition to a countywide transit authority.
- The annual Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) conference will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan this year from July 25-28, 2023. The registration for the conference is now open and details can be found at the MTPA website, www.mtpa-mi.org.
- A news release from MDOT was distributed about National Work Zone Awareness Week next week from April 17-21. There will be a state media event next Tuesday and the public is being encouraged to wear orange on Wednesday, April 19th in support of road work crews.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft FY 2024 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Karr indicated that the information for this item was posted in advance of the meeting for review. MDOT staff have provided the information necessary to add Department days and dollars to the financial tables. It is expected that this will be an action item in May.

This was an information/discussion item not requiring action.

B. FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

I. Status of 2023 & 2024 Projects

Tilma provided a status sheet and the agencies all discussed their projects for this year and next.

ii. Preview of FY23-26 TIP Amendment #5 (May 2023)

Tilma discussed the items likely to be listed for the next TIP Amendment scheduled to be an action item in May.

These were both information/discussion items not requiring action.

C. Letters of Support for FY 2025 Local Safety Project Applications due May 1st

The Calhoun County Road Department provided a listing of the local safety project applications that are planned to be submitted to MDOT for FY 2025 funding consideration. The three projects were discussed and action on recommending that Policy Committee authorize letters of support for the projects was requested.

It was moved by Wilkey, supported by Cronander, to recommend that the BCATS Policy Committee authorize letters of support for the local safety project applications being prepared by the Calhoun County Road Department for projects within the BCATS area. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
23-12**

COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting

Chair Parsons announced that the next meeting of the BCATS Technical Committee is scheduled for May 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

B. Committee Member Comments

Parsons noted the projects underway by the Calhoun County Road Department.

Cronander discussed some of the possible developments at the Lakeview Square Mall location.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.