

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Policy Committee
Minutes of June 19, 2019 Meeting

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Mallory Avis, Harry Burdett, Derek King, Annjanette Kremer, Don Mayle, John Midgley, Dave Morgan, and Greg Rickmar

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: None

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Laveta Hardish, Tim Hill, and Rande Johnson

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Dewey (FHWA) and SMPC

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

Chair Burdett called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Susan L. Anderson Municipal Building (Springfield City Hall), 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present (see above for voting members present). Introduction of members was completed to take roll call and for the benefit of all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Res.
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Midgley, supported by Rickmar, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting, as presented, subject to any additions, corrections or changes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res.
19-30

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr reported the following items of communication:

- The May TIP amendment was submitted to MDOT on June 3, 2019 subsequent to the late addition of transit changes that had to be approved by the middle of June. It was federally approved on June 6, 2019. Notification went out to the impacted parties.

- The FY 2020 UWP document was submitted to MDOT by the June 1st deadline. Subsequent requests from MDOT SUTA and Air Quality staff were addressed involving minor changes to the wording of two work item narratives.
- Karr provided an update about the Regional Prosperity Committee which met on June 6th. The group is focusing on a housing toolkit for communities in the region and on asset management this year. There is no funding identified in next year's budget to continue the RPI effort started by the previous governor.
- Notice of the finalization of the new FY 2020-2023 TIP was published.
- The Certification Resolution approved last month has been executed by both BCATS and MDOT and is ready to be included in the TIP document.
- A reminder was given at the Technical Committee meeting that information about local safety projects that are being developed for the MDOT call (deadline August 5th) should be provided to BCATS in advance of the July Committee meetings so consideration can be given relative to letters of support for the project applications.
- BCATS received a request from Battle Creek Transit for a letter of support for its application to the Federal Transit Administration for discretionary funding for vehicles and a new facility. Karr thanked the Committee members for their support for transit's application and indicated that she had provided a letter of support for the application which is due today. Avis indicated that the total project application will be for \$18.75 million, and that it would be an 80/20 funding split between federal and state.
- Karr reported that she spent time on Monday dealing with MDOT's Commission audit, which is working to close out older grants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Adopting Resolution

Karr reviewed the changes that have been made to the TIP document since the last Policy Committee meeting. The language in the Implementation section was changed to reflect the result of the discussion about the topic of the "regionally significant" definition in that section. She read the change to the language shown on page 69. She distributed an Executive Summary section that is to be added to the document as a succinct summary of the lengthy TIP document. Karr noted that the action today is to approve the adopting resolution, for signature by the Policy Committee chairperson, as well as the actual TIP document.

Tilma noted that the project list has minor changes as well, including a change to each year's transit operating assistance project with federal 5307 funding that will have the state funding to transit removed and ultimately included under separate job numbers in the JobNet system. The change with state funding, along with other needed changes, will be addressed with the first amendment to the new TIP this fall.

Tilma reviewed the TIP document project maps that were distributed. These maps will be included in the document. King asked about the process for having roads assessed for future improvement. There was discussion about this topic. The final TIP document is to be submitted to MDOT by BCATS before July 1, 2019.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by King, to approve the Adopting Resolution and the document for the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Kremer abstained.

**Res.
19-31**

COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting

Chair Burdett announced that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2019, 1:30 p.m. in the City of Springfield Council Chambers.

B. Committee Member Comments

Mayle asked if BCATS will be presenting an amendment to the FY 2020-2023 TIP at its September meeting. Karr indicated that, based on the information she was provided at the Michigan Transportation Planning Association meeting yesterday, it would probably be September, with submission of the amendment package after the new FY 2020-2023 TIP has been federally approved. At this point, Tilma noted that July will be the last opportunity to amend 2019 projects. He indicated that the deadline for submittal of pertinent information for the July amendment is this Friday, June 21st.

Kremer provided project updates for MDOT jobs. The BCATS area multi-signal project has experienced increased costs and this will be entered as a change request in the programming system. It is scheduled for an August letting. The I-96 Columbia Avenue preventative maintenance project will be delayed due to unforeseen right-of-way issues along the route to be improved. Also, there will be a cost change to the M-311 westbound I-94 ramp project since the improvement is being scaled back, while still providing a safety benefit.

Avis thanked the members and BCATS staff for the letter of support for their discretionary grant application being submitted by Battle Creek Transit. The application is for \$18.75 million for a new facility and for the replacement of 16 buses. Avis asked about the information for the specialized service agencies and Tilma replied that the information is correct. A new project awarded by the state, with a new provider, Aequitas, will require an amendment to the TIP.

King asked for an update on the M-311 (11 Mile Road) bridge over the Kalamazoo River project from MDOT. Kremer indicated that while the project was delayed due to environmental questions, and the bids came in 11% over, it is still expected to proceed and be finished in 2019.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burdett adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.