

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of October 10, 2018 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Terry Blaniar, Carl Fedders (for Chris Dopp), Jeff Franklin, Amy Lipset, Kristine Parsons, Glenn Perian, and Donna Hutchison (for Rich Werner)
Non-voting: Andrea Dewey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: None
Non-voting: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Gladding, Daniela Khavajian, Kenton McAndrew, Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

The Committee members voted to have Kristine Parsons serve as Acting Chair for the meeting since both the Chair and Vice-Chair were unable to attend the meeting.

Acting Chair Parsons called the meeting to order at 1:35 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 made for the benefit of all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Fedders, supported by Perian, to approve the agenda, with the addition of information item 7.C. Presentation by MDOT - Travel Demand Model. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
18-23**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Perian, supported by Fedders, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
18-24**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- The BCATS September TIP Amendment was forwarded by MDOT to the federal partners as of today. No action has been reported on it yet.
- The official transmittal letter from Dave Wresinski, Director of the MDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning, relative to MDOT's safety targets for 2019 was received by BCATS on October 2, 2018.
- An Interagency Work Group meeting for air quality has been set up for October 25, 2018. BCATS will be participating in this meeting, along with representatives from Kalamazoo and VanBuren counties.
- Work is now continuing on road and bridge projects that were delayed due to the statewide labor issues.
- MDOT is seeking input on its public involvement plan for its 2045 state long range plan. Comments can be provided to www.michiganmobility.org.
- Daniela Khavajian, of MDOT, has provided BCATS staff with checklists and timelines related to the development of the travel demand model for the next update of the BCATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Information re; Projects to be in Amendment #B13/J4

Tilma discussed the new numbering system for BCATS' TIP amendments which will incorporate both a BCATS numbering and a JobNet numbering component. He reviewed a distributed list of potential projects for the November, 2018 TIP amendment and indicated that any additional items for the amendment should be received by BCATS before the end of October or entered as changes in JobNet by October 26th. Parsons indicated that the Calhoun County Road Department may also have changes to future year projects that will need to be evaluated for the amendment process. She will provide the necessary information to Tilma for these changes.

Tilma noted that knowing about these project additions from MDOT will allow for local interests to pursue upgrades to transit stop locations, sidewalks, etc. Fedders asked what the local financial obligation will be regarding these added MDOT projects. This will be investigated.

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

B. Transportation Performance Measures and Targets

Karr noted that this item had been discussed in detail at the September Technical Committee meeting. She distributed a compilation of all of the targets under consideration. She noted that some of the data on the safety target table has been changed as a result of MDOT supplying updated figures for that table. Karr reviewed the options that the MPO has related to setting targets and indicated that staff recommends “supporting” the state targets for the safety, pavement, bridge and travel time reliability targets as they have been provided to BCATS by MDOT. In addition, she indicated that staff recommends “supporting” Battle Creek Transit’s (BCT’s) State of Good Repair Targets for 2019 that are included in BCT’s Transit Asset Management Plan. The pavement, bridge and system reliability targets are only applicable to the National Highway System (NHS) and almost all of the NHS system in the BCATS area is under MDOT’s jurisdiction. Supporting the state targets and BCT targets means that BCATS will work to program and select projects that will support the targets of both MDOT and BCT.

Lipset asked if each target area would require a separate action. It was determined that, as an advisory committee, the Technical Committee action to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee could be on all target categories in one motion.

It was moved by Lipset, supported by Blaniar, to recommend that the BCATS Policy Committee act to adopt all five resolutions to “support” the state targets for safety, pavement, bridge, and travel time reliability and to “support” the BCT 2019 State of Good Repair targets. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
18-25**

C. MDOT Presentation - Travel Demand Model

Daniela Khavajian, of MDOT’s Statewide and Urban Travel Analysis (SUTA) unit, delivered a presentation to the Committee about the travel demand model utilized to identify capacity deficiencies on the road system within an area. She discussed what data the model uses, what it can do, and how the BCATS staff and Committees will participate in the process of developing an updated model for use with the BCATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Tilma indicated that he is looking forward to the “time-of-day” component to the modeling process that was not possible with the last iteration of the model used for the 2040 MTP. This may allow for a more detailed indication of capacity/delay issues on roads within the BCATS area.

Dewey asked about the process for compiling future data related to the socio-economic and employment factors. Karr indicated that in addition to the resources MDOT uses, that BCATS will be consulting the local master plans of the BCATS' area units of government in regard to future development possibilities.

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

COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting

Acting-Chair Parsons announced that the next meeting of the BCATS Technical Committee is scheduled for November 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location. Karr noted that the meeting is the usual second Wednesday of the month this year as the Thanksgiving holiday does not impact the scheduling of the Policy Committee meeting on the fourth Wednesday.

B. Committee Member Comments

Lipset indicated that there has been an issue with the U-Haul store at the former Toys R Us location off Beckley Road. The new owners have clear-cut an area along M-66 within the state's right-of-way in an effort to provide greater visibility for their store. They did not have permission to do this and will have to provide replacement landscape material.

Parsons indicated that 6 Mile Road between B Drive S and D Drive S will be closed the next two weeks and she recommended finding an alternate route for travel in the area.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.