

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of November 6, 2019 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Mallory Avis, Terry Blaniar, Chris Dopp, Brian Sanada (for Jeff Franklin), Amy Lipset, and Glenn Perian
Non-voting: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Voting: Kristine Parsons
Non-voting: Andy Pickard and Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC)

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Martin, Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

Chair Dopp called the meeting to order at 1:32 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 completed for the benefit of all in attendance and to establish a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Perian, supported by Blaniar, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
19-33**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Avis, supported by Perian, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
19-34**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- Karr acknowledged the anniversary dates of two Technical Committee members for their service with the City of Battle Creek. Glenn Perian celebrated 16 years with the City as of October 20th and Chris Dopp is celebrating 30 years with the City as of November 13th.
- A reminder was provided about the Asset Management Summit for the southwest region of Michigan that is being held on November 12th at the Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence, MI.
- This is the last week that the Helmer Road railroad crossing south of Avenue A is supposed to be closed for the crossing upgrade.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

Tilma reviewed the listing of projects proposed for amendment and also discussed a more lengthy list of additional projects which have had changes made that don't require being a part of the amendment process or that still have outstanding issues. A handout was provided for this discussion. Tilma is still working with the local human service agencies about their future equipment plans to be included in the TIP.

Tilma noted that with all of the activity for the TIP and the JobNet system, there will likely be a discussion of TIP items on the agenda each month for the BCATS Technical Committee.

It was moved by Perian, supported by Blaniar, to recommend that the BCATS Policy Committee approve Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
19-35**

B. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2020 Technical Committee Officers

Dopp asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2020 officers for the Technical Committee. There are two positions to fill, Chair and Vice-Chair, for this Committee.

Dopp appointed Kristine Parsons and Jeff Franklin to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee's recommendation for a slate of officers is to be presented at the December 4, 2019 Technical Committee meeting for consideration by the full Committee.

COMMENTS**A. Next Meeting**

Chair Dopp announced that the next meeting of the BCATS Technical Committee is scheduled for December 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the same location. Per the adopted meeting schedule, this is one week early due to the Christmas holiday moving up the Policy Committee meeting date as well.

B. Committee Member Comments

Lipset announced that the MDOT SW Region is seeking funding for a planning and environmental linkages (PEL) study of the I-94 Interchange at exit 104. She asked if BCATS would like to participate in the study. Karr responded in the affirmative. Lipset also indicated that MDOT is looking at a review of the bridges along I-94 in the BCATS area.

Tilma noted that he had distributed a map showing the projects which were included as part of the original FY 2020-2023 TIP, as well as the projects which are included in Amendment #3 being considered this month.

Blaniar stated that the Helmer Road railroad crossing should be open November 11th. He added that the local road Category B funded road work in Springfield has also been completed.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.