

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
Policy Committee
Minutes of November 16, 2022 Meeting

VOTING MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Mallory Avis, Harry Burdett, Carl Fedders, Jeff Franklin,
Joni Jones, Derek King, Annjanette Kremer, Kevin Leiter and John Midgley

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: None

VOTING MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING: Laveta Hardish and Deb Belles

NON-VOTING MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING: Andrew Sibold (FHWA) and Southcentral
Michigan Planning Council

OTHERS PARTICIPATING: 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

All in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliations. It was determined that there was a quorum of voting members.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Midgley, supported by Kremer, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res.
22-49

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Midgley, supported by Fedders, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting, as presented, subject to any additions, corrections or changes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Res.
22-50

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr reported the following items of communication:

- The FY 2022 audit is underway, with Karr working with the staff from Rehmann.
- The BCATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee met on October 31st to address the ability to program more project funds in FY 2023 than anticipated. This topic was discussed by the Policy Committee last month and will be addressed by Tilma later on the agenda today.
- Sample resolutions were sent to the local units of government for the December Holiday Season National Enforcement Mobilization Campaign to curb impaired driving. This topic is also on the Policy Committee agenda for today.
- The Zoom subscription was renewed for another year, not knowing what may be ahead for meeting needs. Karr added that there are currently two bills that have been introduced in the Michigan House dealing with the Open Meetings Act requirements, HB 6283 and HB 6423.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Safety Targets for 2023

Karr indicated that information for this item was provided in the advance meeting materials. This included a cover memo, proposed BCATS resolution, and a safety target newsletter that was developed by MDOT. MDOT provided BCATS with its statewide safety targets for 2023 and BCATS has until February to decide to support the state targets or develop targets of its own. As in previous years, the BCATS Technical Committee and staff recommend supporting the state targets for this performance measure.

It was moved by Midgley, supported by Fedders, to approve the resolution regarding the MDOT 2023 targets for the safety performance measures, as presented, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution, and for staff to provide the requested documentation of the Policy Committee action to MDOT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
22-51**

B. Update on FY 2023 TIP Projects

Tilma distributed a draft of a project list proposed for the December TIP amendment. The listing includes the projects which have been impacted by the additional project funding noted under Communications. Some projects have increased budgets, one is being moved up from a further out year, and several new projects are being added to the program, including transit projects.

There was discussion about the proposed list for the amendment. Tilma indicated that any other changes for a December amendment are to be provided to the BCATS office, or reflected in the JobNet program, by November 22, 2022.

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

C. Holiday Season National Enforcement Mobilization 2022

Karr discussed the sample resolution prepared for this item. She repeated the information from Communications about a similar resolution being prepared and distributed to the local units of government in the BCATS area for their independent action. This is a national safety awareness effort promoted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

It was moved by Fedders, supported by Kremer, for the BCATS Policy Committee to adopt the Holiday Season National Enforcement Mobilization Resolution, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
22-52**

D. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023 Policy Committee Officers

It is the responsibility of the Policy Committee Chair to appoint members to serve as a Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers for the next calendar year to the Policy Committee for action at the December meeting annually. Chair Burdett designated Midgley, Avis and himself to serve on the Nominating Committee this year.

COMMENTS**A. Next Meeting**

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 1:30 p.m. This is earlier than most months due to the December holidays.

B. Committee Member Comments

Kremer announced upcoming listening sessions for the PEL study involving I-194. She also provided construction updates for the M-37 project near Springfield City Hall, the major I-69 project, and the upcoming I-94 work across the BCATS area. There will be a public meeting in early December to discuss the reconstruction of the Capital Avenue bridge over I-94, which will involve total closure of Capital Avenue at the bridge during that project.

Midgley reported that construction for the season has wrapped up for the Calhoun County Road Department (CCRD). There is still some patching work going on. The CCRD is still looking to hire additional plow drivers for the winter season.

Jones stated that work in Bedford Charter Township is underway for tree clearing with a safety grant that was awarded to the CCRD. The Township is still looking at traffic issues along N. Washington when the roadway transitions from the City of Battle Creek to the Township.

Fedders noted that the City of Battle Creek has transitioned to winter snow mode for activities. He also announced that he will be leaving the City of Battle Creek at the end of the calendar year. His replacement has not yet been determined. Currently, Fedders serves on both BCATS' Technical and Policy Committees.

Avis indicated that contract negotiations have wrapped up with the transit union at Battle Creek Transit. The previous contract had expired June 30, 2022.

King commended Jones on the job she is doing as supervisor in Bedford Charter Township.

Karr noted that Fedders will be missed as a valuable participant in the BCATS program.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Burdett adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.