

BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Technical Committee

Minutes of November 2, 2022 Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Voting: Mallory Avis, Heather Bowden, Carl Fedders, Josh Grab, Brian Kernstock (for Kristine Parsons), and Chaz Wilkey
Non-voting: None

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Franklin, Kristine Parsons, Pat Karr and Andrew Tilma

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

ROLL CALL

Fedders asked all in attendance to introduce themselves. It was determined that a quorum of the voting members was present. Heather Bowden was introduced as the new MDOT Statewide Planning program manager for the BCATS area. She will be attending the BCATS Technical Committee meetings on behalf of MDOT. This was also the first BCATS Technical Committee meeting for Josh Grab, the new MDOT Southwest Region Planner.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Kernstock, supported by Avis, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
22-29**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Kernstock, supported by Avis, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
22-30**

COMMUNICATIONS

Karr shared the following communications:

- Amendment #2 to the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved on October 19, 2022.
- BCATS has received 2023 safety target information from MDOT. This item is on the agenda today.
- BCATS also received updated federal funding allocation information from MDOT that resulted in a special meeting of the BCATS TIP Subcommittee this past Monday. This item is also on the agenda for today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Performance Measures - Safety Targets

Karr indicated that the information for this item was posted in advance of the meeting. MDOT provides the safety targets annually and the MPO has 180 days to either support the MDOT targets or develop its own targets for the safety target categories. MDOT provided the safety targets and supporting information to the MPOs after August 31, 2022. BCATS staff is again this year recommending that BCATS support the state targets for safety.

It was moved by Wilkey, supported by Kernstock, to recommend that the BCATS Policy Committee approve the resolution supporting the MDOT safety targets for 2023, as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Res.
22-31**

B. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023 Technical Committee Officers

As Chair, Fedders appointed Avis, Parsons and himself to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2023 Technical Committee officers. Karr noted that the Nominating Committee is to provide a recommended slate of officers to BCATS staff by November 30th for consideration at the December 7th Technical Committee meeting.

C. Postponement of FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 to December and Preliminary Selection of TIP Changes and Additions based on Receipt of Additional Fed-Aid for FY 2023 Local Projects

Tilma distributed an updated FY 2023 TIP amendment schedule that has been modified to change the dates from November to December for the current TIP amendment opportunity.

Tilma also reviewed the results of the BCATS TIP Subcommittee meeting held on Monday October 31, 2022 related to this topic. It is planned that all of the additional federal funding (along with obligational authority) that has been extended to BCATS for FY 2023 will be obligated. Tilma discussed the specifics of the proposed changes to the current TIP to incorporate the additional funding. All of the changes resulting from this additional programming that require amendment in the FY 2023-2026 TIP will be included in the December TIP amendment.

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

COMMENTS

A. Next Meeting

Chair Fedders announced that the next meeting of the BCATS Technical Committee is scheduled for December 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

B. Committee Member Comments

Avis reported that a new tentative labor agreement has been reached with the transit union.

Kernstock stated on behalf of the Calhoun County Road Department that work is finishing up on the local road work in Emmett Charter Township this year.

Grab announced that he will be hiring a planner to work under him at the MDOT Southwest Region office.

In his role as a MDOT Statewide Planning supervisor, Franklin provided positive feedback about the format of the BCATS spreadsheet used to show the allocation of the additional funding provided to BCATS.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.