**Call to Order:**
The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Introductions/Roll Call:**
Introductions were made. Dominic Pavone has will be the acting BCATS and GIS Program Manager.

Brian Stark mentioned that SMATS has changed their name to the Saginaw Area Transportation Authority (SATA).

**Those Present Were:**

Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department; Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Cody Boudrie, EMCOG; Lindsey Dowswell, MDOT; Jack Hofweber, MDOT Bay City TSC; Brian Stark, MDOT; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City, and; Cyndi Gaul, Administrative Assistant, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

**Minutes from November 9, 2021 BCATS Technical Meeting:**

It was moved by Lillo, seconded by Ogar, to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

**Legislative Update:**

Dowswell mentioned that she should hear an update on the numbers and amounts for 2022 next Monday. There was no other Legislative Update brought before the committee.

**FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:**

Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. Even though there are projects with the same number, they are separate jobs. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

**FY 2022:**

1. Addition of a construction phase for the Road Capital Preventative Maintenance job number 214361South Mackinaw Road (Beaver to Linwood) for mill and fill of one course asphalt overlay.
2. Addition of a construction phase for the Road Capital Preventative Maintenance job number 214361South Mackinaw Road (Beaver to Linwood) for mill and fill of one course asphalt overlay.
3. Addition of a construction phase for the Road Capital Preventative Maintenance job number 214357 Seven Mile Road (Salzburg to Midland) for mill and fill of one course asphalt overlay.
4. Addition of a construction phase for the Road Capital Preventative Maintenance job number 214355 Seven Mile Road (Beaver to 1600’north of River Road) for mill and fill of one course asphalt overlay.
5. Addition of a Road Capital Preventative Maintenance job number 211759 East Potter Road for asphalt crack treatment.

**FY 2023:**

1. Administrative Modification to increase the amount of the BMTA Transit Capital Multi-Modal project number 206288 maintenance and improvement of the facility (5339 funding).
2. Administrative Modification to increase the amount of the BMTA Transit Capital Multi-Modal project number 206288 maintenance of equipment such as hoists, tools, etc. (5339 funding).
3. Administrative Modification to increase the amount of the BMTA Transit Capital Multi-Modal project number 206288 van replacement of any size with or without lift (5339 funding).
4. Administrative Modification to increase the amount of the BMTA Transit Capital Multi-Modal project number 200103 operating assistance (except JARC and New Freedom).

A motion was made by Ogar, seconded by Moultane, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment/administrative modifications be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Review Submitted Draft Jobs and Change Requests from JobNet**

Pavone provided a handout of draft jobs being placed into JobNet and requested the MPOs review and approve their projects before they are entered into JobNet. Since Rachel Phillips from the City of Bay City wasn’t present at the meeting, Moultane took a copy of the City of Bay City list for her review. Pavone will follow-up with Rachel Phillips to make sure the draft projects are ready for JobNet Submission. While it isn’t normal to have MPOs review these projects, for the comfort level of the MPOs and the new BCATS staff it’s important that we are good with the projects.

**FY 2023-2026 TIP Local Project Prioritization and Selection**

Pavone provided a list of the local projects for consideration was presented to the committee. Lillo mentioned that most Earmark Projects for our area were not included in the bill that was approved. The only project included in the bill is the 2023-2024 City of Bay City Wenona Project. The City of Bay City will provide additional information in light of this funding news. The City of Essexville is unsure of the funding for the Caroline Street Project (Borton-Thomas) for road and infrastructure reconstruction will be removed from the list. The road is in bad condition and the infrastructure is very old.

**Review and Recommendation of FY 2023-2026 TIP Local Project Prioritization and Selection**

Pavone provided a list to the committee for review. There was a discussion about the project list.

A motion was made by Dowswell, seconded by Ogar, to favorably recommend the of FY 2023-2026 TIP Local Project Prioritization be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for review and approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**2045 Long Range Plan Project List Update:**
BCATS staff submitted a reaffirmation letter of the 2045 Long Range Plan to Lindsey Dowswell and she has forwarded the request to FHWA. We are waiting on a response. BCATS staff will move forward and operate as normal trying to meet the existing deadlines. Please let Pavone know if you have any additional project updates for the 2045 Long Range Plan.

**Asset Management Update:**
There was no Asset Management update brought before the committee. Stark gave a heads up that there will be PASER Training taking place in January/February 2022. Even if you’re previously certified, you need to take this PASER Training.

**Project Updates:**

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC):**

Currently BCRC is done with all projects for this year. Due to the increase in project materials and no bids have been sent out yet. It is anticipated that the cost of tar for chip and seal will be going up a lot.

**State Park Road – Possible Transformational Project**Laura Ogar asked about the State Park Road Project and wondered if there would be any way to work with the BCRC to include lights, bike paths, and some streetscape to the project. Jim Lillo explained that the project is scheduled for 2024 and has already been submitted, so additional items can’t be included to the existing project. However, if there were a funding source for the lights, bike path, streetscape, etc. the project could be done at the same time as the current road project since everything will be open and exposed. Midland Street to Henry Street to State Park Road is a historical route for travelers to get to the Saginaw Bay. Part of this historic route is also part of the Iron Belle Trail. Unfortunately, the current Iron Belle Trail bypasses the Saginaw Bay. If we were able to include aesthetics such lighting, bike paths, and streetscape on the historical route, it would encourage more people to check out the Saginaw Bay area and would be a perfect Transformational Project. Brian Stark mentioned that there are a few enhancement grants that might be used for funding such a project like the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trust Fund Grant, DNR Trail Grant, and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant. The TAP Grant uses federal funds so this is a hard grant to get. Brian will send Laura the eligibility information on these grants.

**MDOT:**

MDOT is also concerned about the rising cost of project material which increases the cost of projects. Even the cost of concrete is up. Currently jobs are coming in at over 25% which causes the projects to get kicked out so they have to be resubmitted due to the cost being over 24%. There are a lot of jobs and very few contractors. The US-46 project Is a $10M resurfacing project that is scheduled to begin in February 2022. The Parish Road Overpass Project (off I-75) is undergoing repairs to replace the damage that was done by the contractor to the bridge decking. The overpass is still closed. MDOT has to review and approve the outlined by the contractor to fix the problem. The contractor’s fix outline has not been approved by MDOT.

**Other/New Business:**
There was no Other/New Business brought before the committee.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moultane, seconded by Ogar, to adjourn the December 14, 2021 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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