**Call to Order:**
The October 19, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Introductions/Roll Call:**
Introductions were made.

**Those Present Were:**

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Brian Stark, MDOT; Steve Katenhuss, MDOT; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Eric Sprague, Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Craig Goulet, City of Essexville; Louis Taylor, TranSystems; Lynn Pavlawk, Bay City Bridge Partners, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

**Minutes from August 17, 2022 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:**

It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Moultane, to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

**Legislative Update:**

There was no Legislative Update brought before the committee. Stark mentioned that the BCATS TIP and UWP was approved on October 1, 2022.

**EMCOG Update:**

Bodrie provided a brief update. EMCOG received the new Obligation Authority Thermometer amounts. He is also currently working on a HazMat project for Clare County. EMCOG PASER Ratings have been completed.

**BCATS Public Hearing on 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:33 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020-2023 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion. Pavone discussed the addition of FY2023 MDOT Project Number 201403 Reconstruction 7 Mile Road to Bay City Line. This project was added after the last BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. The BCATS Policy Committee agreed to include the added project for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

**FY 2022:**

1. Job #205858 – Administrative Modification Phase Budget Adjustment MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project came in higher then estimated.

**FY2023**:

1. Job #200103 – Administrative Modification Phase Addition for the BMTA Multi-Model 5307 Operating Assistance.
2. Job #201403 – Administrative Modification Budget Adjustment for MDOT region-wide 7 Mile Road Project (US-10 west).
3. Job #202144 – Administrative Modification Phase Addition for MDOT Mackinaw Road (over US-10) Bridge Replacement Project.
4. Job #202649 – Administrative Modification Phase Addition for MDOT M-84 North Traffic Safety Project.
5. Job #206168 – Administrative Modification Phase Abandoned for BCRC East Beaver Road rehabilitation project.
6. Job #206236 – Administrative Modification Phase Abandoned for City of Bay City South Wenona Avenue Project STUL Funding.
7. Job #206236 – Administrative Modification Phase Abandoned for City of Bay City South Wenona Avenue Project HIPS Funding.
8. Job #206288 – Administrative Modification Phase Addition for BMTA SP1105 Van Replacement Project.
9. Job #206288 – Administrative Modification Phase Addition for BMTA SP1203 Facility Improvements/Equipment Maintenance/Vehicle Replacement Project.
10. Job #206288 – Administrative Modification Phase Addition for BMTA SP1408 Equipment Maintenance (hoists, tools, etc.) Project.
11. Job #207356 – Administrative Modification PE Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project.
12. Job #207356 – Administrative Modification Construction Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project.
13. Job #207357 - Administrative Modification PE Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project.
14. Job #207357 - Administrative Modification Construction Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project.
15. Job #207374 - Administrative Modification Construction Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project.
16. Job #209496 - Administrative Modification Construction Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project on M-15 at Youngs Ditch Road.
17. Job #210744 - Administrative Modification Phase Addition for BMTA FY2023 5311 Operating Assistance.
18. Job #213224 - Administrative Modification Phase Addition for MDOT Region-wide PE Roadside Facilities Improvement Project on I-75 at the Bay City Rest Area.
19. Job #204851 - Administrative Modification Budget GPA Adjustment for MDOT Trunkline Bridge Rehabilitation Project on US-10 (two structures on US-10).
20. Job #209496 - Administrative Modification Construction Phase Addition for MDOT Traffic Safety Project for the modernization pf signalized intersection to current standards on M-13.
21. Job #208823 - Administrative Modification Phase Abandoned in 2023 for MDOT Project on Jenny Street (M-25 westbound) and Thomas Street (M-25 eastbound).
22. Job #208827 - Administrative Modification Phase Abandoned in 2023 for MDOT Project on M-25 at Walnut Street to the bridge.
23. Addition of Job#201403 - MDOT Project Reconstruction 7 Mile Road to Bay City Line.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sprague, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Asset Management Update:**
Staff will participate in the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) with the City of Bay City sometime in late October or November of 2022. Staff has completed PASER rating on federal-aid county roads with BCRC. It took longer than anticipated but it was completed without issue. Alicia Williams has been hired as the City of Bay City Asset Management Coordinator and she will start in late October. The Bay City PASER Road Ratings were moved to the end of October – beginning of November to allow for Alicia Williams to participate in the process.

**Project Updates:**

**City of Bay City**The Wenona Street project is being reconstructed from Fisher to Thomas until the end of November (November 30th). The longer section of this project (Fisher to North Union) will be stared in Spring 2023 and go till November 2023. The project is taking a little longer than anticipated due to unforeseen issues and weather. John Street is having issues with their curbs and ADA ramps. Saginaw Street and Water Street are going to be concrete roads, then have a mill and fill, followed by the roads being paved. This package project should be completed by the end of 2022. Saginaw Street will be detoured. Washington and 6th Street is being paved today and should be done next week. Johnson Street is being fixed followed by a mill and fill. Consumers Energy has been working on the south end of Bay City and will be starting the east side of Bay City soon. Progress on Independence Bridge is being voted on for whether it should be a rehabilitation or reconstruction project. The Lafayette Bridge project is also coming up. The Liberty Bridge is on schedule for reconstruction and will open in spring 2023 with two-way traffic starting in January 2023. With all the projects taking place in the City of Bay City we should expect more detours and interruptions with traffic flow. It’s also important for agencies to work with the City of Bay City to make sure detours can be accommodated.

**Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)**Still working on the bus grant which is looking like new buses won’t be available for another year or more. Upgrades to the BMTA office and bus station are moving along. There will be a full revamp and upgrade of equipment maintenance. The BMTA 50th Anniversary will be taking place in 2024 and there will be an open house/celebration.

**Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

The M-25 concrete patch project should be completed by the end of the week and back open to traffic. Several intersections on Bay County are being looked at to receive new concrete. Rehab road projects are underway in anticipation of the upcoming Lafayette Bridge project which will be let in December 2022. There are plans to make Lafayette Street longer to accommodate the bridge approach.

**City of Essexville**
Several small road projects and lighting projects have been competed throughout Essexville.

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)**

The South Euclid Avenue project (Hotchkiss to Salzburg) is completed from Hotchkiss to Backus, which allows sugar beet trucks to go down Morton or Hotchkiss. The curve on Backus Street has been completed. A High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) for pedestrians and employees has been installed. A review of the connections (water and sewer) found that there were no discharge issues and the connections have been updated. The bulk of the project should be finished with all stages (besides restoration) by November 1, 2022. The crews working the project did well despite having a four-week delay. Sugar beet trucks begin hauling October 20th. The Wilder Road (Wilder Road and Shresta Drive) railroad track project is underway and there will be a detour on Wilder Road starting October 27 – November 2, 2022. Beaver Road is closed for reconstruction. The railroad crossing project on Wilder Road at the S.C. Johnson site will be underway and a temporary road will be constructed for the detour. BCRC continues to work on the design and budget for next years projects.

**Bay City Bridge Partners Update:**
Lynn Pavlawk from Bay City Bridge Partners (BCBP) and Louis Taylor from TransSystems provided and update on the BCBP-maintained bridges, Liberty, and Independence. The delays on the Liberty Bridge repair are due to supply shortages. The two southern lanes of the Liberty Bridge will be opened in mid-November 2022 for 2-way traffic (one lane each). The two western bound lanes will be closed for continued construction. Sidewalks have been constructed, lighting has been put in, and the signals are ready to go up. The Liberty Bridge tender’s house will be updated, and signage will be added along with lighting and possible flags or banners on the bridge and tender house. MDOT would like to create a traffic model using the traffic count information obtained by the BCBP. The BCBP indicated they would appreciate being added to the BCATS Policy Committee Meeting list. BCBP are planning to have an official ribbon cutting kick off event during the second or third week in January 2023. Tolling for the Liberty Bridge will begin January 1, 2023. It’s still unclear as to the amount that will be charged for the bridge toll as contract negotiations are still underway. BCBP plans to conduct an educational blitz to educate the public about the bridge tolls and how to obtain a transponder. Emergency vehicles will be exempt. Vehicles with a transponder will be allowed a 5-year period of no tolling charges to cross the bridges for a 5-year period. After the five years tolls will be charged. Residents of the City of Bay City will have a lower toll rate. Since the bridges are considered regionally significant, it may become necessary to place the projects into the BCATS Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

**Other/New Business:**

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

**Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:**

The next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bay County Building in the second-floor conference room.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moultane, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the October 19, 2022 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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BCATS Staff

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*