Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Those Present Were:
Dave Engelhardt, BCATS Director; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Sue Fortune, EMCOG; Kurt Hausbeck, DPW Manager SSF/City of Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Board of Commissioners; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Eric Sprague, MMTA; Dave Harran, City of Bay City; Marissa Irish, MDOT; Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff.

Approval of Minutes:
There were a few minor changes to the minutes: 2009 should be 2014 and the date of the meeting minutes should be corrected. It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Bragiel to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting as amended. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:
There was no public comment brought before the committee.

I-75/US-10 Bridge project presentation – Marissa Irish:
Irish gave a brief description of the MDOT US-10 Bridge over I-75 TIP Amendment for the US-10 Bridge. Statewide there were $54 Million in funds set aside for bridge work, the Bay Region received $17 Million. These funds will be used for this bridge project. In order to have approval from the Feds to move forward with this project, MDOT had to go through an interchange study which has just been completed. This is a Design and Build Project for the bridge to be constructed in 2015. Irish said that MDOT would really like to start the design portion of this project since time is so limited. This will set the stage for MDOT to move forward with reconstructing the US-10/I-75 interchange when money becomes available. At this point it's not clear what impact this project will have on Three Mile Road. This is a Design and Build Project, the bridge is unable to be fixed so it must be replaced. Bids will be received for this project the end of September 2014. Out of the bids received, a short list of contractors will be created. The short list of contractors will then provide additional details for the construction project by December 2014. The bridge project is expected to constructed in March of 2015.

Engelhardt asked if there was any way to incorporate signage into this project on behalf of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce since this is a new bridge construction. Irish said that she would need to check with Lansing to find out what the options would be under “esthetics” for the bridge project. Engelhardt stated that if there were any options available that would be great because we'd hate to miss out on an opportunity for signage with this project. Irish said that the funding restrictions were very strict with this project, however she would look into what would be possible and find out the limits of the project. Funding should be set for this project by April 2014, then we will know more about what we can do and about signage.

BCATS Public Hearing - TIP Amendments:
The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Lillo, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the MDOT US-10 Bridge over I-75 TIP Amendment & BMTA amendment requests.
Irish gave a brief description of the MDOT US-10 Bridge over I-75 TIP Amendment for the US-10 Bridge over I-75.

Anderson provided a handout of the various Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) TIP amendment requests. Sprague discussed each of the TIP additions/changes/corrections. The 2014 BMTA JARC Operating Project was moved from 2013 to 2014 and there is a change in project funding source from federal 5316 funds to 5307 funds. Also moved $37,001.00 from state costs to local costs for this project. Added the installation of seven bus-mounted security cameras to 2014. Added the replacement of a 2008 lift van to 2014. The 2014 Concrete Drive Replacement at the Main Facility Project needs a change in funding source from 5307 federal funds to 5339 funds and requires a decrease of the amount from $72,000.00 to $46,164.00, along with a decrease of state funding from $18,000.00 to $11,600.00. Moved the replacement of one of the three 2008 lift vans from 2014 to 2015.

The Public Hearing on the various TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

**Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendments:**
A motion was made by Fortune, seconded by Harran, to approve the MDOT 1-75 to US-10 Bridge TIP Amendment & Bay Metro Transit Authority Amendments described above. Motion passed.

**Project Updates:**
The Bay County Road Commission North Union Project was let and was 3.5% under budget. This project is expected to begin on April 7, 2014. However, the start date will depend on frost laws in effect. There was also a modification by the Bay County Road Commission in the project that will add three more feet for the shoulder so that it will be six feet on each side.

**Other/New Business:**

**MDOT ITS Architecture Meeting:**
Engelhardt attended the MDOT ITS Architecture Meeting held at the MDOT Bay Region Office and will send out a link to the document for the group to review and comment. They are looking to get input on the document over the next month.

**Governor’s Regional Prosperity Initiative:**
Fortune gave a brief update and said that East Central RPI grant application was funded and the money has been received. Now they have to get the project completed by the
end of December 2014. The Bay County Board of Commissioners have some questions about this project and Fortune will be at the April 1, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting to answer their questions.

**2014 MDOT Freight and Land Use Workshop:**
Fortune mentioned that there would be a 2014 MDOT Freight and Land Use Workshop taking place on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Reithel, to adjourn the March 19, 2014 BCATS Special Policy Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director