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

Those Present Were:
Laura Ogar, Bay County; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Tom Foret, Hampton Township; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City; Kurt Hausbeck, City of Bay City; Gary Brandt, Monitor Township; Jason Garza, MDOT Bay City TSC; Ken Felot, City of Bay City Engineering, and; Pamela Boyd, MDOT Planning (via phone).

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes:
It was moved by Moultane, seconded by Foret, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:
Ogar spoke as a member of the public about the need for a pedestrian light at the Bay City State Recreation Area because of the traffic. Ogar expressed concern for public safety of campers and visitors to the Bay City State Recreation Area with a truck route (M-247/State Park Drive) running through the property.

Bay Metro Update:
There was no update for Bay Metro brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:
Boyd said that the Senate has passed a road funding bill that does not remove funding from schools and local government while the House version of the bill would probably take money currently going to schools and local government. Legislators are meeting to come up with a compromise by the end of the week. Federal funds expired December 11, 2014. It’s important that everyone get their design plans for 2015 in as soon as possible.

Governor Snyder’s Regional Prosperity Initiative Update & Year Two Letter of Support:
Boyd said that there was a meeting held to work on concepts for the eight county regions. There was talk about having transportation regional facilities. There was also talk about moving existing infrastructures like rail, river and port. However, there will not be any changes to the existing MPOs. We will be going for second round of funding. The second round of grant funding will need to be in by November 1, 2014. BCATS will need to submit a letter of support. Lillo thought we should update the last BCATS letter of support and submit it.

A motion was made by Brandt, seconded by Moultane, to authorize Anderson to update the support letter to EMCOG and submit it to the State. Motion Passed.

MDOT Access Management Plan:
An Access Management Kick Off Meeting was held on October 30th the stakeholder group. The
next stakeholder group meeting will take place on January 23, 2015. Reithel will send out meeting information to everyone.

**BCATS Public Hearing on 2014-17 TIP Amendments:**
The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:12 p.m. by Lillo, Chairman of BCATS. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2014-17 TIP. A snapshot of the changes being requested was handed out to the members. There is a request to move the MDOT *Stone Island Road Project* (At Huron & Eastern Railway RR/XS) from 2014 to 2015. This project is for the installation of flashing light signals and gates for the railroad crossing in Portsmouth Township. There is a request to add MDOT *South Euclid Avenue Project* (At Huron & Eastern Railway RR/XS in Bangor Twp) to the TIP for 2015. There is a cost reduction for the preliminary engineering on the MDOT *I-75 Project* (M-13 Connector to Beaver Road). There is a cost increase in the construction phase for the MDOT *US-10 over I-75 Bridge Replacement Project*. There is a limit change for the Bay City *Center Avenue Project*. The project was originally from Water Street to Washington Avenue and will now be from Water Street to Madison Avenue.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments to the BCATS 2014-17 TIP was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

**Approval of the BCATS 2014-17 TIP Amendment:**
A motion was made by Engelhardt, , seconded by Boyd, to approve of the 2014-17 TIP Amendment with the approval for any administrative corrections or modification that may be required for the request to move the MDOT *Stone Island Road Project* (At Huron & Eastern Railway RR/XS) from 2014 to 2015. This project is for the installation of flashing light signals and gates for the railroad crossing in Portsmouth Township. There is a request to add MDOT *South Euclid Avenue Project* (At Huron & Eastern Railway RR/XS in Bangor Twp) to the TIP for 2015. There is a cost reduction for the preliminary engineering on the MDOT *I-75 Project* (M-13 Connector to Beaver Road). There is a cost increase in the construction phase for the MDOT *US-10 over I-75 Bridge Replacement Project*. There is a limit change for the Bay City *Center Avenue Project*. Motion passed.
National Functional Classification (NFC) Review:
The NFC review of roads will be conducted by Anderson and Lillo. Lillo already has some of the counts, the rest will need to be taken. There’s a schedule for submitting this information.

**BCATS Annual Report**
Anderson has been working on the BCATS Year End Annual Report and will have it published in the Bay City Democrat.

**BCATS Meeting Schedule:**
The BCATS Technical Committee Meetings are scheduled for the week prior to the BCATS Policy Meeting on second Tuesday of every other month. The BCATS Policy Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of every other month.

A motion was made by Ogar, seconded by Foret, to approve the 2015 BCATS Meeting Schedule. Motion Passed.

**Project Updates:**
The MDOT **I-75 Zilwaukee Bridge Project** has been completed. There are temporary pavement markers that will become permanent in spring of 2015. The US-10 over I-75 Bridge Replacement Project bid came in 33% under budget. Project will start in the spring. Garza mentioned he has accepted a temporary job at the City of Lansing. The **Saginaw Street Project** is wrapped up for this Federal Aid Project. The **North Union Project** from Two Mile Road to Euclid Avenue has been completed. Lillo mentioned design projects ready for Patterson Road and Old Kawkawlin Road (M-13 to State Park Drive).

**Other/New Business:**

**Authorization to Sign FTA 5303:**
There was discussion about the FTA 5303 Contract Clause Certification and how we need
to make sure that the contract clause includes other entities like Bay Metro. Lillo said that Eric Sprague should be allowed to sign the FTA 5303 document for BCATS. A motion was made by Ogar, seconded by Moulanne, to authorize Eric Sprague to sign the FTA 5303 for BCATS. Motion Passed.

BCATS Annual List of Projects:
Engelhardt mentioned that BCATS will be posting an annual list of projects completed and obligated in FY 2014 on the BCATS website.

Bay-Zilwaukee Trail:
Moulanne and Reithel applied for and was awarded a grant for the Bay-Zilwaukee Trail bridge to The Middlegrounds using old pilings.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Foret, to adjourn the December 17, 2014 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson
BCATS Director