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

**Those Present Were:**
Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; David Engelhardt, EMCOG; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; Steve Wisniewski, Hampton Township; Dennis Bragiel, Kawkawlin Township; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township; Brian Stark, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary/BCATS Staff. Pam Boyd, MDOT attended via phone.

**Introductions were made.**

**Minutes from February 22, 2017 BCATS Policy Meeting:**
It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Bragiel, to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

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

**Legislative Update:**
Boyd said that the MPO Coordination and Planning Area Reform Rule will be repealed. We are just waiting for official confirmation. The Asset Management Council has been working on the Unified Work Program (UWP) and MPOs should be getting an increase in funding to do the additional PASER Data collection. Funds would be available in FY 2018. MDOT has been working on the TIP GPA Guidance Document which should be adopted in May 2017. Anderson will forward the draft document.

**Performance Measures:**
The MPO Transit Asset Management Performance Measures will be due July 2017. MPOs will need to adopt the targets set by their local transit agencies. Transit agencies will be required to start reporting on their performance measures in 2018.

**EMCOG Update:**
Engelhardt gave an update on the Regional Traffic Safety Plan and the Governor’s Regional Prosperity Initiative. The draft plan is close to being completed and will be presented at the MDOT Bay Region Office at the meeting to review the draft document on May 26, 2017. There are mini grants available in one of the five “centers of excellence” under the Governor’s Regional Prosperity Initiative that range from $2,000 to $20,000.

**BCATS Public Hearing on 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications:**
The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:57 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2017-2020 TIP.

Anderson provided a handout with the following TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications that were requested. The following TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications for MDOT include:
Amendments:

1. Addition of the FY 2017 Trunkline Highway Preservation GPA Project.
   - M-13 (Chippewa St to River Rd) for mill and HMA overlay (PE Phase).
2. Increase in Federal Costs for the FY 2017 Trunkline Traffic Operation or Safety GPA Project.
   - Addition of the non-freeway signing upgrades Project to the GPA.
3. Addition of the FY 2018 Trunkline Bridge GPA Project.
   - M-25 (Over the Saginaw River) for structural, mechanical, and electrical work.
   - M-13 (Chippewa St to River Rd) for mill and HMA overlay (CON Phase).

Administrative Modifications:

1. Increase in Federal and State Costs for the I-75 Project (Cottage Grove Road to Linwood Road) restore and rehabilitate in FY 2017.
2. Increase in Local Costs for the I-75 NB Project (M-13 Connector to Beaver Road) restore and rehabilitate with unbonded concrete or rubberized HMA in FY 2019.
3. Increase in Local Costs for the M-13 Bridge Replacement Project (M-84 over east channel of the Saginaw River) in FY 2020.

There was a brief discussion regarding the above 2017-2020 TIP Amendment requests.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2017-20 TIP was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of the BCATS 2017-20 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:

A motion was made by Handsford, seconded by Rowley, to approve the above 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications with the approval for any additional administrative correction or modification that may be required to be made as needed. Motion Passed.

FY 2018 UWP Development:
Anderson discussed the 2% increase for the fiscal year of 2018 PL Funding. There are some draft work task items and reimbursement amounts that should be out for review by June 2017. There will also be some new language for Asset Management that will be updated in our UWP in order to be in compliance. BCATS will need to work on task items and expenses immediately in order to get out the draft UWP to everyone for review for approval at the June 2017 BCATS Meeting.

Project Updates:
The Bay City Midland St/Vermont St Project will begin May 1st. The Bay City Midland Street Business District Project will begin July 10th. The Bay City Trumbull Project (Center to Woodside) is scheduled to begin in 2018 and finished in 2019. Bay City had been meeting with MDOT to discuss a jurisdictional transfer. Barcia said that he has pushed for Trumbull to get something done so there’s no bottle neck in this area. The local people want this issue resolved.
and it’s important to listen to them. The City of Essexville *Caroline Street Project* will be starting soon and be completed by late summer. The City of Bay City *Non-Motorized Plan* is underway with Rowe and the document should be done within the next few months. Anderson mentioned recommended that the plan be presented to BCATS so they can lend their support to the project.

**Other/New Business:**

**BCATS Traffic Count Data Meeting:**
Anderson mentioned that there would be a meeting on April 26, 2017 to go over BCATS traffic count data to make sure everyone was on the same page.

**GIS Viewer:**
Anderson mentioned that the BCATS and Road Commission Projects are out on the viewer. The City of Bay City will be adding their projects to the viewer too.

**MDOT Open Positions:**
Boyd mentioned that Darrel Harden’s position is open.

**Huron Pines Culvert Crossings Meeting:**
Engelhardt mentioned that there will be a Huron Pines Culvert Crossing Meeting taking place to identify grant opportunities for fish areas. He wondered if we currently inventory culverts. Most townships do indeed inventory their culverts.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Hansford, seconded by Boyd, to adjourn the April 19, 2017 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jay Anderson*
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BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*