**Call to Order:**   
The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

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

**Those Present Were:**

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; James Deweerdt, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Terri Close, Hampton Township Supervisor, and; Cyndi Gaul, Administrative Assistant, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

**Minutes from June 22, 2022 BCATS Policy Meeting**

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes from the June 22, 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.

**EMCOG Update:**  
There was no EMCOG update brought before the committee. EMCOG is working on the Roscommon PASER ratings and will continue through August 2022.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:35 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020-2023 TIP. Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following are the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications 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.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

**Approval of BCATS 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:**  
The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:38 p.m. A brief discussion ensued.

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

**BCATS FY-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update:**  
BCATS staff provided a handout of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) with the inclusion of the edits and changes as recommended by MDOT and other regional partners. The BCRC had some minor changes which were also included in the draft MTP. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Bodrie, seconded by Lillo, to approve the BCATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Motion passed unanimously.

**Asset Management Update:**  
Staff will participate in the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) with the City of Bay City and the BCRC during the fall of 2022. The BCRC will hire a someone to finish their PASER reports. The BCRC hopes to have all their roads rated by the end of 2023.

**Project Updates:**

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)**The South Euclid Avenue project (Hotchkiss to Salzburg) is currently at a standstill due to utility delays for this project. The Hotchkiss Road Project for the addition of a third lane to accommodate the increase in traffic at Michigan Sugar should alleviate the congestion created by the trucks during sugar beet season. Trucks will only be allowed to turn right out of the Michigan Sugar scales which should also help with traffic flow and it’s anticipated that the $.5M Project will be completed by November 1, 2022, in time for beet season. Michigan Sugar has indicated that they would be willing to provide some funds for this project. The environmental assessment for the soil at the Bob’s Bar site has been completed and there will be some work that needs to be done on the site before the turn change and the signal rehabilitation project can begin at the corner of Tuscola Road and 22nd Street. The site has been purchased by the BCRC to remove the existing structure to have the triangle piece of the property required to have the right-of-way to fix the turn. The parcel will be sold back to the original owner after construction is complete.

**Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**The railroad crossing project on Salzburg in Bay City is moving forward. This project will likely be moved from 2027 to 2024 in anticipation of the upcoming bridge closures. With the Liberty Bridge closed, vehicle counts are being taken to assess the traffic flow over Veteran’s Memorial Bridge. The counts have been coming in high with 65,000 vehicles crossing the bridge daily. There’s no room to widen the roads on the bridge approach, so MDOT is working to find a way to improve the traffic flow and safety at this location. Veteran’s Memorial Bridge is expected to start in 2026 and there are no plans to close the bridge during construction. It is anticipated that the bridge can be worked on in sections so that the bridge can remain open in some capacity. The MDOT Lafayette Street Bridge (M-13/M-84) rehabilitation project has been moved to 2025.

**Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)**

Work has been ongoing for several BMTA infrastructure projects. These projects include updates to windows, paving, plumbing, flooring, etc. In addition, BMTA is also working on vehicle upgrades and replacements. All the pedestrian areas at the BMTA facility will be improved and repaved as necessary in November 2022. BMTA has made an appeal to the Bay City Bridge Partners in the form of a letter requesting exemption from tolls on the two new toll bridges in Bay City. While the current plan is that tolls will not be collected until both Bay City Bridge Partner bridge projects have been completed, that could change. The $15 per/month transmitter fee for each BMTA vehicle is too steep for their current budget.

**City of Bay City**There were no project updates brought before the committee.

**Other/New Business:**

***Pass-through Agreements***  
Pavone mentioned that he needs the pass-through agreements from BMTA.

***Unified Work Program (UWP)***  
BCATS is planning to submit the UWP to the county board of commissioners for grant approval sometime in September.

***Dan Hansford Retirement***

Dan Hansford will be retiring from his position as the City Manager/DWP Director for the City of Essexville. Interviews to fill his position are currently underway and once a new city manager is in place BCATS staff will reach out to let them know about the BCATS Policy Committee meetings.

***Northern Michigan High Speed Passenger Rail***

A plan to activate a railroad corridor that runs from Southeast Michigan to Traverse City and Petoskey has received new funding to advance the planning stages of this project. In July, Michigan state lawmakers included $1M to advance the Northern Michigan Passenger Rail Phase II planning study in the State of Michigan’s 2023 Labor and Economic Opportunity budget. Last week the U.S. Secretary of Transportation announced that the project partners will be awarding the remining $1.3M through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program.

***Carbon Reduction Funding Meeting***  
Pavone will be setting up a carbon reduction funding meeting with MDOT and other local partners to review the funding projections. Bodrie from EMCOG would like to be included in this meeting. Pavone is planning to schedule a meeting with everyone sometime in September 2022.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, ***October 12, 2022*** at 1:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference/Break Room located in the Department on Aging in the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Bodrie, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the August 17, 2022, BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:23 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Transcribed by Cyndi Gaul*