**Call to Order:**
The January 18, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

**Those Present Were:**

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Richard Bayus, 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; Terri Close, Hampton Township; James Deweerdt, BCATS; and Natasha Gauna, MDOT (call-in)

**Minutes from October 19, 2022 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:**

It was moved by Moultane, seconded by Bodrie, to approve the minutes from the October 19, 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. Bayus informed the committee that the federal aid buyout projects should be credited back into the appropriate templates by the end of the month.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:36 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2023-2026 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion. Pavone notified the committee that the jobs on the list haven’t changed since the last Policy Committee meeting in December, which happened during the holidays, not having enough members to pass any motions. The carbon reduction and carryover funding projects were tied into the TIP hearing. The City of Essexville proposed carryover funded project is still thought to be priced too high. The additional funding that will be released from the City of Essexville project is expected to be dropped into the City of Bay City carryover funding projects. A suggestion was made by Lillo for The City of Essexville to bundle another project into the design phase to keep their originally allocated $96,412. Pavone noted that the City of Essexville project on Scheurmann Rd is currently at a 75%/25% split and may be changed with future amendments. Sprague notified the committee that Bay Metro would not be moving forward with their usage of the Carbon Reduction Funding project that was mentioned at the technical committee. Phillips will look at potential options of utilizing the funding for City of Bay City, potentially to aid in the addition of sidewalks to one or more of the currently proposed allocation carryover projects. Phillips also informed Pavone that she will be adding bicycle lanes on the Midland allocation carryover project for when it comes time to program them into JobNet.

The following are the TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications requested:

**FY2023**:

1. **Job #200103** – Amendment of the BMTA Transit Operating SP3000 operating except JARC and New Freedom Sec 5307 Operating Assistance job.
2. **Job #202723** – Administrative Modification for the Construction Phase of the MDOT M-84 North Traffic Safety Freeway Signing Project.
3. **Job #206168** – Administrative Modification to remove the construction phase for the Bay County (county-wide) East Beaver Road Rehabilitation Project.
4. **Job #206288** – Amendment for the BMTA SP1203 admin/maintenance facility improvements for FY 2023 Sec 5339 job
5. **Job #206288** – Amendment for the BMTA SP1408 admin/maintenance facility improvements for FY 2023 Sec 5339 job
6. **Job #210744** – Amendment (not an Admin Modification in JobNet) increase for the Bay Metro Transit Authority FY2023 5311 Operating Assistance job.
7. **Job #217124** – Amendment of the MDOT I-75 N Traffic Safety Signage Project update job.
8. **Job #217916** – Amendment of the BMTA SP1408- maintenance equipment, Section 5307 – Transit Capital Improvements & equipment funding portion.
9. **Job #217916** – Amendment of the BMTA SP1206- Bus terminal facility improvements, Section 5307 – Transit Capital Improvements & equipment funding portion.
10. **Job #217916** – Amendment of the BMTA SP1404- computers, Section 5307 – Transit Capital Improvements & equipment funding portion.
11. **Job #217916** – Amendment of the BMTA SP1203- admin/maintenance facility improvements Section 5307 – Transit Capital Improvements & equipment funding portion.
12. **Job #217916** – Amendment of the BMTA SP1210- fueling station improvements, Section 5307 – Transit Capital Improvements & equipment funding portion.
13. **Job #217921** – Amendment of the BMTA SP1101 Section 5339(b) program – Bus Purchase job.

**FY 2024**:

1. **Job #217124** – 2024 Amendment of the MDOT I-75 N Traffic Safety Signage Project update job.

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 Sprague, seconded by Bodrie, to approve the FY 2023-2063 TIP Amendments as listed above as well as the projects as presented. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**2023 Calendar Year Proposed Schedule for BCATS Meetings:**

Pavone sent out invitations for the monthly Policy Committee meetings for the entire year. The current plan is to keep the meeting location in the second floor conference room; however, if the location changes, he will update the committee. Pavone also noted that the November and December 2023 meetings may be adjusted to accommodate member’s schedules during the holiday season to ensure there are enough voting members present.

**Project Updates:**

**City of Bay City**Phillips mentioned the Wenona project will start in mid-March. Bids are in for reconstruction of Eddie, Bernie, and McLellan Street, just south of Woodside. Construction is expected to begin in March for this project. Maintenance started on Independence Bridge to repair the joints, North bound is down to one lane for at least another week. Phillips handed out a flyer that identifies all road and bridge projects for 2023. City of Bay City will move forward with a safety action plan for the Safe Roads and Streets for All (SS4A) program to potentially secure grant funding. Saginaw and Water Street will be finished up in the spring.

**Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)**No project updates were brought before the committee.

**Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

No project updates were brought before the committee.

**City of Essexville**
The City of Essexville was recently notified of Act 51 classification changes to Mercer and Langstaff Street and will be looking to identify potential projects for these locations such as lead line replacements.

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)**

Lillo completed plans for a road project that the Dow Inc. was obligated to fund. The plans are for a Wheeler/Patterson intersection addition that extends out to the lighthouse. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy identified that a section of interest on 3 Mile road, near a county drain is not a complete stream; however, 300 feet of it is. The rest of it is unrestricted roadside wetland. With the drain being moved, they may be able to create wetlands to offset potential harm during construction. The project is currently moving forward.

**Other/New Business:**

Phillips will be giving a presentation to the Bay City Commissioners on project selection and asset management soon. The City of Bay City will not be doing full road closures downtown during the summer of 2023, but sidewalk cafes will still be authorized near the sidewalk or in the parking lane.

**Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:**

The next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bay County Building in the second-floor conference room. The location of the conference room is subject to change; however, all interested parties will be notified ahead of time.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Goulet, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the January 18, 2023, BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Transcribed by J. Deweerdt*