

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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*Meeting Via Microsoft Teams Meeting – Meeting was recorded*

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **Introductions/Roll Call:**

Introductions were made and those present provided their name, agency, and the location from which they were calling.

### **Those Present Were:**

Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Jon Roberts, MDOT UTAU; Tina Makarewicz, MDOT OPT; Jason Perez, MDOT; Jack Hofweber, MDOT Bay City TSC; Brian Stark, MDOT; Kathryn Beck, MDOT; Donald Matula, MDOT Bay City TSC; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Administrative Assistant, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

### **Minutes from June 8, 2021 BCATS Technical Meeting:**

It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Boughner, to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

**Legislative Update:** There has been no new movement on the Transportation Bills. Boughner discussed that while the COVID-19 (HIC) Funding was approved at the Federal level, it has not been approved at the State level for appropriation. This means that projects for the HIC Funding can be programmed, but they can't be obligated until the State approves the appropriation of the funding. Bodrie sent out an email regarding COVID-19 Relief Funds for revenue lost due to COVID-19.

### **Transit Safety Targets:**

A copy of the Transit Safety Targets for MPO adoption were presented to the BCATS Technical Committee members for review and recommendation to the BCATS Policy Committee. These Transit Safety Targets are included in the Bay Metro Transit Safety Plan that the MPO formally received at the February 2021 BCATS committee meetings.

It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Boughner, to favorably recommend the Safety Targets for MPO adoption be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval with the additional pages that include the BMTA Safety Plan. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:**

Smith provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

#### **FY 2022:**

1. Budget Adjustment for the MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project Construction (Saginaw, Lapeer, Midland, Bay, Genesee, St. Clair) for Longitudinal pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region.
2. Addition of M-15 Traffic Safety Right-of-way Project (at Youngsditch Road) to the STIP.
3. Budget Adjustment for the MDOT Region-wide Traffic Safety Project Construction (Saginaw, Lapeer, Midland, Bay, Genesee, St. Clair) for Special pavement marking application on

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A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Boughner, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment/administrative modifications be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **COVID-19 State of Emergency Extension:**

At their July 13, 2021 meeting the Bay County Board of Commissioners approved to extend the local state of emergency to expire October 13, 2021. The Extension of Local State of Emergency was approved under Bay County Board of Commissioners Resolution Number 2021-112.

### **Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model:**

Jon Roberts, MDOT UTAU provided an update on the Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model. They are in the final phase and the model is calibrated. Some projects have been run for future years. There have been some last minute changes. The Midland Road and Keisel Road capacity projects will be run into future networks. Roberts will work with Smith to provide a brief draft chapter containing a technical details and explanations of the Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model, along with some maps, to be included in the Long Range Plan. Questions regarding the Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model should be addressed to Jon Roberts, MDOT UTAU at [robertsj10@michigan.gov](mailto:robertsj10@michigan.gov).

### **2045 Long Range Plan Project List Update:**

The current 2045 Long Range Plan Project List needs to be reviewed to make sure all the current recommendation projects are accurate. The City of Bay City has provided some project updates for this list. Ryan will work with the Bay County Road Commission and the City of Essexville to update their recommended project lists for the Long Range Plan, too. As we get ready to finalize the 2045 Long Range Plan, it's important to include the FY23-26 TIP projects in the list of projects contained in the Long Range Plan.

### **Earmark Funding & COVID-19 (HIC) Funding:**

As Boughner discussed earlier, the COVID-19 (HIC) Funding was approved at the Federal level, however it still needs to be approved for appropriation at the State level. Therefore, projects for the HIC Funding can be programmed but not obligated until the State approves the appropriation of the funding. Funds have been earmarked for the City of Bay City's last two phases of the Wenonah Street Project. Phillips wants to do this project in one design phase for the two phases. Phase two is currently Wenonah Street (Fisher to Jane) and Phase Three is currently Wenonah Street (Jane to North Union). However, Phillips would like to change the length of each design phase so the projects are more equal in road length to ensure paving/construction isn't taking place in the winter months. The plan is to let the Wenonah Street Project Phases two and three together as one project in late 2021. The Bay County Road Commission would like to carry over funds from the South Euclid Project. This project is in a lump sum right now, not sure the best way to move it to make it a pro rata project. It's unsure if this project can be self-let or if it has to go to BCATS for approval. Smith will work with Lillo to see what options are available.

### **Asset Management Updates:**

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Ryan Smith and Dominic Pavone conducted PASER Federal Air Road ratings in July 2021 for the City of Bay City. They will be working to collect PASER Federal Aid Road rating throughout the rest of Bay County the end of August 2021. Staff is working to use up left over funds from FY 2020 along with FY 2021 funds that were extended out into FY 2022. The City of Bay City wants to know if they can apply any of the asset management funding to collect traffic signal data and sidewalk data. Since the City of Bay City already has an Asset Management Plan, BCATS staff believes they would get reimbursed for the traffic signal data collection. However, BCATS staff will need to look into the use of asset management funds being used for sidewalk data. The Bay County Road Commission wanted to know if the reimbursable asset management rate is still \$11.56 per/mile of road rated. While this is a “blanket” amount, we can use the actual cost which must be recorded for reimbursement. The City of Bay City would like to conduct PASER Ratings on local roads if BCATS staff has the time to do the ratings. Phillips will work with Smith to determine if and when the local road ratings might be able to take place.

### **Project Updates:**

#### **MDOT:**

Hofweber provided a map for the BCATS committee to look at while reviewing MDOT projects and will send the PDF map of the MDOT projects to Ryan Smith. The Euclid Avenue (Salzburg to North Union) Paving Project resurfacing Phase 1 is done and Phase 2 will start next week. The M-247 Project will be taking place fall 2021 and will go all the way up to State Park Drive. The westbound US-10 reconstruction project will be taking place in November 2021. The US-10 eastbound and westbound approaches will be reconstructed in 2024. US-10 north to Bay County Mid line will be let in December 2025. During the Parish Road Bridge Project, the contractor damaged beams and will now be working on replacing the damaged beams which will lengthen the completion time to the December 2021. Beaver Road at M-13 signal modification and the M-13 left hand turn lane will be done this year.

#### **Bay City:**

The Wenona Street Reconstruction project has moved past the utility conflicts and is scheduled to open the end of September, 2021. The Johnson Street (Ketchum to Water) Project is going really well and the city is very happy with the results so far. There were some issues with storm sewers, however the problem has been figured out so the completion date will still be October, 2021. The Lafayette Street Project has been completed. The Marquette Street Project is being done under a Category F Grant (- Urban Areas in Rural Counties) for the truck route and will include reconstruction of the road and a change to the curbs with a completion date of September 2021. Bay City anticipated doing Capital Preventative Maintenance (CPM) work in 2021, however that has been delayed until spring 2022. The City of Bay City Asset Management Plan has been submitted for the Bay City Commissioners review and there should be a resolution after tomorrow's meeting. The Bay City Commissioners signed a contract with Bay City Bridge Partners and there will be a public meeting soon.

#### **Bay County Road Commission (BCRC):**

The 2 Mile (7 Mile to M-13) and Salzburg Road (2 Mile to M-84) projects have been completed. The Mackinaw Road Bridge is open. Garfield Road (Linwood to Erickson) is moving along quite well. The State Park Drive Project will need to be included in the TIP. South Euclid by Michigan Sugar will be a \$4-5M project. Patterson Road is using BCATS design funding and is waiting for possible Category 5 funding for this \$1.8M project. Midland Road (US-10 to Garfield Road) is a SMATS Project with a small portion Auburn (BCATS) that will be done between 2022-2025. The owner of the closed bar at M-15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street has signed documents to let the BCRC on site to conduct an environmental review. Once the environmental review has been completed demolition

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of the building can begin. The cape seal projects for Midland Road (Euclid to 3 Mile), State Road (Wilder to Wheeler), and Pine Road (Nebobish to Center) will be started August 16<sup>th</sup> and should be completed within the week.

### **Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA):**

With school starting in the fall, BMTA will be restarting fixed routes #1 and #4. BMTA is currently running on demand response for rides and will not be collecting fares at this time as ridership continues to be low.

### **Other/New Business:**

There was no other or new business brought before the committee.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the August 10, 2021 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Smith*

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BCATS Staff

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*