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## **Bay City Area Transportation Study (BCATS) FY 2025 ANNUAL OBLIGATION REPORT**

### **Introduction**

Transportation impacts every individual in our country, and having a safe, affordable, accessible, and reliable system is essential for all. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94), which was signed into law by President Obama on December 4, 2015, creates a streamlined performance-based surface transportation program, which builds on many of the highway, transit, bike, and pedestrian programs and policies previously established in the 2012 law, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), better known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was passed in November 2021. This legislation is set to provide \$550 billion over the 2022-2026 fiscal year (FY) timeframe to various modes of transportation infrastructure.

On August 17, 2022, BCATS adopted an updated 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Projects that are identified through this planning process are next prioritized in the BCATS Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the metropolitan planning area. BCATS, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), local implementing agencies comprised of the City of Bay City, the City of Essexville, and the Bay County Road Commission, and the public transit operator Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority (BMTA), developed the FY 2026-2029 TIP to reflect the transportation goals specified in the 2045 MTP. The TIP identifies realistic federal, state and local financial resources available to implement the programmed projects. Monitoring the progress of projects that are part of the TIP is a vital process to inform the public of project status, timeliness and completion.

Federal transportation regulation 23 CFR 450.334 requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) including BCATS to produce and publish an Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.

### **BCATS FY 2025 Listing of Obligated Projects**

It is important to understand the difference between *obligated* and *completed/constructed*. Obligation is a term used in federal budgeting and financial management that refers to a legally enforceable commitment that will result in financial outlays, either now or in the future. When a government agency signs a contract to build a road, for example, it takes on an obligation. Some projects that were completed in 2025 were obligated in previous fiscal years and will not appear on this list. On the other hand, certain projects that were obligated in 2025 may not be completed until 2026. A project might have been planned or scheduled in previous fiscal years, with financing *obligated* in fiscal year 2025.

Several categories of federal funding are available to the BCATS area for local projects, including small MPO area surface transportation, safety, rural, transit operating and transit capital funds. BMTA, as a transit operator, also receives funding from Sections 5307, 5311 and 5339 federal grants. MDOT utilizes numerous federal fund categories to maintain and improve the state trunkline roads and bridges in the area. All categories represent federal gas tax revenues coming back to the local community. In addition to the projects listed here, BCATS receives funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the conduct of transportation planning activities and its administration. BCATS also receives state funding from the Transportation Asset Management Council, designated for pavement surface evaluation and rating on all federal-aid eligible roads within the county, as well as towards the development of asset management plans & principles.

The listing of all BCATS obligated projects for FY2025 is displayed in the attached table.

Road projects accounted for \$3,015,238 (56.68%) of the total federal funding obligations for FY 2025, bridge accounting for \$1,571,180 (29.54%), and transit accounting for \$732,939 (13.78%).

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Listing of Fiscal Year 2025 Obligated Federally Funded Transportation Projects

Project	Work Type	Responsible Agency	Fund Source	Federal Funds Estimated	Federal Funds Obligated	State Funds Estimated	State Funds Obligated	Local Funds Estimated	Local Funds Obligated	Total Estimated Budget	Total Obligated Budget
Local MPO Based Constraints											
E Smith St from State St to Patterson St	Asphalt Reconstruction	Bay City	CRSM	\$151,833	\$151,833	\$0	\$0	\$33,669	\$530,749	\$185,502	\$682,582
E Smith St from State St to Patterson St	Asphalt Reconstruction	Bay City	STUL	\$1,235,440	\$1,226,705	\$0	\$0	\$1,942,160	\$4,288,081	\$3,177,600	\$5,514,786
E Smith St from State St to Patterson St	Asphalt Reconstruction	Bay City	ST	\$54,237	\$54,237	\$0	\$0	\$9,599	\$189,591	\$63,836	\$243,828
Local MPO Based Constraints Total :				\$1,441,510	\$1,432,775	\$0	\$0	\$1,985,428	\$5,008,421	\$3,426,938	\$6,441,196
Local Projects from Statewide Sources											
W Ivy St at Huron & Eastern Railway, Bay City	Install flashing-light signals and half-roadway gates	Huron & Eastern Railway Company	STRP	\$284,025	\$284,025	\$31,558	\$31,558	\$0	\$0	\$315,583	\$315,583
Local Projects from Statewide Sources Total :				\$284,025	\$284,025	\$31,558	\$31,558	\$0	\$0	\$315,583	\$315,583
Local RTF Based Constraint											
W Midland Rd from 7 Mile Rd to 8 Mile Rd	Mill and one course overlay	Bay County	STL	\$129,748	\$129,748	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$129,748	\$129,748
E Beaver Rd from Garfield Rd to Fraser Rd	Milling and One Course Asphalt Overlay	Bay County	STL	\$468,480	\$357,746	\$0	\$0	\$117,120	\$89,436	\$585,600	\$447,182
E Parish Rd from 8 Mile Rd to 7 Mile Rd	Milling and One Course Asphalt Overlay	Bay County	STL	\$128,000	\$101,808	\$0	\$0	\$32,000	\$25,452	\$160,000	\$127,261
Local RTF Based Constraint Total :				\$726,228	\$589,302	\$0	\$0	\$149,120	\$114,889	\$875,348	\$704,191
MDOT Project Templates											
M-25 over Saginaw River	Superstructure Steel Repair, Machinery Repair, and Maintaining Traffic	MDOT	BFP	\$1,690,398	\$1,571,180	\$374,840	\$405,713	\$0	\$0	\$2,065,238	\$1,976,892
M-15 from Youngs Ditch Rd to M-25	Milling and One Course Asphalt Overlay	MDOT	ST, MNMP	\$42,561	\$42,561	\$9,438	\$9,438	\$0	\$0	\$51,999	\$51,999
All trunkline routes in Bay Region	Permanent pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region	MDOT	HSIP	\$4,752	\$2,376	\$528	\$264	\$0	\$0	\$5,280	\$2,640
All trunkline routes in Bay Region	Permanent pavement marking application on trunklines in Bay Region	MDOT	HSIP, VRU	\$514,008	\$569,386	\$57,112	\$63,265	\$0	\$0	\$571,120	\$632,651
All trunkline routes in Bay Region	Pavement marking retroreflectivity readings on trunklines in Bay Region	MDOT	HSIP	\$2,772	\$2,982	\$308	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,080	\$2,982
M-25 at Scheurman St	Traffic signal modernization to current standards	MDOT	STG	\$91,831	\$91,831	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,831	\$91,831
MDOT Project Templates Total :				\$2,346,322	\$2,280,315	\$442,226	\$478,679	\$0	\$0	\$2,788,548	\$2,758,995
Transit Project Categories											
FY 2025 Section 5307 - Operating Assistance	FY 2025 Section 5307 - Operating Assistance	Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority	5307	\$1,974,988	\$0	\$2,584,715	\$0	\$1,924,530	\$0	\$6,484,233	\$0
FY2024 Section 5307 Facility Improvements	FY2024 Section 5307 Facility Improvements	Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority	5307	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0
FY 2025 Section 5311 - Operating Assistance	FY 2025 Section 5311 - Operating Assistance	Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority	OP11	\$732,939	\$732,939	\$732,939	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,465,878	\$732,939
Transit Project Categories Total :				\$3,907,927	\$732,939	\$3,617,654	\$0	\$1,924,530	\$0	\$9,450,111	\$732,939
TOTALS:				\$8,706,012	\$5,319,356	\$4,091,438	\$510,238	\$4,059,078	\$5,123,310	\$16,856,528	\$10,952,904