

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

Technical Committee Minutes – April 15, 2025

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### **Call to Order:**

The BCATS Technical Committee meeting was called to order by Jim Lillo at 10:05 a.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Cameron Hoard, MDOT; Paige DeHate, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Joshua VanderLaan, BCATS Staff; Laura Ogar, BCATS Assistant; Michael Losey, Bay County Environmental Affairs; and Rachel Phillips, Bay City (Call-In).

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

Michael Losey introduced himself as the new director of the Bay County Department of Env. Affairs and Community Development. Subsequently, introductions were made around the table of those present.

### **Minutes from February 11, 2025, BCATS Technical Meeting:**

A motion was made by Terry Moulane, seconded by Cameron Hoard to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025, BCATS Technical Committee.

### **Minutes from March 11, 2025, BCATS Technical Meeting:**

A motion was made by Cameron Hoard, seconded by Jim Barcia to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025, BCATS Technical Committee.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Updates:**

#### **MDOT:**

Paige DeHate provided an update on several ongoing MDOT projects, including the US-10 highway and Lafayette Avenue reconstruction; and the Zilwaukee Bridge (I-75) north of Saginaw, which will be closed through June 27<sup>th</sup> for repairs and rehabilitation.

Cameron Hoard reaffirmed the ongoing delay in FTA/FHWA submission review times. Per MDOT guidelines, submissions which are separated to both FTA & FHWA may be processed more quickly.

#### **EMCOG:**

Cody Bodrie stated an update on EMCOG operations would be shared at the upcoming Policy Committee meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Review Proposed FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments and Admin Mods:**

Joshua VanderLaan provided a handout of the FY 2026 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

#### **FY2026:**

1. **Job #202649** – MDOT: Traffic & Safety - Signing Upgrade on trunklines in Bay Region. Phase budget amendment needed.
2. **Job #224444** – Statewide: Bridge Bundle, Fraser Street Bridge Replacement (1st CON Phase), Fraser Street Bridge over the Kawkawlin River. Phase added.
3. **Job #224444** – Statewide: Bridge Bundle, Fraser Street Bridge Replacement (2nd CON Phase), Fraser Street Bridge over the Kawkawlin River. Phase added.

A short discussion ensued regarding an earmarked \$6.7 million which allows for phase amendments on **Job #224444**, and gratitude for the opportunity to repair and improve vital infrastructure and the Bay Area bridge system. Jim Lillo stated he would draft a letter of thanks.

A motion was made by Joshua VanderLaan, seconded by Cameron Hoard, to favorably recommend the FY 2023-2026

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TIP amendment/administrative modifications listed above be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **Review any Additional Projects to the Policy Committee:**

Jim Lillo opened discussion of the State Park Drive community funded rehabilitation project which members of the committee agreed is a regionally significant project, although it does not fall under the BCATS MPO programming. Lillo favorably recommended the job be approved by the Policy Committee to be added to the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan.

### **Review BCATS 2026-2029 Draft TIP Document:**

Joshua VanderLaan presented a copy of the BCATS 2026-2029 Draft Transportation Improvement Plan for review, and discussion ensued of the progress within the MPO on the upcoming TIP document. The document outlines planned road jobs and funding for the upcoming TIP cycle.

Although the draft document contained all major changes which are planned for the document, Joshua VanderLaan emphasized that minor changes and adjustments may be included with the document in the weeks to come.

Also provided were a copy of the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification and the Draft Public Notice for the upcoming public comment period, which is planned to occur from April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Project Updates:**

#### **City of Bay City:**

Rachel Phillips provided a project update on the move to pre-construction for a project on Smith, awarded to Dan's Excavating; trees cut for a project on McKinley starting in May; local seal repairs on Washington & Saginaw; and concrete jobs on Tiernan, Wilder, & Truman through August.

#### **Bay County Road Commission:**

Jim Lillo provided updates to the second phase of the Midland road Mill & Fill; and six jobs from the Rural Task Force in the Bay Area, including Parish Road and the Dow Bridge. BCRC is also looking at replacing the water main on State Park drive in 2026, and next steps through 2028.

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

Laura Ogar and Joshua VanderLaan brought up the upcoming BCATS Unified Work Plan and Public Participation Plan, which are planned to be brought to the Tech Committee in the coming months. Jim Barcia began a discussion of road flooding on Meadowview Drive due to a retention basin. However, the management of Meadowview is private, limiting options for discussion.

### **Motion for Adjournment:**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Terry Moulthane to adjourn the April 15, 2025, BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried.

The next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

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