Those Present Were:
Joshua VanderLaan, BCATS; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Larry Beson, 4th District Commissioner; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Richard Bayus, MDOT SPS; Jay Reithel, MDOT; and Craig Goulet, City of Essexville.

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Jim Lillo at 10:07 a.m.

2. Introductions/Roll Call
Introductions were made around the table of those present.

3. Minutes from February 10th, 2026, BCATS Technical Committee Meeting:
A motion was made by Eric Sprague, seconded by Craig Goulet to approve the minutes from the BCATS Tech Committee Meeting held on February 10th, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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

5. Legislative or MDOT Updates:

BCRC:
Jim Lillo announced that the Bay County Road Commission is lacking approximately $1 million dollars in expected funding. Alongside concerns about the repeal of the state marijuana tax, BCRC is hopeful that their appropriations will level out across FY2027.

6. Review Proposed 2026-2029 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:
Joshua VanderLaan provided a handout of the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following are the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications requested:

Job #202649: M-84 Signing Upgrade – Traffic and Safety Signs, Let Date changed from October to November 6th, 2026.
Job #223963: Shady Shore Dr - Road Rehabilitation, Phase Abandonment due to ROW conflict.

A motion was made by Terry Moultane and seconded by Jay Reithel, to receive the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendments & Admin Modifications. Motion carried.

7. Review any Additional Projects to the Policy Committee
Joshua VanderLaan also presented information concerning four draft jobs, utilizing unprogrammed transit funding and Advance Construction obligation from JN223963, Shady Shore Dr:

Draft Job #226568: Transit, Communication Equipment –FY2024 Section 5307 funding.

Draft Job #226571: Midland Rd from 4 Mile to 3 Mile Rd. - Mill and One Course Overlay, 1.0 miles,
Draft Job #226572: Salzburg Rd from 3 Mile to 2 Mile Rd. – Mill and One Course Overlay, 1.0 miles
Draft Job #226573: Kiesel Rd from 2 Mile to Euclid Rd. – Mill and One Course Overlay, 1.0 miles

A motion was made by Terry Moultane and seconded by Jay Reithel, to receive the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendments & Admin Modifications. Motion carried.

8. Agency Reports and Project Updates:

Essexville:
Craig Goulet stated that the City of Essexville plans to complete some painting & rubberized fill projects this year, with an expected completion around December. No further information has been received from Hampton Township regarding a planned detour on Nebobish and Pine.

BCRC:
Jim Lillo shared that BCRC has had a robust year for projects, their largest project covering Midland Rd from Carter Rd to 11 Mile, and then on to Garfield Rd, as well as four miles of 4 Mile Rd & 7 Mile Rd in northern Bay County. A focus on bridges, continued Mill & Fill, and RTF Projects will round out priorities for FY27.

BMTA:
Eric Sprague stated that Bay Metro expects to receive approximately $1.9 million in appropriations from the Federal Transit Administration this May and have been able to complete approximately $1.5 million in facility improvements since 2025.

MDOT:
Jay Reithel provided an update to MDOT project approvals, stating that NEPA requirements from FHWA are becoming increasingly stringent and have led to delays in project timelines. Review times at both FHWA and FTA have been increased as of late due to staffing and policy changes.

Additional discussion was made regarding national asphalt pricing, which currently increases at approximately 2-3% per year. Rising prices for crude oil products, including asphalt, may lead to significant impacts across transportation and construction sectors.

9. Other/New Business

A brief discussion began regarding the Lafayette Street Bridge construction delay. Committee members discussed the impact of this delay on traffic crossing the Veterans Memorial (M-25), Independence, and Liberty Bridge. Additional traffic may arise as a byproduct of local toll and construction impacts.

10. Motion for Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Glenn Rowley and seconded by Cody Bodrie to adjourn the March 10th, 2026, BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:49 a.m. Motion carried.

The next BCATS Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for **May 12th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.**, and will be held in the 1st Floor Veteran Affairs Conference Room, 515 Center Ave., Bay City Michigan 48708.

Respectfully submitted,

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