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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jon Roberts, MDOT; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Ryan McDonnell MDOT BCTSC; Jack Hofweber, BCTSC; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development. Via phone: Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from August 13, 2019 BCATS Technical Meeting:

It was moved by Lillo, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

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

Legislative Update: Anderson mentioned that Governor Whitmer line item vetoed \$375 million from the state budget for roads. Lillo said he estimates the BCRC lost about \$1.9 million from the governor's veto.

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Anderson 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 2020 Amendment:

1. Addition of the **MDOT I-75 South Project** at Beaver Road in Bay County for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Applications Construction Phase.
2. Addition of **MDOT Old Kawkawlin** (M-13 and Lake State Railroad) Project Construction Phase to cul-de-sac the south end of Old Kawkawlin Rd at M-13.
3. Budget and Scope change for the **BCRC Old Kawkawlin** (2 Mile to M-247) Project for mill, rehab, resurface, drainage, and signage; Construction in 2020. Project limits extended to be from 2 Mile Rd to State Park Dr. Project also changed to Advanced Construct with a Federal cost of \$1,106,000; Local Cost of \$1,404,000; Total Project Cost of \$2,510,000. Advanced Construct Conversion in FY 2021.
4. Addition of the **BCRC German Rd Project** (M-15 to Trumbull Rd) for road rehabilitation using RTF funding.

FY 2021 Amendment:

1. Addition of the **MDOT M-25 West Bound** at M-25 Freeway Ends east to Walnut Street in Bay County for complete roadway reconstruction Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase.
2. Addition of the **MDOT M-25 West Bound** at M-25 Freeway Ends east to Walnut Street in Bay County for complete roadway reconstruction Right of

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- Way (ROW) Phase with construction in 2025.
3. Addition of the **MDOT M-25 East Bound** at M-25 Freeway Ends east to Walnut Street in Bay County for complete roadway reconstruction Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase.
 4. Addition of the **MDOT M-25 East Bound** at M-25 Freeway Ends east to Walnut Street in Bay County for complete roadway reconstruction Right of Way (ROW) Phase with construction in 2025.
 5. Change of Project Year for the **MDOT M-84 North Traffic Safety Project** for Signing Upgrades for the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase to 2021.
 6. Budget Adjustment for the **BCRC Old Kawkawlin** (2 Mile to State Park Drive) Project for mill, rehab, resurface, drainage, and signage; Advance Construct Conversion in 2021.
 7. Budget Adjustment for the **Bay City** South Wenona Avenue (Ionia Street to Fisher Street) Project for Reconstruction. Reduction in Federal costs to \$518,000 and increase in Local costs to \$1,840,760.

A motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed.

Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model Update:

Jon Roberts from MDOT provided a Travel Demand Model Update. There was a kick off meeting that took place with Bay, Midland, and Saginaw MPOs at the end of August. The MPOs review and approve the socio-economic data used for the Travel Demand Model that is provided by MDOT. A new Travel Demand Model will be used for the update to the 2045 Long Range Plan in 2022. Roberts will be attending BCATS meetings more frequently to provide updates on the project and review the MDOT data. Input data will get review and approval by the BCATS Policy Committee. Once the Travel Demand Model has been calibrated there will be a presentation. In the fall of 2020 there will be discussion about what capacity projects should be run through the Travel Demand Model for our area. Forecast Modeling has already been done for some of the bridge closure scenarios in Bay County. MDOT is working on ways to improve the modeling process and capabilities of information that can be provided.

Engelhardt was recently at a bridge meeting and the company did a traffic count via the collection of cell phone data and wondered if there would be provisions to use the traffic count data provided by the bridge company in order to help benefit the Travel Demand Model. While the Travel Demand Model is a tool for the local MPOs, is there a way it can be used State-wide? Roberts said that there is a State-wide Specialist that would be able to help Engelhardt with State-wide modeling.

BCATS 2020 Meeting Schedule:

Anderson provided a draft for the 2020 meeting schedule for review by the committee. The BCATS Technical Committee is scheduled to meet the week prior to the BCATS Policy Committee Meeting on the second Tuesday of every other month.

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The BCATS Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled to meet on the third Wednesday of every other month. The times are the same as last year.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend the 2020 BCATS Committee Meeting Schedule to the BCATS Policy Committee for approval.
Motion Passed

Asset Management Updates:

Anderson provided two flyers for Asset Management Training. One flyer was for Asset Management Training as it pertains to PA 325 with various dates and locations around the state. The other flyer was for the Improving Michigan's Infrastructure Asset Management Workshop taking place on October 23, 2019. There was also a Roadsoft on the Road meeting last month at the MATS Office on how we can combine data from the three counties (Bay, Midland, and Saginaw), to better share information in our region. Ryan has finished PASER Data Collection for the year, including all local roads for Bay City. The Road Commission has completed their inventory of all their roads, including the gravel roads.

Project Updates:

The **MDOT I-75 Project** will be done by the end of the month, with bridge painting taking place in November 2019. The **MDOT M-13 Project** (at Pinconning) has fallen a little behind schedule due to the rainy weather and paving should be completed by the end of 2019. The **MDOT M-13 Project** (River Road from Zilwaukee to Bay City City limits) is on schedule to finish by the end of the week. The **MDOT M-25 Project** has been completed. The FY 2020 **MDOT LaFayette Bridge Project** is moving forward and bids will be back by October 22, 2019. The **MDOT M-15 and 22nd Street Project** historical research has been completed. MDOT will send the pictures and information to the Road Commission.

The **Road Commission Mackinaw Road Project** (Wheeler Road to Beaver Road) has been completed. This project was a partnership between the BCRC and MDOT. The **Road Commission Old Kawkawlin Road Phase I Project** (M-13 to 2 Mile Rd) has been completed and grass is being planted. The **Road Commission Mackinaw Road Project** (Salzburg Rd to US-10) has been completed. The **Road Commission Wheeler Road Project** (7 Mile Rd to Rockwell Rd) is completed. The **Road Commission Wheeler Road Project** in Bangor Township (Euclid Avenue to State Park Drive to State Street) is wrapping up. Bangor Township did the water repair portion of this project. The rainy weather has created a minor delay on the pavement part of the project, however with dryer weather in the forecast it should be done soon. The **Road Commission 11 Mile Road Project** (Bentley Rd to M-61) is on schedule even though it had a late start date. The **Road Commission Flajole Road Project** (at Salzburg Road) 800' upgrade of the intersection to an all season road with a mill and fill from Rockwell Road to Carter Road is complete. The **Road Commission Rail Trail Paving Improvement Project** is moving along and is almost done for the year. More money has been allocated in the budget for continued trail paving and improvement in 2020.

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The **BMTA Bus Replacement Project** for the replacement of 19 vehicles (17 buses and two vans) that will use propane instead of diesel is underway with the busses being built in Imlay City, Michigan. The new buses will be more energy efficient, cleaner, and will have lower maintenance costs. The new busses can run 300 miles per fill up. BMTA is also working on the infrastructure for this project and will contract with local propane providers.

Other/New Business:

2020 Aerial Photography Update:

The 2020 Aerial Photography proposal was successfully approved by the Bay County Board of Commissioners. We are waiting for the signed agreement that allows the partnering with the State for this project. This project is a combined effort of Bay, Midland, Saginaw, Gratiot, Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties partnering with the State of Michigan MiSAIL Program.

Roadsoft Aerial Imagery:

There was a brief discussion about the aerial imagery and if it would be something that could be used with Roadsoft. Bay County GIS has coordinated with BCRC to confirm file format compatibility with Roadsoft.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Sprague, to adjourn the October 8, 2019 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 11:34 a.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by C. Gaul