

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

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jay Anderson, BCATS; Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Board of Commissioners; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township Supervisor; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township Trustee; Ryan Smith, BCATS, and Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department. Via phone: Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region.

### **Minutes from August 21, 2019 BCATS Policy Meeting:**

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Rowley, to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2019 BCATS Policy Committee. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update:**

There was nothing to report from the state or federal level.

### **EMCOG Update:**

Engelhardt provided a copy of the letter from Jane Fitzpatrick of EMCOG regarding the Integrated Asset Management Summit and Regional Prosperity Initiatives Updates. EMCOG is partnering with the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC) to hold a second integrated infrastructure Asset Management Summit on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Anderson Enrichment Center in Saginaw. There will be other summits being held in the other regions around the State if you are unable to attend this one. At this point there is no funding for the Regional Prosperity Initiative as it currently exists in the FY 2020 Budget. EMCOG is also unsure if there will be any funding for the RPI as they move forward.

### **BCATS Public Hearing on 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:40 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020-2023 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion.

The following is the TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications 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.

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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 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.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

### **Approval of the 2020-2023 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications:**

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2020-2023 TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications.

A motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Begick, to approve the above BCATS 2020-2023 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications. Motion Passed.

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

Anderson provided a handout of the Travel Demand Model and discussed the need for updating our data. Jon Roberts from MDOT provided a Travel Demand Model Update to the BCATS Technical Committee on October 8<sup>th</sup>. MDOT would like socio-economic information on whatever was built and occupied in 2017. Anything new after 2017

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will be updated in the spring of 2020. For new employers, it will be places with ten or more employees. Anderson will be forwarding traffic analysis information and map data that he receives from MDOT for townships and cities to review.

### **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. 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. Staff will be looking at having the meetings moved to the Third Floor Conference Room of the Bay County Building to better accommodate the use of technical information.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***City of Bay City Trumbull Street Project*** is on schedule and should finish by November 15, 2019. Work on the ***Bay-Zilwaukee Trail Project*** continues for the final connection of the trail project just North of Morton Street, pavement should be going in soon. The ***Road Commission Wheeler Road Project*** in Bangor Township (Euclid Avenue to State Park Drive to State Street) is wrapping up and paving will be starting soon. Bangor Township did the water repair portion of this project. The ***Road Commission Flajole Road Project*** (at Salzburg Road) 800' is scheduled to be reconstructed by November 15, 2019. The ***Tuscola (M-15) and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Project*** was researched by MDOT staff to find any historical information on the abandoned site that was once "Bob's Bar" and at one time a gas station (as there is evidence of a gas pump on the property). The building was built in 1908, however it is not considered to be a historic site. The Road Commission would like to pursue the purchase of this site for the improvement of the intersection and possibly partner with MDOT on a signal modification upgrade project in 2023. The Road Commission has attempted to contact the owner with no response. The Road Commission would like to do a ***Signal Optimization Project for Wilder Road*** (M-13 Connector to Patterson Road). The Road Commission is working on the possibility of upgrading the traffic signal on Pine Street by Meijer to add a walkway with a push button to turn the signal light "red" to make it safer for pedestrian traffic. The Road Commission is also working on the possibility of removing the ***traffic signal on Wilder Road by the Bay City Mall/Old Target Entrance*** as this light is not warranted. There may be a test period to determine if the light is needed by making it a flashing light on a temporary basis.

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

#### ***Local MPO Joint Meeting:***

There will be a joint MPO Meeting between Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Counties on November 7, 2019 at the MDOT Bay Region Office. The date may be subject to change. Anderson will keep everyone posted.

***Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 18, 2019***

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As there were no further business, a motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the October 16, 2019 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:28 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jay Anderson*

Jay Anderson  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*