

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

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Those Present Were:**

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Brian Stark, MDOT; Jane Fitzpatrick, EMCOG; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City Planning; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City Engineering; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Terri Close, Hampton Township; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

- ***Introductions were made***

**Minutes from April 22, 2020 BCATS Policy Meeting:**

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Moulthane, to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. 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. Lillo mentioned that there is a webinar scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. to discuss anticipated state funding revenue. Boughner said that on the planning side of MDOT there will be temporary furloughs and layoffs. Reithel said that MDOT funding is down and there is expected to be a \$3.5 billion shortfall. Boughner also mentioned that the BCATS FHWA program manager, Aaron Dawson is taking a new position within FHWA. Congratulations Aaron! Andy Pickard will be our FHWA representative for now.

**EMCOG Update:**

The COVID-19 stimulus package will include funds for EDA CARES Grants. The EDA has \$50M in grant funds. EMCOG is acting on the EDA's behalf to review grant applications. Funds will be available through 2022, however funds will go fast. The EDA would like to keep projects at \$3-\$5M range. Grants will have a 20% local match. Projects requesting funding under the COVID-19 Stimulus Grants need to show that the project will prevent or prepare for COVID-19 relief, or that the project is part of the economic recovery and resiliency due to COVID-19. With the recent flooding in Michigan we are expecting infrastructure funds to help, yet if or the amount of such funds is still unknown.

**City of Essexville Traffic Light Relocation Project:**

The City of Essexville has a new traffic light relocation project to move the traffic light from Pine and Essex Street to Pine and Borton Street. This project will benefit the school district as the light will be safer for crossing for the middle school and the high school. Anderson let Hansford know that the BCATS Tech Committee forwarded their recommendation to the BCATS Policy Committee to use the \$20,139 left over in JobNet be used for this project. Hansford was very appreciative of the funding recommendation. He still needs to check with the school to find out what funding they were planning to use. If the project is done in 2021 or later then there are also HIP Funds available for this type of project. With little obligation authority remaining and having to add this project to the TIP it is doubtful that there would be funding in 2020. If funding is already obligated it can't be used for a new project and left over funds need to be used for another project that exists in the TIP. There was discussion about possibly using the \$20,139 left over in

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JobNet funds for the Road Commission Old Kawkawlin Road Project. Boughner will look into our options for using the \$20,139 left over JobNet funds and contact Jay Anderson and Jim Lillo.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:54 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 Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

#### **FY 2020 Amendment:**

1. Addition of the ***MDOT TSC Wide Project Road Capital Preventative Maintenance*** crack and seal construction phase in Arenac, Bay, and Gratiot Counties.
2. Addition of the ***BMTA SP-1408 Maintenance Equipment Transit Capital Project*** for FY2020 Section 5307 Transit Capital for communication and maintenance equipment.
3. Addition of the ***BMTA SP-1405 Communication Equipment Transit Capital Project*** for FY2020 Section 5307 Transit Capital for communication and maintenance equipment.
4. Addition of the ***BMTA SP-1203 Maintenance Facility Improvements Transit Capital Project*** for FY2020 Section 5307 Transit Capital for communication and maintenance equipment.
5. Addition of the ***BMTA SP-1406 Security Equipment and Facilities Transit Capital Project*** for FY2020 Section 5307 Transit Capital for communication and maintenance equipment.
6. Amount/Cost Change for the ***BMTA SP3000 Operating Assistance Transit Capital Project*** for FY2020 Section 5307 Transit Capital for operating services.

#### **FY 2022 Amendment:**

7. Amount/Cost Change for the ***BMTA SP-1105 Replacement of Two (2) Lift Vans Transit Capital Project*** for FY2022 Section 5339.

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

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Engelhardt, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***Bay City South Trumbull Road Project*** (Columbus Ave to the City Limits – next to the hospital) should have a schedule next week. The ***MDOT Westbound US-10 Guardrail Project*** is in progress. The ***MDOT I-75 Project*** is in progress. The ***BCRC Old Kawkawlin Road Project*** (Two Mile Rd. to State Park Dr.) has started and the joint repair has been completed. The ***BCRC Garfield Road Project*** (Siedlers Rd to River Rd) has started. The ***BCRC Wheeler Road Project*** (State Park Dr to Patterson Rd) will start June 1, 2020. Initial discussions have taken place for the ***State Park Drive Project***. The ***BCRC*** is looking at ***Signal Optimization*** on Wilder Road from M-13 connector to Marquette. Malkin asked if the ***BCRC Chip Road Project*** (Mackinaw – Old Beaver Road) would be done this year. Lillo said that the Chip Road Project would be done this year and that it was already let.

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**Other/New Business:**

***Dashboard for Covid-19 Information***

Anderson wanted to mention that there is a dashboard for Covid-19 information in Bay County that is available off the Health Department webpage. This dashboard includes maps, charts, and daily updated information. The mobile version just came out and it's easier to read on your smart phone or tablet.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the May 20, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:14 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jay Anderson*

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BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*