

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

Policy Committee Minutes – April 21, 2021

Page 1

---

*Meeting Via Microsoft Teams Meeting – Meeting was recorded*

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

***Introductions were made***

### **Those Present Were**

Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City Planning; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; Don Matula, MDOT, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

### **Minutes from February 17, 2021 BCATS Policy Meeting**

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Begick, to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update**

Guideline updates for eligible projects and the use of recovery funds should be coming in May 2021. MDOT has extended their return to work State of Emergency until July 12, 2021. The Bay County State of Emergency was extended until July 13, 2021. The City of Bay City has extended their Local State of Emergency until June 30, 2021. Obligation thermometers for 2021 will be due by April 15, 2021. The 2021 obligation amounts are Urban Projects 82.5% obligated and Rural Projects 75% obligated.

### **EMCOG Update**

No one was present from EMCOG to provide an update.

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

The base year calibrations with the three MPOs (Bay, Midland, and Saginaw) have been completed. Staff is working on adding past Bay City projects into the current travel demand model. An update of the model will be provided this summer.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:43 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 provided before the meeting and was available online for review and discussion.

The following are the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications requested:

#### **FY 2021 Amendments:**

1. Transit Capital FY21 Section 5307 – Facility improvements, computers (hardware and software), bus terminal facility improvements, and lift van replacement.
2. Transit Capital FY21 Section 5339 – Administrative vehicle and computers (hardware and software).
3. Transit Operating Assistance FY21 Section 5307.
- 4.

## BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Policy Committee Minutes – April 21, 2021

Page 2

### **FY 2022 Administrative Modifications:**

1. Reconstruction of US-10 WB, location description wording change.

### **FY 2023 Administrative Modifications:**

1. Addition of M-25 Bridge Rehabilitation, substructure repair, to Trunkline Bridge GPA.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

### **BCATS Regular Meeting Reconvened**

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Lillo, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

| <b>FY 2021 TIP Amendments presented at the April 21, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting.</b> |             |               |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>VOTE</b> | <b>NAME</b>   | <b>VOTE</b> | <b>NAME</b> | <b>VOTE</b> |
| Jim Lillo   | YES         | Vaughn Begick | YES         |             |             |
| Terry Moulane   | YES         | Glenn Rowley  | YES         |             |             |
| Rachel Phillips   | YES         | Don Matula    | YES         |             |             |
|   |             |               |             |             |             |
|   |             |               |             |             |             |

### **2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

The final draft of the 2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan was provided to the BCATS Policy Committee members before the meeting for review. The feedback and comments received were incorporated into the final draft. While BCATS approval of the 2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan does not require State or Federal approval, it's important to memorialize the document by going through the process.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Moulane, to approve 2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

| <b>2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Approval.</b> |             |               |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>VOTE</b> | <b>NAME</b>   | <b>VOTE</b> | <b>NAME</b> | <b>VOTE</b> |
| Jim Lillo   | YES         | Vaughn Begick | YES         |             |             |
| Terry Moulane   | YES         | Glenn Rowley  | YES         |             |             |
| Rachel Phillips   | YES         | Don Metula    | YES         |             |             |
|   |             |               |             |             |             |
|   |             |               |             |             |             |

### **COVID-19 HIP Funds – Wenona Street Project (2023)**

Smith provided information regarding new COVID-19 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funds that have become available to the MPO. These funds can be used 100% federal, meaning there is no match required. It was briefly discussed at the February BCATS Committee meetings that the funds should probably be applied to the Wenona Street Reconstruction project. After further discussion, Phillips has requested the funds be moved to the 2023 phase of Wenona Street Reconstruction. If additional funding can be secured for the 2023 phase of the project, then the COVID-19 HIP funds can be applied elsewhere.

## BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Policy Committee Minutes – April 21, 2021

Page 3

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Rowley, to approve the use of the COVID-19 HIP funding of \$478,409 being applied to the Wenona Street Reconstruction Project in FY2023. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

| Approval of the COVID-19 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP) funding be applied for the City of Bay City Wenona Street Reconstruction Project in FY2023. |      |               |      |      |      |
|---|------|---------------|------|------|------|
| NAME  | VOTE | NAME          | VOTE | NAME | VOTE |
| Jim Lillo   | YES  | Vaughn Begick | YES  |      |      |
| Terry Moutane   | YES  | Glenn Rowley  | YES  |      |      |
| Rachel Phillips   | YES  | Don Metula    | YES  |      |      |
|   |      |               |      |      |      |
|   |      |               |      |      |      |

### Bay City Bridges Discussion

Ryan Smith gave an update based on the information provided by Jack Hofweber at the April 2021 BCATS Tech Meeting regarding Independent and Liberty bridges. There was a meeting regarding the Bay City bridges on March 23, 2021. The environmental studies are set to be conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard. Construction on Independent and Liberty are set to begin sometime this year. The appropriate legislation to allow for the sale of the bridges and lease of the public land that they are on has moved forward and been approved.

Phillips asked if the bridge projects would need to be placed into the BCATS TIP since it's 100% locally funded private project. Reithel's understanding was that since the bridge projects are regionally significant they should be placed into the BCATS TIP so that they can be taken into consideration with other projects taking place in the area. Boughner said that the projects should also be placed into JobNet. With this being a special circumstance, more information will be collected as to how to program these jobs into JobNet and if they will be labeled "STIP/TIP Exempt" because of the 100% local funds.

### Project Updates

The **City of Bay City Wenona Street Reconstruction Project** has been delayed due a COVID-19 quarantine of the work crew. Shaw Construction should be starting the mill and fill portion of the project on April 26, 2021. The **City of Bay City Johnson Street Project** will begin the week of April 26, 2021. The **City of Bay City Lafayette Project** is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2021.

The **MDOT I-75 Project** (Beaver Road to Cottage Grove Road) started the week of April 12, 2021. The **MDOT Parish Road Project** deck removal portion is almost completed and there will be another closure on Parish Road as the project moves forward. The **MDOT Lafayette Project** is moving forward with staff looking at all the options available for this project. The **EPA Middlegounds Soil Testing Project** will be starting soon and it is expected that they will need to remove at least one foot of top soil from resident's yards in order to determine the damage done from the landfill leaching. It is expected that the existing road will be destroyed in the process.

The BCRC Bridge has two bridge projects up in northern Bay County one on **BCRC Garfield Road** (Linwood Road to Erickson Road) that will have a May 2021 letting and the other on **BCRC Pine Road** (Center Road to Neboblish) that is a cap and seal project. The **BCRC Midland Road Project** (Midland Road to Wilder Road) will be taking place in 2021. The BCRC 2 Mile Road Project (Midland Road to Wilder Road) will also be taking place in 2021.

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

Policy Committee Minutes – April 21, 2021

Page 4

---

**Other/New Business**

***Transportation Planning/BCATS Director Position***

The Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department posted the Transportation Planner/GIS Technician position. The Department will be conducting interviews soon.

***FY2022 UWP Draft***

The Draft FY2022 Unified Work Program is still being worked on and is slated to be approved at the May BCATS Technical and Policy Meetings.

***2021 Aerial Imagery Update***

The 2021 aerial imagery is being reviewed and we are waiting to receive the final mosaics before putting the imagery on FETCH and handing out the data to the various participating agencies. Ryan will let everyone know when the aerial imagery is live.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Begick, to adjourn the April 21, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:243 p.m. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

| <b>Adjournment of the April 21, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee</b> |             |               |             |             |             |
|---|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>VOTE</b> | <b>NAME</b>   | <b>VOTE</b> | <b>NAME</b> | <b>VOTE</b> |
| Jim Lillo   | YES         | Vaughn Begick | YES         |             |             |
| Terry Moulthane   | YES         | Glenn Rowley  | YES         |             |             |
| Rachel Phillips   | YES         | Don Matula    | YES         |             |             |
|   |             |               |             |             |             |
|   |             |               |             |             |             |

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Smith*

Ryan Smith  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*