

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

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### **Call to Order:**

The BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Tim Banaszak, Bay County Commission Chair; Larry Beson, Bay County Commissioner, Richard Bayus, MDOT-SPS; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Terri Close, Hampton Township Supervisor, Jay Reithel, MDOT, Jim Lillo, BCRC, Laura Ogar, Transportation Planning, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

### **Agenda Approval:**

Laura Ogar requested to add an item; a Resolution of Support, to submit the Reaffirmation letter for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Lillo said it would be appropriate to add under Other/New Business. It was moved by Lillo, seconded by Sprague, to add the item under Other and motion passed unanimously. Ogar motioned to approve the agenda with the addition, Sprague seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update:**

There was a discussion that MDOT is hearing from Washington DC that state and federal project submissions may need to be split between the FHWA and FTA, due to required federal legal review. For the time being pending jobs can't move forward. Any DEI must be removed and any EV related projects not obligated already are gone.

### **Agency Reports:**

Bay City reports that Projects in the City are moving forward but slowly. Bay County Road Commission (BCRC) reports that Cory Wale, PE with the Bay County Road Commission was recognized as the Urban Engineer of the Year for the state of Michigan by CRA. Unanimous discussion that it was well deserved. Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) reports that they have a new app to track the buses' location while on route in real time. The app is available through the app store.

### **BCATS Public Hearing on 2023-2026 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification and Project List:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:36 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2023-2026 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification and Project List was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion.

FY2025:

1. Job #209614 – MDOT: Traffic and Safety Pavement Markings on all trunklines in Bay Region. New project to be amended.
2. Job #220994 – Huron & Eastern: Railroad Crossing Funding to install flashing lights signals and half-roadway gates at W Ivy Street. New project to be amended.
3. Job #222359 – Bay County Road Commission: STP/Rural funding to construct a one course mill/overlay on E Parish Road (8 Mile to 7 Mile).
4. Job #211561 – MDOT GPA for Big Bridge Program rehabilitation on M-25 over the Saginaw River.

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5. Job #222005 – MDOT GPA for Road-CPM Program (PE phase) for one course Mill/Overlay on M-15 (Youngs Ditch to M-25).
6. Job #222005 – MDOT GPA for Road-CPM Program (Con phase) for one course Mill/Overlay on M-15 (Youngs Ditch to M-25).
7. Job #223379 - MDOT GPA for Traffic Signal Modernization on M-25 at Scheurmann.

A motion was made by Craig Goulet, seconded by Jay Reithel, to favorably recommend the FY 2025 TIP amendment/administrative modifications and Project List above be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

TIP Freeze Date were noted:

- BCATS 2026-2029 TIP – April through October 1, 2025 (for FY2026 jobs)
- MDOT 2026-2029 TIP – August through October 1, 2025

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications and Project List to the BCATS 2023-2026 TIP was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

### **Approval of the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments & Administrative Modifications**

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Ogar, seconded by Phillips, to approve the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments Administrative Modifications and Project List as listed above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

Ogar requested consideration of a Reauthorization letter to be sent to MDOT for the Long-Range Plan for a one (1) year extension due to staff shortage and lack of human resources. Banaszak made the motion in support, Jay Reithel seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. There was no new business brought before the committee.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Ogar, seconded by Close, to adjourn the February 18, 2025, BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 1:58pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Ogar