

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

Technical Committee Minutes – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Joshua VanderLaan at 10:11 a.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Joshua VanderLaan, BCATS Staff; Kailey Mize, BCATS Staff; Craig Goulet, Essexville; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Max Gierman, MDOT; Norm Engel, MDOT; Paige DeHate, MDOT; Eric Sprague, BMTA; and Rachel Phillips, Bay City (Call-in).

### **Introductions & Roll Call:**

Introductions were made around the table of those present. Kailey Mize introduced herself as the new Transportation Planner/GIS Technician for BCATS.

### **Minutes from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, BCATS Technical Meeting:**

A motion was made by Terry Moulane and seconded by Eric Sprague, to approve the minutes from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, BCATS Technical Committee. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment Period:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative or MDOT Updates:**

Norm Engel announced that within one week the deactivation of the 23-26 State Transportation Improvement Program cycle would occur, at which point the 26-29 TIP will become the sole STIP cycle. Amid concerns regarding federal funding, it was also announced from MDOT that despite government shutdown, until current funding is exhausted, business will continue as usual.

### **Review Proposed FY2026-2029 TIP Amendments & Admin Mods:**

Joshua VanderLaan provided a handout of the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

1. **Job #218823** – MDOT: Reconstruction on M-25 W from Freeway End to Walnut St., ROW Phase
2. **Job #218827** – MDOT: Reconstruction on M-25 E from Walnut St. to Freeway End, ROW Phase

Additionally, **Job #202649** Non-Freeway Signing Upgrade, is awaiting approval from another Metropolitan Planning Organization.

During the discussion, Terry Moulane asked if there was a subcommittee set up within MDOT to discuss the ROW phase for JN#218823 & 218827, and Rachel Phillips stated she wasn't aware of a subcommittee, but did state there was a meeting with MDOT to discuss utility plans.

A motion was made by Eric Sprague and seconded by Craig Goulet, to approve the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendments & Admin Modifications. Motion carried.

### **Review Bay-GLBR Travel Demand Model Data to the Policy Committee:**

Joshua VanderLaan provided a handout on the Bay-Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model data package, for which MDOT requires approval of the preliminary data before its use in Long-Range Plan development.

Discussion ensued, with Rachel Phillips asking about the status of Act 51 public agencies which were asked to provide data. Norm Engel responded that growth factors would be applied to the data, and that the accuracy of the preliminary dataset was important to its success. Interested committee members were recommended to follow up with Ryan Gladding at or before the upcoming Policy Committee meeting.

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A motion was made by Terry Moulane and seconded by Craig Goulet, to recommend the Bay-GLBR Travel Demand Model Data to the Policy Committee for approval. Motion carried.

### **Review any Additional Projects to the Policy Committee:**

There were no recommendations brought before the committee.

### **Agency Reports & Project Updates:**

#### **BMTA:**

Eric Sprague provided updates on Bay Metro FY25' operating assistance, which has been fully awarded and consumed. BMTA's recent capital improvement project for their North Johnson St. parking lot planned to use funding from FY24, however the project has been halted due to the need for a NEPA exclusion. Terry Moulane and Rachel Phillips discussed completing construction involving stormwater/drains, stating that if no changes are made to the slope of the parking lot, the project should be exempt.

#### **Essexville:**

Craig Goulet provided a brief update regarding the changes to Hampton Townships sewer lines. Construction on Nebobish from Orchard to Powell was let to Flies & Vandenbrink for approximately two weeks. There is a truck detour approved by Bay City, rerouting to Trumbull/Woodside Ave. There is no official start date for the project.

#### **City of Bay City:**

Rachel Phillips provided updates regarding the following projects:

- Smith Street from Joseph to Patterson had some difficulties with sanitary and are now running three crews.
- Truman and Tiernan concrete patching is complete, and Wilder should be open in a couple weeks. Wilder from Bangor to Truman will have lane closures, one each way at the intersection of Truman and Wilder. West of Bangor is the only intersection with a full closure of about 8-10 days.
- McKinley will be open by November. Additionally, new 'No Parking, Standing, or Stopping' signage has been installed within the Washington School zone.

#### **EMCOG**

Cody Bodrie announced that the EMCOG office will be moving to the SVSU Business Hall.

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

There was no additional business brought in before the committee.

### **Motion for Adjournment:**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Craig Goulet and seconded by Terry Moulane to adjourn the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried.

The next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

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