

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Those Present Were:

- Laura Ogar, Bay County Director of Environmental Affairs and Community Development
- Paige DeHate, MDOT Bay Region
- Craig Goulet, Essexville City Manager
- Cody Bodrie, EMCOG
- Rachel Phillips, Bay City Engineering Manager
- Cameron Hoard, MDOT
- Ryan Gladding, MDOT Planning
- NKule Mseleku, MDOT
- Tim Banaszak, Bay County Commissioner
- Terry Moulane, Bay City Planning Services Manager
- Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region Planner

Attended via phone: Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission Engineer-Manager

Agenda for the February 11, 2025 BCATS Technical Meeting:

A motion was made by Laura Ogar, seconded by Terry Moulane, to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2025 BCATS Technical Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:

There were no legislative updates.

Project Updates:

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

- Lafayette Bridge is moving forward and still scheduled for construction into 2027.

City of Essexville

- The Scheurmann rehabilitation project was designed and constructed. The project went well.
- Essexville and Hampton Township are partnering to reconstruct Nebobish from the Essexville/Bay City limits to Pine.

Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)

- The County Road Commission has mill/fill projects designed for 6 locations, and they are going out for bid soon.
- The road commission and Bay City are partnering for a construction project on State Park Drive and potentially Henry Street. State funds have been announced, but more grants are necessary to fund the full project.

City of Bay City

- Smith Street, State to Patterson (JN 214516): Tree removal began 2/10/25. The

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reconstruction project is scheduled for the March 7 MDOT letting. The project is expected to begin in April, and construction will take 2 years (2025-2026). There will be a third phase (Henry to State) in 2027 that will be locally funded. Letters and door hangers were sent to residents, and there is a group email available for project updates.

- Marquette Ave, Johnson to Park, is a locally-funded reconstruction project. Bid opening will be 2/19/25 with construction to begin in March. Letters and door hangers were sent to residents, and there is a group email available for project updates.

Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)

No updates were brought before the committee.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG)

No updates were brought before the committee.

FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Jay Reithel provided a handout of the FY 2025 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

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.
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 listed 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
- MDOT 2026-2029 TIP – August through October 1, 2025

Review and Approval of Draft 2026-2029 Project List:

The Draft 2026-2029 Project List was brought forward for recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following projects were proposed on the draft list:

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- Smith Street (State to Patterson) – Bay City, JN 214516
- Shady Shore Road (Patterson to East End) – Bay County Road Commission
- Henry Street (Jenny to Vermont) – Bay City
- Bangor Road (Wheeler to Zimmer) – Bay County Road Commission
- Marquette (Ohio to State) – Bay City
- Patterson Road (Wheeler to Zimmer) – Bay County Road Commission
- Bay Metro FY 2026-2029

A motion was made by Laura Ogar, seconded by Cameron Bodrie, to favorably recommend the Draft 2026-2029 Project List to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Other/New Business:

- Ryan Gladding presented the BCATS TAC Demand Model Development and Review.
 - The presentation provided information and explanation for:
 - Travel Demand Model & SE Data Review Information Sheet
 - BCATS (Bay), SATA (Saginaw), MATS (Midland) Coordination
 - Road Network and Traffic Count Data
 - Travel Analysis Zones (TAZ)
 - Socio-Economic Data and How it's used
 - Role of Local Agencies
 - Please review and provide any comments you may have on the socioeconomic, employment, and road network data on the map linked below and available for the next 6 months. Provide any relevant feedback on the current data and/or any future developments directly on the map. Future forecast data will be sent out in the next couple months, and MDOT Planning will finalize the data this fall.
 - Review map for feedback:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/e4e759ff47744191aecccc3360015225>
- Laura Ogar provided information on staffing changes of BCATS staff. The County is hiring Joshua Vanderlaan as a Temporary Transportation Planner/GIS to start 2/18/25. Bryan Gillet and James Dewert are on extended leave, and Joshua will be temporarily filling in for their duties.

Adjournment:

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Craig Goulet, seconded by Laura Ogar, to adjourn the February 11, 2025 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:47 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel Phillips
City of Bay City

Transcribed by R. Phillips