

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Technical Committee Minutes – February 10th, 2026

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Jim Lillo at 10:05 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Kailey Mize, BCATS Staff; Joshua VanderLaan, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Norm Engel, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Eric Sprague, BMTA; John Tervo, MDOT; and Jay Reithel, MDOT.

Introductions & Roll Call:

Introductions were made around the table of those present.

Minutes from December 9th, 2025, BCATS Technical Meeting:

A motion was made by Terry Moulane and seconded by Eric Sprague, to approve the minutes with corrections from December 9th, 2025, BCATS Technical Committee. Motion carried.

Public Comment Period:

There were no public comments brought before the committee.

Legislative or MDOT Updates:

MDOT:

Norm Engel stated the application for the federal aid buyout has closed and the draft awarded exchange list is posted on MDOT's website with 49 out of 50 million being awarded. Norm also explains the Pre UWP meeting is planned for March 5th and an agenda will be made soon. He makes BCATS staff aware of the upcoming tasks involving the Long-Range Plan Section V. He also explains Job #216421 needs to be separated into an amendment for FTA timeframe to FTA review.

BCRC:

Jim Lillo explains that the 20% MTF reduction in funding mentioned at the December 9th Tech Meeting should return to normal in March. The neighborhood funding projects was mentioned as a possible funding source, but Norm Engel states that it won't be available for use until FY 27/28.

AMPO:

Joshua VanderLaan announced Representative McDonald Rivet has established a Back-to-Basics funding program and that we should be getting more information on how this will benefit the BCATS soon.

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 #216421** – BMTA: Transit Operating Assistance, Areawide, NI Phase
2. **Job #226406** – Region Wide: STP – Small Urban, Bridge Ratings in the BCATS Area, OPS Phase
3. **Job #226394** – MDOT: Traffic and Safety – Pavement Markings on all trunkline routes in the BCATS MPO, PE/CON Phase

A motion was made by Jay Reithel and seconded by Terry Moulane, to receive the FY2026-2029 TIP Amendments & Admin Modifications. Motion carried.

Review any Additional Projects to the Policy Committee:

Jim Lillo announces that the project BCRC had planned for Shady Shore is going to be cancelled and they will be doing a different project due to them discovering the road is not in our right of way after a recent survey.

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Agency Reports & Project Updates:

BMTA:

Eric Sprague starts by explaining BMTA still has some funding left over from their office renovations. Eric also provided updates on their software improvements explaining that they need more data before they can implement the computerized dial ride services. BMTA's parking lot project has been approved, and they will start work soon. Eric ends by announcing BMTA has recently acquired 10 gas vans, and they plan to get 6 more in the future as well as adding a fueling station at the Central Bus Station.

EMCOG:

Cody Bodrie announces Cynthia Edwards has been let go, leaving just Bill and Cody as full-time employees and Jane as interim. He also provides EMCOG's new P.O. Box, 3479 Saginaw, MI 48605.

MDOT:

John Tervo announced he is planning a meeting with Bay City soon to talk about water and sewer needs. John asks about any existing bus stops located on M-25 from the freeway to Vets Bridge, Eric Sprague explains they should not be affected. Jim Lillo announces this will most likely occur FY 28/29.

BCRC:

Jim Lillo provided updates regarding the project for Midland Road, explaining Phase 2 has been shut down for the winter and Phase 3 is in design for 11 Mile to Garfield. Jim also explains they will be using neighborhood funds cut from the bridge package to work on the bridge on 8 Mile Road. This fund allocates about 17 million for FY 26, 27 and 28. About 6.7 million of this fund is set aside to work on the bridge on Frasier Street in Kawkawlin. Jim also announces that the main water work will take place on State Park Road with a deadline of FY 28. BCRC will also be constructing a new building soon for servicing and storing their trucks.

BCATS:

Jay Reithel asks about any plans to update the Non-Motorized Plan. BCATS staff explain they are open and will investigate updating the plan soon.

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 Terry Moulthane and seconded by Eric Sprague to adjourn the February 10th, 2026, BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

The next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10th, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

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