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

**Introductions/Roll Call:**
Introductions were made.

**Those Present Were:**

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Brian Stark, MDOT; Becca Smiles, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township Supervisor, Terri Close, Hampton Township Supervisor; James Deweerdt, BCATS Staff, and; Cyndi Gaul, Administrative Assistant, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

**Minutes from April 20, 2022 BCATS Policy Meeting**

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Lillo, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed unanimously with the following revisions to page #1 and #3:

* Page 1 - Minute approval seconded by Rowley (removal of second name)
* Page 1 - Lafayette Street Bridge Project is scheduled for 2023, though if funding becomes available it will be moved to 2022.
* Page 3 – Bay County doesn’t have a port authority. Wording changed to local port terminals.
* Page 3 – Under Bay City Projects correct the spelling of Wenona Street.
* Page 3 – Under the Bay County Road Commission Projects correct the spelling of Bay City and remove the 3rd line.

**Public Comment**
There was no public comment brought before the committee.

**Legislative Update**

Representative Glenn is introducing a bill that will provide a set amount of state transportation funding to smaller communities.

The Obligation Thermometer as of May 11th, 2022, is as follows:

* Local non-rural is at 70.3% with $80.2 million available.
* Rural is at 66.8% for with $20.5 million available.

The Rural Task Force Flex Funds will provide a “buy out” for locally funded projects using the funding exchange of 90 cents on every dollar. The call for exchanges is expected to go out in mid-June.

**Lafayette Street Bridge Project**
The MDOT Lafayette Street Bridge (M-13/M-84) project is scheduled for 2023, though if funding becomes available it may be moved to 2022. This bascule bridge located in Bay City was tabled as a future year project due to the rising cost of materials; however, this project has been moved up to 2023.

**EMCOG Update:**
There was no EMCOG update brought before the committee.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:42 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020-2023 TIP. Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. Even though there are projects with the same number, they are separate jobs. The following are the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications requested:

**FY 2022:**

1. Phase Budget change of equal or over 24% for the regional traffic safety job number 209496 in Saginaw and Bay Counties.
2. Transit Capital for Sec 5339 job number 206282 for Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority
3. Phase budget change of equal or over 24% for Transit Capital job number 212869 for van replacement, bus terminal facility improvements, and admin improvements
4. Phase Delay of Bridge Replacement job number 128908 on M-13 Over the East Channel of the Saginaw River (Admin Modification)
5. Road Capital Preventive Maintenance for HMA Crack Treatment job number 214325 on US-10 W/M-25 from Livingston St to Knight RD (Admin Modification)

**FY 2023:**

GPA over 25% for Bridge Rehabilitation job number 204851 on US-10 for overlay- shallow (Trunkline Bridge, not TIP Line Item).

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

**Approval of BCATS 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:**
The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:46 p.m. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sprague, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**FY 2023 Unified Work Program Approval:**

Pavone presented a draft copy of the BCATS FY 2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) to the committee for review and approval. Three of the four signed and approved local funding resolutions have been received and incorporated into the UWP. The City of Bay City will submit their resolution next week once it has been approved. There was discussion regarding local road Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating (PASER) Ratings and if the UWP addressed reimbursement for this work. It was clarified that the UWP included reimbursement from the asset management funds for local road PASER Ratings.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sprague, to approve the FY2023 Unified Work Program (UWP) to be submitted to MDOT for the June 1, 2022, due date. Motion passed unanimously.

**FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Grant – Letter of Support**

There was discussion regarding the new Bay Metro transit project which was derived from 5339(b) State-administered discretionary funding that would replace the fleet of 20 busses with no/low emission vehicles. The project is currently trying to gather capital through letters of support through various transportation partners and will need to be identified in the 2022 TIP. Pavone has entered the grant projects into JobNet, however they have not been submitted. Pavone presented a draft letter of support from BCATS for review and approval with his signature. There was discussion for clarification about which signature should appear on the letter of support. In the past, the BCATS Chair signed letters that came from the BCATS Policy Committee. Pavone asked if the committee would mind if he signed the letter of support as the BCATS Director or if Lillo should sign the document. After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to allow the BCATS Director to sign the letter of support.

A motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Phillips, for the approval of the BCATS Policy Committee Letter of Support for the Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Grant with the signature of Dominic Pavone as the BCATS Director. Motion passed unanimously.

**2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)/Long Range Plan (LRP) Update:**
BCATS staff has continued work on the 2045 MTP/LRP Update, mostly transcribing 2023-2026 TIP information into the MTP/LRP. The 2045 MTP/LRP is due August 31, 2022. There will be a 30-day public comment period for the MTP/UWP. While we aren’t federally required to host a public open house for the MTP/LRP, staff are planning to attend some sort of community event like “Public Night Out” to engage members of the community.

**FY 2023-2026 TIP Update**

BCATS held an open house for the FY 2023-2026 TIP at the Bay County Community Center on May 4th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There was low turnout that resulted in only seven signatures being collected and no public comments received at the open house. One public comment has been received via email and another was mailed to the office. All public comments collected through May 24th will be addressed, answered, and documented into the final FY 2023-2026 TIP before submission to MDOT.

**Project Updates:**

**Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)**

BMTA has been working on several infrastructure projects to update their building which is 40 years old. These capital projects include updates to windows, paving, plumbing, flooring, etc. BMTA is also working on vehicle upgrades.

**MDOT**

The Thomas Street (eastbound M-25)/Jenny Street (westbound M-25); project was scheduled for construction in 2025; however, this project has been moved to 2027. The M-25 project will be constructed over two years in 2027, 2028. The Lafayette Bridge project is scheduled for construction in 2024, 2025, and 2026. The US-10 project is scheduled for 2023 and will be limited to one lane in each direction during construction.

**City of Bay City**The Wenona project should begin next week as there has been a delay while Consumers completes their work through North Union. The second half of the Wenona Street project is being completed from Fisher to Midland. Midland to North Union is currently closed so Consumers can finish work. The detour for this project will be removed once the work has been completed by Consumers. A flyer was provided for the Coffee with the Bay City Bridge Partners (BCBP) group on May 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree Riverfront Grille Lounge in Bay City to discuss the Liberty bridge rehabilitation. The Liberty bridge will not be open for the Fourth of July. Per the BCBP the toll to cross the Liberty bridge will be $2 each way for people outside of the city limits and 50 cents both ways for people living within the city limits of Bay City. Those that qualify as low income withing the city limits will pay nothing for the toll. The BCBP are offering an unlimited pass to anyone for $15 per month. Emergency vehicles and school busses are exempt from the bridge toll. The Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) is sending an appeal letter to the BCBP requesting that the buses that service the community stakeholders be exempt from paying a toll. The Independence Bridge will not be replaced because the static portion of the bridge is in good shape, only the bascule portion is wearing down. Rehabilitation will include raising up the bridge so that the bascule portion of the bridge doesn’t have to open as much, thus preserving the mechanical part of the bridge. The Independence bridge is expected to be completed by 2024. There will be a July let for the John Street, Saginaw Street, Grant Street, Monitor Street, and Water Street rehabilitation projects which were submitted all together as one project.

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)**

Consumers Energy is done with electric for the South Euclid Avenue project. Construction was set to start on May 16, 2022, however due to the delay from Consumer Energy the project was pushed forward a week and will start on May 23rd, 2022. The 7 Mile Road (Midland Road to Beaver Road) mill and fill project will be done in June 2022. One side will be a regular mill and fill project, while the other side will be a rubber modified chip seal and rubber modified pavement (scrap tires). Funding has been provided for this test road project and the BCRC is working with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to test the longevity of each road repair. The BCRC is also working on a letter of support for Michigan Tech to research the use of plastic in road repair. There will be a meeting to discuss the removal of the contaminated soil at the Middlegrounds on May 19th at the Frankenlust Township Hall at 10:00 a.m. Due to the damage the large trucks will do to the road hauling out the contaminated soil, there is a requirement that the road must be left in as good or better shape after the project has been completed. Scotty’s Sand Bar will be the staging area for the large trucks.

**Other/New Business:**

***Reminder - New Meeting Room Location***Due to conflicting schedules, the BCATS meetings will no longer be meeting in the 3rd floor conference room. The BCATS meetings starting in May thru December 2022 will be held in the 2nd floor Conference/Break Room in the office of the Department on Aging located in the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, ***June 22, 2022*** at 1:30 p.m. The meeting room location has been changed to the 2nd Floor Conference/Break Room located in the Department of Aging in the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the May 18, 2022, BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:42 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic Pavone

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Bay County Transportation Planner/GIS Manager

*Transcribed by Cyndi Gaul*