

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

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; James Deweerdt, BCATS; Donald Matula (MDOT); Steve Katenhus, MDOT; Max Gierman, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Craig Goulet, City of Essexville, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

***Attended by phone:*** Natasha Gauna (MDOT)

### **Introductions/Roll Call:**

Introductions were made.

### **Minutes from February 14, 2023 BCATS Technical Meeting:**

It was moved by Sprague, seconded by Goulet, to approve the minutes as corrected from the February 14, 2023, BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update:**

EMCOG wanted to make sure that everyone knew that the new funding coming through is for design and engineering. MDOT had no legislative updates to present to the committee.

### **FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:**

Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

#### **FY2023:**

1. **Job #202723** – Administrative Modification for the Construction Phase of the MDOT M-84 North Traffic Safety Freeway Signing Project.
2. **Job #206168** – Administrative Modification to remove the construction phase for the Bay County (county-wide) East Beaver Road Rehabilitation Project.
3. **Job #214415** – Adjustment for BCRC S 7 Mile Rd to Mackinac Rd over NB Kawkawlin River Bridge CPM job. Phase budget equal or over 24%
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5. **Job #217124** – 2024 Amendment of the MDOT I-75 N Traffic Safety Signage Project update job.
6. **Job #218338** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on E Midland Rd from Wenona St to S Euclid Ave, phase added
7. **Job #218839** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on Kosciuszko St from Jackson to Johnson, phase budget equal or over 24% adjustment
8. **Job #218341** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on McKinley St from Madison St to Johnson St. Adjustment to STUL Phase
9. **Job #218341** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on McKinley St from Madison St to Johnson St. Adjustment to CRSM Phase
10. **Job #218429** – Adjustment of City of Essexville Road Rehabilitation Project on Scheurmann St from Borton to Nebobish

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### **FY 2024:**

11. **Job #208823** – Adjustment of MDOT M-25 W Reconstruction Project from M-25 Freeway End to Walnut St.
12. **Job #208827** – Adjustment of MDOT M-25 E Reconstruction Project from M-25 Freeway End to Walnut St.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Sprague, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment/administrative modifications listed above be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

### **Project Selection Discussion for Abandoned Job in 2024:**

There was discussion regarding how to best reallocate the funding from the Dean and Clare Project that was abandoned for 2024. The funding allocated to this project will be utilized to help fund other projects in Bay County. The City of Bay City would like to propose a joint project with the Bay County Road Commission for concrete patches for Marquette Road to west of Bangor Road. Local TIP funding from the City of Bay City can be used as the match for this project. The City of Essexville has a few projects that could also receive funding. Once Pavone receives the project allocations from the City of Essexville they can be plugged into the project list. Pavone will create a spread sheet with the possible allocations for the projects recommended above.

### **Project Updates:**

#### **City of Essexville**

Goulet is working on firming up the numbers for the Scheurmann Street Project in Essexville. Mercer Street and Langstaff Street in Essexville are waiting to be signed off on and will need to have the water lines replaced.

#### **East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG)**

There were no updates brought before the committee.

#### **Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)**

The Midland Road project (Flajole to Carter) has been let. The BCRC was awarded two grants to for Midland Road project, including a test road section that will be using a recycled rubberized road product. The Midland Road Project portion located in the MATS area has been pushed back to 2024. The Garfield Road Project for cold-in-place came in under budget. There will be a detour during the Salzburg Road Project. There are several mill and fill projects including Garfield Road (County Line Road to Pinconning), 7-Mile Road, and Mackinaw Road. There are lots of projects in the design phase. The BCRC acquired the property on the corner of M-15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street (old Bob's Bar location). The site has been signed over to the BCRC. Spicer is providing a proposal for the site demolition. The plan is to have the building knocked down and restored by June of 2023. BCRC is working with MDOT due to a traffic signal upgrade scheduled at that intersection to avoid a duplication of work. The goal of this project is to straighten out the lane and allow an easier right turn from M-15 to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

#### **Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)**

BMTA is hosting a public meeting today to discuss the rollout of the new westside bus routes. Route 4 will have a stop in Auburn. Route 5 will we added to accommodate Bangor Township.

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The routes should improve efficiency. There's a lot of media attention which helps to get the information out to the public and will hopefully increase ridership. The bus routes have been reconfigured for BMTA busses to avoid crossing either of the two toll bridges in the City of Bay City.

### **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**

The West bound US-10 job should break ground in April 2023. The Thomas and Jenny reconstruction project has been moved to 2026. Lafayette Street Bridge project had to be moved into 2024 due to project costs and is scheduled to be LET in January 2024.

### **City of Bay City**

The Wenonah Street project for a deep mill and fill will start April 1, 2023 and will require a detour from Thomas to North Union. Eddy Street will be a new construction from March – June 2023 as there is new construction taking place at Landaal Packing Systems. The City of Bay City is planning to do reconstruction of Henry Street (Thomas to Vermont) since it's in such rough shape. The City of Bay City submitted a grant request to help with various projects in the city and should know if they will receive the grant sometime in April 2023. The grant will require an updated Safety Action Plan that will be create by the City of Bay City and will include Complete Streets, Safe streets, and the Non-Motorized Plan. Once there's more information regarding the grant, the project(s) can be put in the TIP and Long-Range Plan (LRP). Once received the grant will allow the City of Bay City to conduct some much needed rehabilitation of roads, sidewalks, lighting, etc. While the initial concentration of the funds will be used in the City of Bay City, it is anticipated that the projects will be expanded to county wide projects over time. There are a lot of things that need to be identified for the grant. Phillips has already been working on sending out emails for public engagement involvement. Pavone said that he has large list of outreach emails that he would be willing to share with the City of Bay City. Phillips is also looking at crash data and traffic impact reports to determine the best projects for the grant. There will be a meeting next week to review the grant information.

### **City of Bay City Bridges**

#### **Liberty Bridge:**

The Liberty Bridge has one lane closed as rehab construction continues. Liberty Bridge has been closed several times during the evening to work on the bridge, however this has been done without the consent of the City of Bay City. Liberty Bridge will start tolling April 1, 2023.

#### **Independence Bridge:**

The Independence Bridge has submitted their two-year bridge rehabilitation plan to the City of Bay City. The contract hasn't been signed yet and is pending Bay City approval. The road between Woodside and Independence Bridge may get a complete reconstruction. There are no full closures expected with the bridge rehab projects. The Bay City Bridge Partners are working to keep the sub-structure and save everything they can on the bridges. The City of Bay City is working with the Bay City Bridge Partners to make sure that they are aware of the work being done, bridge closures, and any detours required while work is being done.

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

#### **Public Participation Plan**

BCATS staff are continuing to work on the Public Participation Plan draft and will present it at

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a future BCATS meeting. Staff are looking for some ideas and guidance how best to fulfill the requirement that the public meeting notices be placed in a “paper of general circulation”. While the Pinconning Journal posts many notices, it only has 400 subscribers. There was a question if that would best serve the BCATS public meeting notification process.

### **Unified Work Program (UWP)**

BCATS staff are working on the next UWP.

### ***Next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting***

The next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023** at 10:00 a.m.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the March 14, 2023, BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dominic Pavone*

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BCATS Staff

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*