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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Jay Anderson, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Mitch Huber, MDOT SPS; Terry Moulane, Bay City; Terri Close, Hampton Township; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff, and; Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive.

Introductions were made.

Minutes from December 18, 2019 BCATS Policy Meeting:

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Hansford, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2019 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

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

Election of the BCATS Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Anderson informed the committee that the current BCATS Policy Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman position's terms have expired and need to be re-appointed. It was moved by Begick, seconded by Engelhardt to re-elect Jim Lillo as Chairman and to elect Glenn Rowley as the Vice Chairman. Motion passed.

Legislative Update: BCATS Policy Committee is being asked to support a Declaration of Shoreline Disaster initiative created by Bangor Township and other local units. BCATS policy committee is open to approving a resolution of support for coastal flooding hazards at the April BCATS meeting.

EMCOG Update:

Engelhardt stated that the Regional Prosperity Initiative has been discontinued by Governor Whitmer. EMCOG is moving on to updating their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). EMCOG held kick-off meetings last month with stakeholders from across the 14 county region and the consultant, TIP Strategies. Engelhardt mentioned that if anyone is interested in participating in the CEDS development to contact Jane Fitzpatrick with EMCOG.

2020 MDOT Safety Targets:

Anderson provided the committee with a handout of the 2020 MDOT Safety Performance Targets for review and approval. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Hansford, to support the 2020 MDOT Safety Performance Targets. Motion Passed.

FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:50 p.m. The purpose of the Public

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Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020 – 2023 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion.

The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

FY 2020 Amendment:

1. Addition of the **MDOT TSC Traffic Safety Project** (PE Phase) at M-15 and Young's Ditch Road for traffic signal modernization and connected vehicle installations.
2. Budget adjustment to decrease the funding for the **MDOT Bay Region-wide Pavement Markings Retro Readings Project** in the Bay Region.

FY 2021 Amendment:

3. Addition of the **MDOT TSC Traffic Safety Project** (ROW Phase) at M-15 and Young's Ditch Road for traffic signal modernization and connected vehicle installations.
4. Addition of the **MDOT TSC M-15 Traffic Safety Project** (CON Phase) at Young's Ditch Road for traffic signal modernization and connected vehicle installations.

A motion was made by Hansford, seconded by Moulthane, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments. Motion Passed.

Base Year (2017) SE-Data Approval:

Anderson provided information on the Base Year (2017) for the Socio-Economic Data for review and approval by the BCATS Policy Committee. Corrections to the skewed data from Fraser and Kawkawlin Townships have been made and are reflected in the handouts. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Begick to approve the Base Year (2017) for the Socio-Economic Data. Motion passed.

Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model Update:

Anderson mentioned that in April, MDOT will provide future projection data for population, households, and employment for review by BCATS.

JobNet Approved TIP Web Map and PASER Dashboard Presentation:

Anderson provided a presentation and demonstration of the new PASER Dashboard and the interactive JobNet TIP Web Map. The PASER dashboard provides information about how Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) data is collected and what the latest road surface condition ratings are for federal aid roads. The JobNet Approved TIP web map currently shows all of the JobNet Approved transit and road projects in Bay County. Users are able to pan around the map and click on various road projects to learn more information. The information is set up to update

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synchronously as information is updated in JobNet. This way the information shown in the web map is always current with the latest information in JobNet. Both the web map and dashboard have been favorably reviewed by the BCATS Policy Committee and will be published to the public on the BCATS webpages. BCATS staff will continue to improve the new web tools as needed.

PASER Training:

There is a free PASER Training Webinar tomorrow February 20th at 9:00 a.m. There will be an in-class PASER Training taking place on February 25th at 8:00 a.m. at the Horizon Center in Saginaw. Contact Anderson if you need more information on PASER Training.

Project Updates:

MDOT is pushing to let projects between August and December. Three projects were let in January 2020, with the **MDOT M-13 Project** (McGraw Rd to Cass Ave) in the south of Bay City being one of them. The **MDOT US-10 Median Guardrail Project** (I-75 to Flajole Rd) will have a meeting in March 2020. The planning meeting for the **MDOT I-75 Project** (Beaver Road to Cottage Grove Road) will be taking place in February 2020. The **MDOT Lafayette Bridge Project** has been pushed back to 2021.

The **Road Commission Old Kawkawlin Road Project** will be let in March of 2020. The **Road Commission German Road Project** (M-15 to Trumbull Rd), **Garfield Road Project** (Hotchkiss Rd to US-10), and **Mackinaw Road Project** (Townline 16 Rd to Cody Estey Rd) will all be let by June of 2020. The **Road Commission Garfield Road Project**, resurfacing from Erickson Rd to Pinconning Rd, is slated for construction in 2022. The **Road Commission Cul-De-Sac/Intersection Improvement for Old Kawkawlin Road Project** (north and south of Beaver Road) will have an Open House on February 25th with MDOT.

Other/New Business:

2020 Aerial Photography Update

The 2020 Aerial Photography Kick-Off Meeting with the vendor will be taking place tomorrow. We will have a spring 2020 fly date.

Non-Motorized Meeting

There will be a Non-Motorized meeting taking place on March 17th at the Bay Region MDOT Office from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a push to connect the tri-cities with other surrounding communities for the Iron Belle Trail. Saginaw and Genesee counties are successfully using the 360 Trail View software to offer a view of their trails; similar to Google Street View.

Non-Motorized Plan

BCATS staff are working on updating the BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation

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Plan and would like to have a draft ready for review this summer, with approval by BCATS taking place the end of summer or in early fall.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Engelhardt, to adjourn the February 19, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:35 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Anderson

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Transcribed by R. Smith