

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

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

### **Those Present Were:**

Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Board of Commissioners; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Jay Reithel, MDOT Bay Region; Tom Doyle, MDOT SPS; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township Supervisor; Ken Malkin, Monitor Township Supervisor; Ryan Smith, BCATS, and Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

***Introductions were made.***

### **Minutes from June 19, 2019 BCATS Policy Meeting:**

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

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update:**

There was nothing to report from the state or federal level.

Doyle said that the legislation should be coming back sometime next week. Funding amounts are based on the last census.

### **EMCOG Update:**

EMCOG has selected which grants will be funded and the list will be posted out on their website. EMCOG appreciates Bay County Becoming a part of EMCOG.

### **BCATS Public Hearing on 2017-2020 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:41 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2017-2020 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was passed out at the meeting.

The following TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification includes:

#### **MDOT Amendments:**

1. Addition of the MDOT 34<sup>th</sup> Street Lake State Railway Project at Lake State Railway in Bay City/Bay County to remove track and restore road, curb, and sidewalk in 2019.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2017-20 TIP was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

### **Approval of the 2017-2020 TIP:**

There was a brief discussion regarding the 2017-2020 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification.

A motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Engelhardt, to approve the above BCATS 2017-2020 TIP Amendments/Administrative Modifications. Motion Passed.

### **Appreciation of Great Work:**

Jim Barcia wanted to let the BCATS staff and committee members know that he appreciates all the great work they do and it doesn't go unnoticed.

### **Intersection of Tuscola (M-15) & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street:**

There is an abandoned property that was once "Bob's Bar" located on at the intersection of Tuscola (M-15) and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Bay City, Michigan. This intersection has a history of being unsafe. Jim Barcia wanted to know if there were any plans to purchase the abandoned property in order to create a safer intersection. Lillo said that the Bay County Road Commission has been trying to contact the owner over the last two years to discuss the possibility of purchasing the property in order to create a safer set-back and turn for that intersection. The Road Commission left messages for the owner and has not received a return call. If anyone knows if the owner of the property has changed or if they have a better contact number, please share it with the Road Commission.

### **FY2020 Old Kawkawlin Road Project:**

There has been discussion about the Old Kawkawlin Road Project (2 Mile to Euclid Avenue) which was originally set up in three phases to be done over the course of 2019, 2020, and 2021. The Road Commission would like to combine Phase II and Phase III of this local road project as an advance construct using part, or all, of the funding savings from Phase I of this project as well as the funding for Phase I of Bay City's Wenonah Avenue. There may be a TIP Amendment Request for this project and the Road Commission wanted to give the committee a heads up.

### **Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model Update:**

There will be a meeting on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Bay City TSC Office. The three local MPOs (Bay, Midland, and Saginaw) were invited to this meeting to discuss the update to the Travel Demand Model used in the next Long Range Plans for the region's MPOs. MDOT will be using the Travel Demand model to help with creating detours and routes for future projects. MDOT is also looking at using the Travel Demand Model to help with a bridge study to see what impacts the toll bridges will have on the MDOT bridges.

### **Project Updates:**

The ***City of Bay City Trumbull Street Project*** is on schedule and should be finished by November 1, 2019. There is no news on the ***City of Bay City Bridges***. Engelhardt

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questioned the legality of selling a federally funded bridge to a private entity. He asked if the City of Bay City has looked into that matter because it may be difficult to get permission to sell the bridge. The **MDOT I-75 Project** is underway. The **MDOT Thomas/Jenny Maintenance Project** will be underway to provide maintenance in preparation of increased traffic due to bridge closures. The **Monitor Township Subdivision Projects** is basically finished and the millage was and continues to be a success. There are a few minor items to complete like the replacement of manhole covers on Sharon Park and 13 streetlights being replaced in Monitor. The **Bay County Road Commission Old Kawkawlin Road Project Phase I** (M-13 to 2 Mile) has been completed. The **MDOT Mackinaw Road Project** (Salzburg to US-10) is completed. The **Garfield Road Project** (Midland to US-10) is having drainage issues fixed. The **Wheeler Road Project** (7 Mile to Rockwell) is completed and the road is one of the nicest ones in Bay County. The **Salzburg Road Project** (Rockwell to Cater) will be completed before the end of the year. The **3 Mile Road Project** (Hotchkiss to US-10) has a large county drain and the road is falling into the ditch. This project is scheduled to be done in 2021.

There was a brief discussion about observations of farm equipment being driven over freshly completed roads and causing damage due to having gouging parts of the equipment in contact with the road. It was suggested that the Road Commission provide some education about the effects of farm equipment of roadways and how we can avoid costly repairs. Begick mentioned that Farm Bureau has a big meeting this time of year and that might be a good place to start educating people about this.

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

There was no Other/New Business brought before the committee.

### ***Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting – October 16, 2019***

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Rowley, seconded by Begick, to adjourn the August 21, 2019 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jay Anderson*

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*Transcribed by C. Gaul*