

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

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*Meeting Via Microsoft Teams Meeting – Meeting was recorded*

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:42 p.m.

***Introductions were made***

### **Those Present Were**

Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Dave Engelhardt, EMCOG; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City Planning; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township; Terri Close, Hampton Township; Samuel Davidson, Kawkawlin Township; Will Butterfield, Williams Township and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

### **Minutes from December 16, 2020 BCATS Policy Meeting**

It was moved by Moulane, seconded by Rowley, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2020 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

### **Legislative Update**

The FY2021 HIP Funding was just announced and \$49.8M will be coming into Michigan. Projects should be obligated by September 30, 2024 for this funding source. Bay County currently has \$66,919 available to obligate (81.15% scale). The new COVID-19 Relief HIP funds for Michigan is \$261.3M (split) with the BCATS portion coming in at \$148,974 with no local match required and includes maintenance and payment of employees. Ryan Smith received an email with this information and will send it out to BCATS committee members. Eric Mullen is moving on to a new position in MDOT at the Division of Asset Management and Policy. Eric's position will be filled by Don Mayle.

### **Wenona Street Project**

The City of Bay City requested that the Wenona Street Project be included on the next BCATS Tech Meeting Agenda. The new COVID-19 Relief HIP funding for BCATS could be used for the Wenona St. project. This project is being done in three phases. Phase one of this project will be done in FY2021, the second phase will be done in FY2022, and phase three will be done in FY2023. Engelhardt mentioned the Pro-Rata funds that might be able to be used for this project. The CAP funding can be moved to Pro-Rata funding to be used for this project.

### **EMCOG Update**

Dave Engelhardt announced he is retiring from EMCOG at the end of February 2021. Congratulations Dave! Besides Engelhardt's position that will be vacant early next year, there was an email sent out by Jane Fitzpatrick of EMCOG with potential economic development funding opportunities. Ryan Smith will forward the information to BCATS committee members. EMCOG hired Cynthia Edwards for the newly created position which is EDA grant funded through the CARES Act supplemental. Cynthia has really great mapping skills and will be an asset to the position.

### **Williams Township Funding**

Dave Engelhardt mentioned that William Butterfield, Williams Township Supervisor, may want to check with the Midland County MPO (MATS) about funding since Williams Township falls under MATS jurisdiction. Dave Engelhardt said he would be happy to talk with Mr. Butterfield further about transportation funding. Jim Lillo said he would also be very happy to discuss transportation issues and

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funding with Mr. Butterfield.

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

There will be an MPO Meeting with Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Counties held by Jon Roberts from MDOT Planning – Urban Travel Analysis unit to provide an update on the Great Lakes Bay Region Travel Demand Model and review the results of the base model. This virtual meeting is scheduled for Monday March 8, 2021. Jon Roberts would like to receive any BCATS capacity projects, current or upcoming, to be included in the Travel Demand Model. The Bay City bridge projects will definitely be included and looked at through the model moving forward.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 2:06 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2020-2023 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was provided before the meeting and was available online for review and discussion.

The following are the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications requested:

#### **FY 2021 Amendment:**

1. Suspension of the East Salzburg Road Project (Salzburg Road at Fraser Road to 8 Mile Road)

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

### **BCATS Regular Meeting Reconvened**

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 2:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Engelhardt, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

<b>FY 2021 TIP Amendment for Suspension of the East Salzburg Road Project (Salzburg Road at Fraser Road to 8 Mile Road)</b>					
<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Anita Boughner	YES	Vaughn Begick	YES		
Jim Lillo	YES	Glenn Rowley	YES		
Dave Engelhardt	YES	Terri Close	YES		
Terry Moulane	YES	Samuel Davidson	YES		
Rachel Phillips	YES				

### **MDOT 4-Year Bridge Targets**

A handout of the adjusted MDOT 4-Year Bridge Targets was provided before the meeting and was available online for review and discussion. The target adjustment is required because a few of the larger bridge projects were having more of an unintended influence on the overall bridge targets.

A motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Begick, to approve the MDOT 4-Year Bridge Target Adjustments be sent to MDOT and to allow Jim Lillo, BCATS Chair, to sign the targets. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

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MDOT 4-Year Bridge Target Adjustment and Document Signature by BCATS Chair					
NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Anita Boughner	YES	Vaughn Begick	YES		
Jim Lillo	YES	Glenn Rowley	YES		
Dave Engelhardt	YES	Terri Close	YES		
Terry Moulthane	YES	Samuel Davidson	YES		
Rachel Phillips	YES				

### **BMTA Transit Asset Management Plan and Transit Safety Plan**

A handout of the Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA) Transit Asset Management Plan and Transit Safety Plan (State of Good Repair Targets) and the Transit Safety Plan (Transit Safety Targets) were provided before the meeting and were available online for review and discussion. A review of both the BMTA Transit Asset Management Plan and the BMTA Safety Plan are reviewed annually. While BCATS approval is not a federal requirement for the BMTA Transit Asset Management Plan and Transit Safety Plan, a request to officially receive the documents was made by Ryan Smith.

A motion was made by Reithel, seconded by Engelhardt, for the BCATS Policy Committee to officially receive the 2021 BMTA Transit Asset Management Plan (State of Good Repair Targets) and 2021 BMTA Transit Safety Plan (Transit Safety Targets). Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

BCATS Receipt of 2021 BMTA Transit Asset Management Plan and 2021 BMTA Transit Safety Plan					
NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Anita Boughner	YES	Vaughn Begick	YES		
Jim Lillo	YES	Glenn Rowley	YES		
Dave Engelhardt	YES	Terri Close	YES		
Terry Moulthane	YES	Samuel Davidson	YES		
Rachel Phillips	YES				

### **Project Updates**

The Bay City **Wenona Street Project** bid came in at 10% lower than expected and will begin March 2021. Bay City would like to use the savings from this project to provide funding for a non-motorized component like sidewalks. The Bay City **Johnson Street Project** (Woodside to Golson Park) is scheduled for a March 3, 2021 let. The Bay City **Lafayette Street Project** (Garfield to Jackson) will be a mill and fill let in March 2021. The Bay City **Marquette Street Project** (DeFoe Park to Truman) is also scheduled for construction May-June 2021. Nick Bogen is the new GIS Coordinator for the City of Bay City. He has replaced TJ Kunde.

The Bay City owned bridges were briefly discussed. While it is expected that the bridges will begin to charge tolls soon, Bay City residents will not be paying a toll for the first 3-5 years. The February 16<sup>th</sup> State of the Community meeting addressed some of the bridge plans. There will be a Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Eye Opener Breakfast taking place on March 10<sup>th</sup> that will have the bridge partners present to address the toll bridge issues.

The **MDOT I-75 Project** (Beaver Road to Cottage Grove Road) for reconstruction of 4.5 miles of road will begin in April 2021. This is a 2-year project that will begin in 2021 and finished in 2022. This is the last I-75 project in the BCATS area.

The **BCRC 2020 Projects** have been completed on time and most were under budget. The BCRC Mackinaw Road Project (Mackinaw to Wheeler) will be constructed in 2021. The BCRC Midland Road Project (2 Mile to Wilder) will be constructed in 2021. The BCRC State Road Project (Wheeler to Wilder) will be constructed in 2021. The BCRC **Garfield Road Project** will be let in March 2021. The

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BCRC Linwood Road Project (7 Mile to M-13) was just submitted.

**Draft 2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan**

Smith sent a draft copy of the 2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for review by the BCATS Tech and Policy Committees. A link to the document is also out on the Transportation Planning main webpage. This document is still in draft form and will be submitted for approval at the April BCATS Meeting. If you have any comments or changes that should be made to the draft 2021 BCATS Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, please email them to Ryan Smith at [smithr@baycounty.net](mailto:smithr@baycounty.net) by no later than Monday, April 12, 2021.

**Other/New Business**

***2021 Aerial Imagery Update***

The 2021 aerial imagery is being reviewed and we are waiting to receive the final mosaics before putting the imagery on FETCH and handing out the data to the various participating agencies. Ryan will let everyone know when the aerial imagery is live.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Engelhardt, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the February 17, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:43 p.m. Motion Passed (see voice vote of voting members below - call in location for each voting member is listed on the sign in sheet).

Adjournment of the February 17, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting					
NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE	NAME	VOTE
Anita Boughner	YES	Vaughn Begick	YES		
Jim Lillo	YES	Glenn Rowley	YES		
Dave Engelhardt	YES	Terri Close	YES		
Terry Moulane	YES	Samuel Davidson	YES		
Rachel Phillips	YES				

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryan Smith*

Ryan Smith  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*