**Call to Order:**   
The meeting was called to order at 1:32 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; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City; Terri Close, Hampton Township Supervisor; Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department, Cyndi Gaul, Administrative Assistant, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

**Minutes from May 18, 2022 BCATS Policy Meeting**

It was moved by Moultane, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2022 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Legislative Update**

The Obligation Thermometer as of today is at 80% obligation for local non-rural funds and is at 76% obligation for rural funds. There’s still approximately $2.5M available for the Rural Task Force Flex Funds which will provide a “buy out” for locally funded projects using the funding exchange of 90 cents on every dollar.

**EMCOG Update:**  
There was no EMCOG update brought before the committee. EMCOG is scheduled to conduct PASER ratings in August 2022.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:37 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. The following are the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modifications requested:

**FY 2022:**

1. Abandon Job #129771 in JobNet since this job has been completed.
2. Add the re-build grant for MDOT Urban Area Rail-Road Crossing Project. BCRC was obligated to apply for the grant and notify BCATS about the project. There is no action for BCATS to formally make.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

**Approval of BCATS 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:**  
The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:43 p.m. A brief discussion ensued.

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

**BCATS FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Approval**Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

1. Adjust one Graph
2. Include a public comment that was made during the TIP 2023-2026 Public Comment Period.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Stark, to approve the FY 2023-2026 TIP with the above amendment/administrative modifications listed above. Motion passed unanimously.

**2045 Long Range Plan/Metropolitan Transportation Plan (LRP/MTP) Update:**  
BCATS staff is putting the finishing touches and edits to the LRP/MTP like lining up the project list and including past PASER data. The LRP/MTP will need to be put out for a 30-day public comment period which will take place from July 4, 2022 to August 2, 2022. The Public Open House for the LRP/MTP will be on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in the Kantzler Community Room located inside of the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library located at 500 Center Road, Bay City, MI 48708. Notification of the public comment period and open house will be placed in the Sunday, July 3rd edition of the Bay City Times. BCATS will approve the LRP/MTP at the August 2022 BCATS Meetings so it can be submitted for the August 31, 2022 deadline.

**Asset Management Update:**  
Staff completed the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) training online. Staff are planning to conduct the PASER data collection for local road ratings in July and August 2022. The City of Bay City is planning to conduct PASER ratings for the local city roads this year. The City of Bay City GIS Coordinator position is vacant so it’s a matter of new staff having the PASER Training.

**Project Updates:**

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)**The South Euclid Avenue project (Hotchkiss to Salzburg) is moving along. There were some issues as the project ran into the City of Bay City boundaries. Water main and storm water drains had to be replaced on the northbound side of the road. Staff anticipate that there may be a few more surprises before this project is completed. The county-wide paving projects have been completed. The 7 Mile, Mackinaw, and Kinney mill and fill paving projects are underway, and the chip, seal, and modified asphalt should be completed by the end of the week. There are two bridge projects in northern Bay County that will be completed this year/ The Midland Road project (I-75 overpass to Carter Road) will be done in 2023. There are also many projects that are in the design phase. The BCRC will be busy with projects for the next three years.

**Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**Staff is working on a lot of projects that are still in the design phase. The Independence Bridge project will be done in 2024. The westbound US-10 project is on schedule and expected to start in 2026. Veteran’s Memorial Bridge is expected to start in 2026 and there are no plans to close the bridge during construction. It is anticipated that the bridge can be worked on in sections so that the bridge and remain open in some capacity. The Jenny Street (M-25 westbound) and Thomas Street (M-25 eastbound) projects have been moved out to 2027. The railroad crossing project in Bay City is moving forward. The MDOT Lafayette Street Bridge (M-13/M-84) project has been moved up to 2023. 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. The Bay City Middlegrounds Landfill cleanup is underway and the riprap (permanent layer of stone used to protect the soil surface against erosion) is being put in at the site along with wildflower plantings.

**City of Bay City**The Wenona Street project is on hold as several ongoing issues have been identified. Consumers is still working to complete the second half of their project from Fisher to Midland Road. Midland Road to North Union is currently closed so Consumers can finish work. The paving for this project is weather dependent so the delays are delaying the overall Wenona Street project. Not sure if this project will be done this year. The longer section of this project will be started in Spring 2023. The City of Bay City has had a July 1, 2022 letting date for John Street, Saginaw Street, Monitor Road, and Grant Street all together in one package. The City of Bay City is planning to do a mill and fill for Livingston, Columbus, Michigan, and McKinley in 2022. John Street will be worked on through August and September of 2022. Saginaw Street and Monitor Road will be worked on through October and November of 2022. Grant Street will be worked on through May and June of 2023. Independence Bridge was scheduled for a reconstruct in 2024, however the reconstruct project may turn into a rehabilitation project as the bridge is in better condition than expected. The City of Bay City will be working on the Woodside Street approach to the Independence Bridge which is a $2M project. There will also be work done on the bridge approach between Marquette Steet and Wilder Road.

**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. The gas buses are costing $4.50 per gallon of gas and the average use is 12,000 gallons a month. The propane fleet is costing $1.02 per gallon of propane and also uses approximately 12,000 gallons a month. Sprague is still working on having the toll for BMTA exempt from paying the bridge tolls. He is planning to make an appeal to the Bridge Partners and has been gathering letters of support. Ogar would be happy to write a letter of support from the Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department. If BMTA isn’t exempt from the bridge tolls, Sprague isn’t sure where the funding will come from and may need to work on getting an Earmark.

**Bay County Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department**  
Laura Ogar provided an update on the Linwood Scenic Access Site project. The federal agreement isn’t in place yet, so nothing has gone out to bid.

**Other/New Business:**

***Unified Work Program (UWP)***  
The UWP was sent to MDOT and was returned with minor edits. None of the changes being made to the UWP require it to go back to committee for approval. Bay County will be invoicing for the cash contributions for reimbursements based on the amounts outlined in the BCATS UWP Local funding Resolutions received from the City of Bay City, City of Essexville, Bay Metro Transit Authority, and the Bay County Road Commission.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, ***August 17, 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.

There will not be any special BCATS meetings in July 2022.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moultane, seconded by Bodrie, to adjourn the June 22, 2022, BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Transcribed by Cyndi Gaul*