

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023

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Due to the inclement weather on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 the BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was rescheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023.

Call to Order:

The February 27, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

Introductions/Roll Call:

Introductions were made.

Those Present Were:

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Laura Ogar, Environmental Affairs and Community Development; Colleen Maillette, Bay County Commissioner; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Terry Maultane, City of Bay City; Eric Sprague, Bay Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Richard Bayus, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Glenn Rowley, Supervisor for Bangor Township, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

Minutes from January 18, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Ogar, to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Rowley asked why the BCATS meetings are now every month instead of every other month. Pavone explained that with this new program year it's important to get project approval and updates immediately for pass through funding.

Legislative Update:

Planning (PL) and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funding amounts have increased. Complete Streets projects currently have 5% federal funding, however there is a way to make it 100% funding with no local match funds. There was a question about the use of other project funding from projects as a match. Pavone will look into how and if that would be allowed. EMCOG is working on infrastructure issues and how to best handle them in the planning design phase.

BCATS Public Hearing on 2023-2026 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:45 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss changes to the 2023-2026 TIP. A handout of the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification was passed out at the meeting for review and discussion.

Pavone notified the committee that six (6) new jobs had to be added to the list since the last Policy Committee meeting in January 2023.

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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- River Bridge CPM job. Phase budget equal or over 24%.
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

FY 2024:

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

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2023-2026 TIP was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Sprague, seconded by Moulthane, to approve the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments as listed above, including the additional TIP Projects. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Abandoned Job in 2024:

The Clara Road Project programmed for 2024 has been abandoned. Since the project has been abandoned for 2024, the funding allocated for this project will be reabsorbed back into BCATS funding. Discussion ensued about how best to re-allocate the \$600,000 for another BCATS Project. It was suggested that a portion of the \$600,000 possibly be allocated for county-wide paving projects. This will be discussed at the next BCATS meeting.

Project Updates:

Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)

The Midland Road project (Flajole to Carter) will go out to bid on March 13, 2023. The Salzburg Road Project (M-84 to County Line Road) is a mill and fill project will create some detours during the project. The procurement of Bob's Bar has been completed for the straightening of the road. This project is scheduled for June 2023. The Patterson Road/Lighthouse Road Project (north of Wheeler to lighthouse) is a road reconstruct including utilities. The plans for this project have been completed. There's been discussion how best to handle road maintenance as it is currently a private road.

City of Bay City

No project updates were brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)

The westside bus route will be using Veteran's Memorial Bridge as access for the Euclid Avenue to Wilder Road bus route. Bus Route #4 (Colleges, Auburn, and Midland) will be

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discontinued as the colleges have gone to more on-line education. Bus Route #5 will cover Wheeler Road, Old Kawkawlin Road from north of Patterson Road to northern Bangor Township. There will be a shuttle going over Veteran's Memorial Bridge to cover Columbus Avenue, Henry Street, and the Boys & Girls Club, It's a very important route because the Boys & Girls Club provides after school program that are essential for caregivers and kids alike. There are three new billboards with "Is driving taking a toll on you" going up to help increase bus ridership. The routes will be finalized the end of March 2023.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

MDOT is working on a modeling study to better reflect the routes drivers will be taking with the addition of the toll bridges.

City of Essexville

No project updates were brought before the committee.

Other/New Business:

Retirement

Jane Fitzpatrick is retiring from EMCOG.

Pre-UWP Meeting

The Pre-UWP meeting will be taking place on Monday, March 6, 2023.

MDOT Project Manager

Susan Weber is the MDOT Project Manager that approves projects.

2022 Junior Planner of the Year

Dominic Pavone received the prestigious honor of being named the 2022 Junior Planner of the Year at last years MTPA Conference.

Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:

The next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bay County Building in the seventh (7th) floor conference room. The location of the conference room is subject to change; however, all interested parties will be notified ahead of time.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moulthane, seconded by Ogar, to adjourn the February 27, 2023, BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic Pavone

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Transcribed by C. Gaul