

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2023

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Call to Order:

The April 19, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

Those Present Were:

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Colleen Maillette, Bay County Commissioner; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Craig Goulet, City of Essexville; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Terri Close, Supervisor for Hampton Township, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

Minutes from March 22, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Close, to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:

At the last MTPA Meeting it was announced that EMCOG received notification that the first round of applications for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program was open. The project funding qualifications can be found on the EMCOG website (Pavone will forward the link). Applications for projects are due May 30, 2023. There was discussion about if and how charging stations would be funded or taxed to help with the road revenue being lost by electronic vehicles.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:43 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.

FY2023:

1. **Job #206288** – Administrative Modification for BMTA Multi-Modal transit capital for SP1408 maintenance equipment, facility maintenance, facility improvements.
2. **Job #206288** – Administrative Modification for BMTA Multi-Modal transit capital for SP1203 maintenance equipment, facility maintenance, facility improvements.
3. **Job #207357** – Phase Abandonment for MDOT construction abandonment traffic safety special pavement markings project.
4. **Job #207374** - Budget Adjust for MDOT region-wide pavement marking retro-effectivity trunkline readings.
5. **Job #217916** – Adjustment for SP1206- BMTA terminal facility improvements, facility equipment, and capital improvements.
6. **Job #217916** – Adjustment for SP1408- BMTA terminal facility improvements, facility equipment, and capital improvements.
7. **Job #217916** – Adjustment for SP1203- BMTA terminal facility improvements, facility equipment, and capital improvements.
8. **Job #217916** – Adjustment for SP1404- BMTA terminal facility improvements, facility equipment, and capital improvements.
9. **Job #218341** – Phase Adjustment for Bay City McKinley Street (Madison to Johnson) road rehabilitation mill/overlay and sidewalk replacement project.
10. **Job #218341** – Phase Adjustment for Bay City McKinley Street (Madison to Johnson) road rehabilitation mill/overlay and sidewalk replacement project.
11. **Job #218429** – Phase Addition for the Essexville Scheurmann (Borton to Nebobish) PE

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Phase for road rehabilitation project.

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 Reithel, to approve the FY 2023-2063 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Project Updates:

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

US-10 is under construction and there will be a full closure with detours in mid-May 2023. MDOT received a \$73M grant for the Lafayette Bridge project.

Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)

BMTA is currently working on the Environmental Justice portion for their bus route project.

City of Bay City

Tolls for the Liberty Bridge are still expected to start in May 2023. The Independence Bridge will be keeping a lane open in each direction to help with traffic flow while construction continues. The Bay City Bridge Partners were told that they needed permission from MDOT for any bridge closures and/or detours. MDOT staff would like to see the modeling data from Bridge Partners that supports the project costs for the bridge projects. The City of Bay City got the public survey out. Surveys will be due to the city by April 27, 2023. The data from the surveys should be available in May 2023. The survey will support the rehabilitation grant request submitted by the City of Bay City to help with various projects throughout the city. If there are problem areas people would like to see included under the grant, please submit them to Rachel Phillips via email. The Saginaw Street/Water Street project (between 10th and 14th) will be underway soon. The City of Bay City updated their maps that outline various projects. The DNR Trust Fund Grant was awarded to the Crooked Bridge project located on the walking path in the Middle Grounds.

City of Essexville

No project updates were brought before the committee.

Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)

Hilton Road curb, gutter, and concrete pour have been completed. There's still some finish work to complete. The BCRC is working on the demolition of Bob's Bar. Euclid is open with one lane both directions while patch work is being completed.

Other/New Business:

Unified Work Program (UWP)

BCATS staff are working on the next UWP and the draft document should be ready for BCATS Tech and BCATS Policy committee approval at the May 2023 meetings

Public Participation Plan

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BCATS staff are continuing to work on the Public Participation Plan, specifically the re-wording of the public notification portion of the document. It was mentioned that most local legal documents are published in the Pinconning Journal for a significantly lower cost than the Bay City Times/MLive. Staff will check out using the Pinconning Journal. A draft of the Public Participation Plan should be ready for review by BCATS soon.

BCATS Meeting Location for May and June

The Finance Department conference room will not be available for the May and June BCATS Technical and Policy Committee meetings. One a conference room has been secured, Pavone will let everyone know where the meetings will be held.

Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:

The next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bay County Building - the location has yet to be determined.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the April 19, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transcribed by C. Gaul