

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Technical Committee Minutes – February 14th, 2023

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; James Deweerdt, BCATS; Laura Ogar, Bay County; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Craig Goulet, City of Essexville; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Steve Katenhus, MDOT; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Jim Lillo, BCRC; ***Attended by phone:*** Natasha Gauna (MDOT)

Minutes from January 10th, 2023, BCATS Technical Meeting:

It was moved by Lillo, seconded by Goulet, to approve the minutes as corrected from the January 10, 2023, BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:

There is an announcement for technical assistance opportunities through the Michigan Infrastructure Office primarily to assist with grant writing. The available funding for Bay Area, Saginaw, Midland is approximately \$320,000. There is also a match for up to \$970,000. Bodrie will update the committee when he receives more information.

MDOT 2023 Safety Targets:

Pavone brought forward the MDOT 2023 Safety Targets before the committee for recommendation to the Policy Committee. There is a slight increase in motor vehicle related fatalities and injuries; however, there was a slight decrease in forecasted numbers for non-motorized related fatalities and injuries. It was moved by Lillo and seconded by Ogar, to recommend the safety targets to the Policy Committee.

FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

FY 2023:

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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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

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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.

A motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Goulet, to favorably recommend the FY 2020-2023 TIP amendment/administrative modifications be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Project Updates:

Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)

The Midland Road project from Flajole to Carter that starts within the city limits is out for bid. The first half mile from the overpass of US-10 to Flagel was cut due to costs because of excessive draining along the project route. The BCRC may conduct a mill and fill on that portion to improve its condition in the meantime.

The property was acquired on the corner of M-15 and 22nd Street where Bob's Bar used to be. BCRC is getting a proposal ready to have the site demolished. BCRC hopes to have the building knocked down and restored by June of 2023. BCRC is working with MDOT due to a traffic signal upgrade scheduled at that intersection to avoid a duplication of work. The goal of this project is to straighten out the lane and allow an easier right turn from M-15 to 22nd Street.

City of Bay City

There were no updates brought before the committee.

City of Essexville

Goulet has a meeting on Thursday, February 16th with an engineering firm to talk about getting future projects lined up.

Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)

Bay Metro received their apportionment letter for FY2023 which identifies their federal funding. BMTA continues to work on their critical infrastructure projects identified in the TIP. BMTA is looking to use grant money to rehabilitate the canopy at their central bus station and improve accessibility. BMTA is under a state contract to replace vans; however, filling the orders continues to move slowly due to availability.

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Lafayette Street Bridge is scheduled to open on Wednesday, February 22nd. MDOT is awaiting approval on a federal grant proposal submitted last year that would aid in the reconstruction of the Lafayette Street Bridge.

The West bound US-10 job was LET. The project encompasses just west of the city limits to 7 Mile and will be a two-year job.

East Michigan Council of Governments (EMCOG)

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There were no updates brought before the committee.

Other/New Business:

Pavone discussed the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study that was proposed, accepted, and funded by the Bay County Board of Commissioners in December of 2022. Wade Trim is the company that proposed the study for the county. BCATS has had brief discussions with Wade Trim on what BCATS thinks should also be included in the study and scope of work. Items that were identified were: environmental planning factors and equity factors required by MDOT and the FHWA.

Next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting

The next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023** at 10:00 a.m.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Bodrie, seconded by Lillo, to adjourn the February 14, 2023, BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic Pavone

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