

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Laura Ogar at 10:02 a.m.

Those Present Were:

Bryan Gillett, BCATS Staff – via phone; Laura Ogar, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department; Steve Katenhus, MDOT; Max Gierman, MDOT; Cameron Hoard, MDOT; Page DeHate, MDOT; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Eric Sprague, BMTA; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Craig Goulet, City of Essexville.

Minutes from January 9, 2024 BCATS Technical Meeting:

A motion was made by Jim Lillo and seconded by Jay Reithel, to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2024 BCATS Technical Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee. Max Gierman introduced Cameron Hoard, MDOT Statewide Planning, who will be taking over from Max as the BCATS MPO Program Manager.

Legislative Update:

There was no official update brought before the committee. Bryan Gillett brought up the recently issued call for projects letter from MDOT regarding various safety project funding programs. These letters would also have been sent to all local implementing agencies. The funding split for these competitive projects is 90% federal and 10% local.

FY2023-2026 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:

Gillett 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:

FY2024:

- 1. JN 220838. Bay Metro Van Replacement**– Phase addition under the Carbon Reduction Program to replace vans with a total job cost of \$187,976

A motion was made by Laura Ogar and seconded by Craig Goulet to approve the Amendment to the FY 2023-2026 TIP as presented and recommend same to the BCATS Policy Committee for approval. Motion carried.

Review and Recommend Projects to the Policy Committee:

Extensive discussion was had regarding the Henry Street/State Park Drive project, for which the Bay County Road Commission and the City of Bay City are submitting a RAISE Grant application. This would provide a significant portion of the estimated \$34 million cost for the project. It was recommended by Bryan Gillett that this project be placed on an illustrative list, as this list would serve as a reservoir of projects to apply to funding opportunities and grants to as they are identified. In addition, this project was included as a provisional project in the recently updated and policy-committee approved BCATS Long Range Transportation Plan. Thereafter a motion was made by Eric Sprague and seconded by Terry Moulane to place the project as described on the illustrative list and recommend same to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

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Project Updates:

Project updates were provided from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), noting that the Mackinaw Road overpass will get roundabouts on both sides of the bridge. In addition, it was announced that signal improvements would be commencing shortly for Euclid Avenue at both Thomas and Jenny streets.

Other/New Business:

There was no new business brought before the committee.

Next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting

The next BCATS Technical Committee Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 12, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room.

As there was no further business, the meeting was informally adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Gillett
BCATS Director