

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Technical Committee Minutes – March 12, 2024

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Call to Order:

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

Those Present Were:

Bryan Gillett, BCATS Director; James Deweerdt, BCATS Staff; Max Gierman, MDOT; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Terry Moulane, City of Bay City; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG

Minutes from February 13, 2024 BCATS Technical Meeting:

A motion was made by Moulane and seconded by Lillo, to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 BCATS Technical Committee meeting with corrections. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

A member of the public commented about potentially confusing or inaccurate charging from the Bay City Bridge Partners regarding online accounts after switching to or initiating an unlimited pass. The member encouraged users to check their online accounts to ensure they are being accurately billed.

Legislative Update:

Gillett notified the committee that BCATS staff completed their Pre-UWP meeting with state and federal partners. The FY25 Unified Work Plan will need to be in place and ready for technical committee and policy committee approval by the 14th and 23rd of May respectively. The FY25 UWP is due to MDOT on June 1st.

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:

- JN 217035 8 Mile Rd over North Branch Kawkawlin River Bridge Replacement –**
Abandoned with a total phase cost of \$3,046,697
- JN 214178 Bay Metro 5307 Operating Assistance –** ESTLCLBGT, PHASBGTDWN, ESTEDBGT, ESTSTBGT with a total job cost of \$6,004,315

FY2025:

- JN 214516 Bay City Smith St from Henry to Patterson –** Advanced Construct \$1,366,800 from 2026 (JN 214371). Total job cost of \$5,727,945
- JN 214226 Bay Metro Van Replacement –** PHASBGTDWN, ESTSTBGT, ESTFEDBGT. Total project cost of \$158,317
- JN 214206 Bay Metro 5311 Operating Assistance –** ESTFEDBGT, ESTSTBGT, total project cost of \$1,465,878.
- JN 214203 Bay Metro 5307 Operating Assistance –** ESTLCLBGT, ESTSTBGT, ESTFEDBGT. Total project cost of \$6,484,233

FY2026:

- JN 214371 Bay City E Smith St from Joseph to Patterson –** Abandoned and consolidated with JN 214516 advance construct funds from 2026.

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

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Review and Recommend Projects to the Policy Committee:

A brief discussion ensued about the feasibility of utilizing future Michigan Infrastructure Office Grant/Safety Grant windows for the State Rd project.

Acknowledge Receipt of TAM and Transit Safety Targets, and support for Transit SGR Targets:

The committee reviewed the State and BMTA SGR/Safety Targets. A motion was made by Lillo and seconded by Moulthane at 10:32 to acknowledge receipt and show support. Motion carried.

Project Updates:

Bay County Road Commission: Lillo mentioned that a handful of projects for RTF and the local area are in the final design stages.

The committee briefly discussed the future Saginaw Valley State University environmental research station to be constructed along the Saginaw River and the potential need for roadways to/from the facility. The facility will sit just south of the Saginaw River DNR boat launch within Bangor Township on property owned by Dow. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2025 and is a public health initiative to improve the watershed throughout the region.

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, April 9, 2023** at 10:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room.

As there was no further business, the meeting was informally adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Gillett
BCATS Director