

BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2023

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Call to Order:

The March 22, 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; Colleen Maillette, Bay County Commissioner; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Terry Moulthane, City of Bay City; Rachel Phillips, City of Bay City; Craig Goulet, City of Essexville; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Glenn Rowley, Supervisor for Bangor Township, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department.

Minutes from February 27, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:

It was moved by Rowley, seconded by Goulet, to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

Legislative Update:

EMCOG was at the last MTPA Meeting where it was announced that \$110M was going to be coming into the state of Michigan over the next five years for Electronic Vehicle (EV) charging stations and infrastructure. There was discussion about the decrease in TIP Revenue Funding Allocation Estimates mostly due to the addition of the Traverse City MPO making it so there is less of a share for other small MPO's.

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

The Public Hearing was called to order at 1:44 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 #202723** – Administrative Modification for the Construction Phase of the MDOT M-84 North Traffic Safety Freeway Signing Project.
2. **Job #207374** – Amendment of the MDOT Regionwide Traffic Safety Pavement marking Project update job.
3. **Job #218338** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on E Midland Rd from Wenona St to S Euclid Ave
4. **Job #218839** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on Kosciuszko St from Jackson to Johnson
5. **Job #218341** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on McKinley St from Madison St to Johnson St. Adjustment to STUL Phase
6. **Job #218341** – Adjustment of CoBC Road Rehabilitation Project on McKinley St from Madison St to Johnson St. Adjustment to CRSM Phase
7. **Job #218429** – Adjustment of City of Essexville Road Rehabilitation Project on Scheurmann St from Borton to Nebobish

FY 2024:

8. **Job #128908** – Adjustment of MDOT M-13 Bridge Replacement Project from Over the

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East Channel of the Saginaw River

FY 2026:

9. **Job #211183** – Admin Modification of MDOT US-10 W Reconstruction Project from 7 Mile Road to 8 Mile Road

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2023-2026 TIP was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Reithel, to approve the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Project Updates:

City of Bay City

The Wenonah Street project for a deep mill and fill will start April 1, 2023. The City of Bay City had a public meeting regarding the Wenonah Street Project, and while several methods were used to inform the community about the public meeting, no one showed up. The Eddy Street project will be a new construction from March – June 2023 as there is new construction taking place at Landaal Packing Systems. The corner of Kosciuszko Street and Farragut Street will be the site for a crash and accident study to utilize data that will be included in the updated version of the Safety Action Plan. The City of Bay City submitted a grant request to help with various projects in the city and should know if they will receive the grant sometime in April 2023. The grant will require an updated Safety Action Plan that will be created by the City of Bay City and will include Complete Streets, Safe streets, and the Non-Motorized Plan. Once there's more information regarding the grant, the project(s) can be put in the TIP and Long-Range Plan (LRP). Once received the grant will allow the City of Bay City to conduct some much-needed rehabilitation of roads, sidewalks, lighting, etc. While the initial concentration of the funds will be used in the City of Bay City, it is anticipated that the projects will be expanded to county wide projects over time. The first meeting of the Transportation Committee for the City of Bay City Safety Action Plan took place March 21, 2023. The first task of the new committee will be to work on survey questions and getting out the surveys. The Marquette Business District is looking to fund a project in their area and is considering a Wilder Road project (west of Bangor Township). The city will be working on two mill and fill projects along with various sidewalk and sewer service projects. Tolls for the Liberty Bridge will start in May 2023 as construction is still being done to the bridge. The Independence Bridge will be closed over the next 10 days and is expected to be back open at the end of March 2023. The Clara Road Project programmed for 2024 has been abandoned and is no longer reflected on the TIP. The Bay City's Department of Public Works is being moved to a new and modern facility located at 1625 Marquette Street.

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. The modeling program doesn't account for toll bridges. MDOT is running several scenarios to best capture data regarding traffic flow with the inclusion of the toll bridges. The Lafayette Bridge construction will begin in April 2024. It is anticipated that this project will take 24 – 30 months to be completed. The M-25 Thomas and Jenny project

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has been moved out to 2028 and 2029.

Bangor Township

in 2023 Bangor Township will be spending a record amount on their roads and infrastructure projects. The township received \$12.5M for road and \$1.3M received in ARPA funds to put in new water lines.

Bay County Road Commission (BCRC)

The Midland Road project (Flajole to Carter) was budgeted at \$2.4M and came in at \$3.3M. State Park Drive will be a mill and fill project taking place in 2023. The BCRC is working with the townships to complete several pavement projects throughout Bay County. There is a huge project for 2024-25 that will need to be bonded. US-10 will be closed starting April 17, 2023 to complete Phase I of the US-10 (US-10 to 7 Mile) reconstruction project. Phase II of the US-10 reconstruction project will work on 1-75 - 7 Mile. There will be a detour route for the US-10 (Mackinaw – Garfield) mill and fill project and the US-10 (M-84 – County Line Road) mill and fill project. The procurement of Bob's Bar has been completed and the keys have been secured for the signal light and road straightening project. Spicer will be conducting the initial review and this project is scheduled to begin June 2023. The Garfield Road (4 miles of road) came in \$500,000 under budget, though it will require at least that much funding to complete drainage work.

City of Essexville

No project updates were brought before the committee.

Bay Metro Transit Authority (BMTA)

No project updates were brought before the committee.

Other/New Business:

FY2023 First Quarter MPO Billing

Pavone informed the committee that the FY2023 first quarter MPO Billing was submitted to MDOT.

FY2023 First Quarter Asset Management Billing

Pavone informed the committee that the FY2023 first quarter Asset Management will be submitted to MDOT by the end of the week.

Next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting:

The next BCATS Policy Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 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 was no further business, a motion was made by Moulane, seconded by Phillips, to adjourn the March 22, 2023 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 2:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dominic Pavone

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