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

**Introductions/Roll Call:**
Introductions were made. An announcement was made that James Deweerdt has been appointed as the new Bay County Transportation Planner/GIS Technician.

**Those Present Were:**

Laura Ogar, Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department; Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Jim Lillo, BCRC; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Lindsey Dowswell, MDOT; Brian Stark, MDOT, and; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City. Attending via phone were Don Matula, MDOT, and; Rachel Phillips, Bay City.

**Minutes from February 8, 2022 BCATS Technical Meeting:**

It was moved by Moultane, seconded by Dowswell, to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 BCATS Technical Committee Meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

**Legislative Update:**

Dowswell mentioned that she should hear an update on the numbers and amounts for 2022 next Monday. Dowswell announced that Heidi Phaneuf is changing positions at MDOT from a Federal Revenue Specialist to being hired as the North Region Planner. MDOT will be awaiting a new hire in her position. Bodrie has also returned to his position at EMCOG after a short departure. There was no other Legislative Update brought before the committee.

**FY2020-2023 TIP Amendments, Administrative Modifications:**

Pavone provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification for review and recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. Even though there are projects with the same number, they are separate jobs. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

**FY 2022:**

1. Phase Budget change of equal or over 24% for the regional traffic safety job number 205858 in Saginaw and Bay Counties.
2. STP-Flex Small MPO funding reallocation for Road Rehabilitation job number 215514 E John St (S Wenona to S Walnut) for HMA Rehabilitation
3. ST funding removal for Road Rehabilitation job number 215515 N Grant St (9th to 3rd) for HMA Rehabilitation
4. Phase budget change of equal or over 24% for Road Rehabilitation job number 215557 Saginaw St (14th to 10th) for HMA Rehabilitation

**FY 2023:**

1. Phase Budget change of equal or over 24% for Bridge Replacement job number 202144 over US-10 (Mackinaw Road)
2. State to Federal Funding change for Roadside Facilities project number 213224 at the Bay City Rest Area for building replacement work.
3. GPA over 25% for Bridge Rehabilitation job number 204851 on US-10 for overlay- shallow.

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

**2045 Long Range Plan Update:**
BCATS staff has continued work on the 2045 MTP Update, but not much has changed since the last briefing. BCATS is not currently planning an open house for the MTP Update and will double check if it is required per their Public Participation Plan. Updating the Public Participation Plan was discussed and will take place once the MTP Update is completed.

**FY 2023-2026 TIP Update**

Lillo submitted an Earmark through Representative Dan Kildee’s office for the State Park Drive project. The road portion of the project is for $11,000,000 and the whole project is estimated around $26,500,000. Phillips wants to apply for an earmark, but isn’t sure as to when or where. She was instructed to wait until October to add it to the TIP and mark and recommend it for addition for 2024 or after. Pavone is finalizing the TIP for an internal review, and has drafted a public notice that was sent to MLive. The public comment period is scheduled to be from April 25th through May 24th. The Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in room #128 in the Bay County Community Center located at 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City, MI 48706.

**Review and Recommendation of FY 2023-2026 TIP Local Project Prioritization and Selection**

Pavone provided a list to the committee for review. There was a discussion about the project list.

A motion was made by Dowswell, seconded by Ogar, to favorably recommend the of FY 2023-2026 TIP Local Project Prioritization be moved forward to BCATS Policy Committee for review and approval. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Asset Management Update:**
There was no Asset Management update brought before the committee. Bodrie said he is planning to do online PASER Training this month. Pavone added him and Deweerdt are planning on doing online PASER Training in June. Even if you’re previously certified, you need to take this PASER Training.

**Funding Update:**
There were more 5303 planning funds added through the Federal Transit Agency (FTA), so there is more money available for the UWP. Lillo recommends we hold a project selection meeting to decide how to allocate the new Carbon Reduction funds.

**Project Updates:**

**Bay County Road Commission (BCRC):**

BCRC designed the Patterson Rd project with BCATS money 10 years ago, but needed to be programmed within 10 years. FHWA removed the 10 year restriction for the project, so Patterson can be constructed in 2024 and it will be locally let, meaning no federal funding used for construction. It is also a project of regional significance. The Wenona project received a $47,000 earmark, which was obligated, and will reduce local costs. The EPA has not been communicative on the Dow superfund cleanup project as there has been lots of turnover there. They are planning on starting the Dow project after Memorial Day, using small trucks to consolidate contaminated dirt onto larger trucks offsite and taking 2 feet out of residents’ lawns to fix water table issues. The plan is to replace the removed soil with topsoil, and then sod and plant it. There are people from the City of Bay City involved who have used a GoPro to track road condition before and after the project, which Dow will then build back to current condition. The South Euclid project (Hotchkiss to Salzburg) has been let for $6.6 million and BCRC and the City of Bay City are working in tandem on the project. The construction phase is scheduled to be from May 2nd to September 3rd. Michigan Sugar also has a small contribution in this project. There is a total reconstruction project taking place from Kelton to Northern Concrete’s entrance, affecting northbound traffic. The detour expected to be used for this project is from 84 to Hotchkiss. They are using LA Construction out of Fenton for this project.

**City of Bay City:**

Phillips asked Matula about the Lafayette bridge project programmed for 2025-2026 in Bay City and the detours that are going to be taking place considering the project is going to be taking place at the same time as other road projects adjacent to the bridge (Thompson & Jenny). Matula said to talk to Reithel, who is planning along with Stark to schedule coordinated meetings with the bridge offices to coordinate the projects, including the City of Bay City in those meetings. The Wenona project is currently on hold in its second phase due to water pipeline issues. There are revisions being made to the stormwater infrastructure to accommodate this. In the next dew weeks, Consumers Energy is going to start work on Fisher to North Union so there will be detours along that route. There are three mill & fill projects taking place on Columbus, Livingston, and Michigan. That project should be done within the next few weeks. The City of Bay City has also let a few different projects, including N John St, Saginaw/Water St, which are scheduled for this year, and Grant St, which is scheduled for the spring. There is no federal funding left in the Grant project, it was let out of the project.

**Other/New Business:**
Through August, there will be monthly Technical and Policy Meetings. Ogar mentioned a need for mapping that has the location of local projects and detours on an online map. Phillips mentioned that the City of Bay City has interactive maps on their website and so did Lillo for the BCRC. Both agreed to send the links to the respective maps to add to the BCATS website. Stark mentioned that former BCATS Director Anderson created an interactive map of STIP Projects that can be updated by BCATS staff.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Lillo, seconded by Moultane, to adjourn the April 12, 2022 BCATS Technical Committee meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Transcribed by D. Pavone*