**Call to Order:**
The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

***Introductions/Roll Call***

**Those Present Were**

Ryan Smith, BCATS Staff; Dominic Pavone, BCATS Staff; Brian Stark, MDOT; Anita Boughner, MDOT; Jim Sturdevant, MDOT; Cody Bodrie, EMCOG; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Terry Moultane, City of Bay City Planning; Glenn Rowley, Bangor Township Supervisor; Eric Sprague, BMTA, and; Cyndi Gaul, Environmental Affairs & Community Development Department.

**Minutes from August 18, 2021 BCATS Policy Meeting**

It was moved by Begick, seconded by Moultane, to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee Meeting. Motion Passed.

**Public Comment**
There was no public comment brought before the committee.

**Legislative Update:**

There is a new Transportation Planner for MDOT Statewide Planning Section, Lindsey Dowswell. There are two new Senate Bills 465 and 466 regarding Federal Aid buyouts that are expected to be approved soon.

**Senate Bill 465 (S-3)** would amend the Michigan Transportation Fund law to do the following:

* Require the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to award money from the State Trunk Line Fund (STF) to local road agencies in exchange for Federal aid obligation authority allocated to local-agency projects, if allowed by Federal law and rules.
* Require MDOT, as part of the local Federal aid buyout program, to pay local road agencies the amounts identified in their three- or five-year local transportation improvement plan for each year in which they planned to participate in the program.
* Prescribe requirements that MDOT's Federal aid buyout program would have to meet.
* Allow local road agencies to apply for State money in exchange for 100% of the Federal aid obligation authority allocated by MDOT to a local road agency project in a metropolitan planning organization transportation improvement program or in the rural transportation improvement program.
* Allow MDOT, if it were unable to fulfill its Federal aid matching obligations for a fiscal year, to reduce the local Federal aid buyout program for a given fiscal year.
* Require MDOT, if it reduced the amount of money available from the STF, to submit a letter to the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives explaining why it was unable to fully fund its Federal aid matching obligation.
* Require money to be exchanged with local road agencies for Federal aid obligation in an amount equal to 90 cents per dollar of all Federal aid obligation authority allocated.

**Senate Bill 466** would amend the Michigan Transportation Fund law to require a certain percentage of the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF), after other deductions, to be appropriated for the purposes of awarding money to local road agencies in exchange for Federal aid obligation authority as provided by Senate Bill 465 (S-3).

**EMCOG Update:**
Reminder that there will be a Rural Task Force Meeting taking place on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Saginaw, Michigan.

**2022 BCATS Meeting Schedule:**A handout of the proposed 2022 BCATS Meeting schedule for review and recommendation to the BCATS Policy Committee for approval was provided. The schedule remained the same as 2021 with the BCATS Technical Committee scheduled to meet the week prior to the BCATS Policy Committee which is scheduled to meet on the second Tuesday of every other month starting in February. The special May meeting was kept on the schedule to accommodate the FY2023-2026 TIP Development. Meetings will be held in person with a call in option available.

A motion was made by Sprague, second by Stark, to approve the 2022 BCATS Meeting Schedule. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**BCATS Public Hearing on 2020-2023 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 2020-2023 TIP. Smith provided a handout of the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification list for review and approval from the Policy Committee. The following is the TIP Amendment/Administrative Modification requested:

**FY 2022:**

1. Addition of the Bay County portion of the FHWA region-wide East Potter Road Project for capital preventative maintenance using asphalt crack treatment. This project includes Bay, Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair, and Tuscola Counties.
2. Amendment of South Wenona Avenue (Fisher Street – North Union Street) reconstruction for the combination of Phase 2 and Phase 3. One project spanning 2 years of construction.
3. Adjustment of the MDOT Area-wide Transit Capital Right-of-Way (ROW) Project for complete roadway reconstruction (M-25 W – Walnut Street).
4. Adjustment of the MDOT Area-wide Transit Capital Right-of-Way (ROW) Project for complete roadway reconstruction (M-25 E – Walnut Street).

**FY 2023**

1. Adjustment of MDOT US-10 (7 Mile Road – Bay County Line) Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) reconstruction project.
2. Abandonment of Wenona Ave Reconstruction in 2023 (JN: 206236). Work was combined into the 2022 project (JN: 206234) above.

The Public Hearing on the TIP Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the BCATS 2020-2023 TIP was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

**BCATS Regular Meeting Reconvened**
The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:49 p.m. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Begick, seconded by Sprague, to approve the FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendments as listed above. Motion Passed.

**2045 Long Range Plan Project List Update:**
BCATS Staff is working on updating the project list for the 2045 Long Range Plan which includes local road agency projects. The Long Range Plan is updated every five (5) years, however, with the addition of 2020 Census data, a newer version may be drafted before 2026. A draft project list will be presented at the special November BCATS Tech and Policy Committee Meetings. Once approved, the remaining 2045 Long Range Plan document will be developed and brought to the Committees in December to be released for public comment.

**FY 2023 – 2026 TIP Development:**

BCATS Staff is also working on updating the FY2023-2026 TIP as we transition into the new fiscal year. A call for 2023-2026 TIP projects went out back in September and local project selection will take place at the special November BCATS meetings.

**Project Updates:**There were no Project Updates brought before the committee.

**Other/New Business**

***Special BCATS Meetings in November, 2021***

There will be a special BCATS Technical Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and a special BCATS Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the 3rd floor conference room of the Bay County Building located a 515 Center Avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

As there were no further business, a motion was made by Moultane, seconded by Sprague, to adjourn the October 20, 2021 BCATS Policy Committee meeting at 1:58 p.m. Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Smith

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 *Transcribed by C. Gaul*