

Resolution #11-27
Resolution to Approve the 2035 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
for the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) is the designated Policy Committee and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Battle Creek, Michigan urban area; and

WHEREAS, the development of a long range transportation plan is a requirement of both the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* as been developed pursuant to USC 23 Section 134, as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) federal transportation legislation, with a planning horizon of at least 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* identifies transportation facilities that should function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* includes a financial analysis that demonstrates how the projects that have been identified will have adequate funding, and indicates the resources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* recognizes the necessity of preserving the existing transportation system and includes projects that will enhance the efficiency of the existing transportation system to relieve vehicular congestion and improve the mobility of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* was developed through a process that included input from private citizens, private providers of transportation, affected public agencies, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* was developed utilizing a consultation process taking into consideration the plans and programs of other agencies; and using information obtained through the consultation process, recognizes potential environmental mitigation needs as related to projects in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the BCATS *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* was analyzed as a part of the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek-MI Maintenance Area and has been shown to conform with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality; and

WHEREAS, this Plan can be amended periodically upon request and with appropriate documentation supporting such a request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Committee of the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study finds the *2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* to be SAFETEA-LU compliant and approves its submission to the Michigan Department of Transportation for consideration by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency, as necessary.

ATTEST: (signed original on file)

Date: June 22, 2011

Tom Matson
Chairperson, BCATS Policy Committee