

Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - AMENDMENT #1 and 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) - Adoption

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

THE BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE of opportunity for public involvement in the first amendment to its current *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for fiscal years (FYs) 2017-2020 (10/1/16–9/30/20), and in adoption of its *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)* for the BCATS' area, comprised of the Cities of Battle Creek & Springfield, and the townships of Bedford, Pennfield, Emmett, Newton, & Leroy. The *Plan* identifies future transportation (including transit & non-motorized transportation) needs & appropriate projects for 2017–2040. The proposed TIP amendment includes the following:

- 1) adding a Michigan Dept of Transportation (MDOT) 2017 asphalt crack treatment on parts of M-66 (Division), I-94BL (Columbia), & I-94BL (Dickman), total ~2.7 miles. Total cost ~\$59,000, 81.85% Fed Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds, 18.15% State Michigan Betterment (M) funds;
- 2) deleting replacement of two large heavy duty, low floor, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) fully equipped buses for Battle Creek Transit's fixed-route service, one in 2016 (\$425,000) & one in 2017 (\$433,500), given Federal Transit Administration (FTA) policy to not allow FTA Sec 5339(b) discretionary projects in TIP until funding is officially awarded;
- 3) deleting a 2017 project of Community Action to replace two small light duty vans, with FY17 FTA Sec 5310 "Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities" funds, as \$91,000 project fully funded in FY16;
- 4) adding MDOT's 2017 preliminary engineering & construction to add a 0.10 mile right turn lane on the M-66 southbound approach to Glenn Cross Rd. Total cost \$131,284, funded 81.85% Fed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, 18.15% State M funds; and
- 5) adding 2017 MDOT right-of-way (ROW) work with State M funds: \$15,000 for ROW related to the 2018 \$1.5M resurfacing of M-66 (Capital Ave NE) from Capital Ave/Division St intersection northward to Frey Dr, and \$25,000 for ROW related to the 2019 \$3.4M construction to replace the M-311 (11 Mile/Wheatfield Rd) bridge over the Kalamazoo River & rehabilitate approaches.

Details of the above listed projects, and of administrative modifications that may be presented with the TIP amendment, can be provided upon request. Additional TIP & amendment information is available online at www.bcatsmpo.org. Draft chapters of the *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, as Adobe "pdf" files, are being posted online at www.bcatsmpo.org as completed, with the intent of the full draft *Plan* document being available by November 16, 2016 for review online, or paper copy upon request. Discussion & action regarding both the TIP amendment and the *2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan* will be conducted at the regular meetings of BCATS' Technical Committee (Wednesday, 11/16/16) & Policy Committee (Wednesday, 11/30/16). Both meetings begin at 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Springfield City Hall at 601 Avenue A. Public comment on either item is encouraged before or at those meetings; BCATS' regular meetings are open to the public. Comments will be accepted up to Policy Committee action on 11/30/16. Direct questions and/or comments to: BCATS, 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037; ph 269/963-1158, fax 269/963-4951, e-mail bcats@bcatsmpo.org.