



Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

***FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - AMENDMENT #15***

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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 fifteenth amendment to its *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for fiscal years (FYs) 2020-2023 (10/1/19–9/30/23), consisting of the following proposed actions:

- 1)** Adding a 2022 Michigan Dept of Transportation (MDOT) Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL) study to consider alternative configurations of the existing I-194/M-66 freeway corridor in advance of reconstruction expected necessary before 2030. Total budget \$650,000 [81.85% Fed Surface Transportation (ST) funds, 18.15% State of Michigan Betterment "M" funds];
- 2)** Increasing the 2022 construction phase (CON) total estimated cost, by 66.8%, of mill & resurfacing by the Calhoun County Road Dept (CCRD) on Morgan Rd from North Ave eastward to M-66, and changing from Capital Preventive Maintenance (CPM) one-course overlay to Road Rehabilitation two-course overlay. Updated total CON budget \$677,174 [\$495,192 Fed Surface Transportation Urban Local (STUL), \$181,982 CCRD];
- 3)** Delaying the CON phase of MDOT's bridge replacement at I-194 over the Kalamazoo River, from 2023 to late 2024 or beyond in order for maintenance of traffic schemes to not conflict with major I-94 bridges & pavement work ongoing 2022-25, and to coordinate with recommendations of PEL study in Item 1 above. Total budget for CON \$17,620,000, 100% State "M" funds;
- 4)** Delaying an application from Community Inclusive Recreation (CIR) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 (Elderly & Disabled) funds to replace one bus (<30') with lift, from 2023 to 2024. Total budget \$79,000, 80% Fed FTA Sec5310, 20% State Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF);
- 5)** Adding 2022 preliminary engineering (PE) and 2023 right-of-way (ROW) phases in advance of MDOT's 2024 CON phase for Road CPM on M-96 (Dickman Rd) from the county line just west of Armstrong Rd eastward to M-37 (Helmer Rd) west junction, and thru the Village of Augusta. Total budgets for PE \$50,000; ROW \$10,000; CON \$3,010,000. All 100% State "M" funds;
- 6)** Adding 2023 PE phase in advance of MDOT's 2025 ROW and 2026 CON phases for signal modernizations at six locations: I-94BL, M-96 (Dickman) at M-37 W Jct (Helmer); I-94BL, M-96 (Dickman) at M-37 E Jct (Helmer); M-96 (Columbia) at 28th; M-89 (Michigan) at 20th; M-89 (Washington) at M-89 (Michigan); and I-94BL (Michigan) at M-96 (Columbia). Total budgets for PE \$340,217; ROW \$7,500; CON \$2,248,509. All 100% Fed Surface Transportation Safety funds;

**7)** Adding 2022 PE phase in advance of MDOT's 2025 ROW and 2029 CON phases for Road Rehabilitation of 3.9 miles of I-94BL, as Main St from Dickman Rd E northwestward to Hamblin Ave, then briefly northeastward on Hamblin Ave to Michigan Ave E, then eastward on Michigan Ave to 9 1/2 Mile Rd. Total budgets for PE \$797,500; ROW \$25,000; CON \$7,177,500. All 81.85% Fed National Highway System funds, 18.15% State "M" funds;

**8)** Adding 2023 PE in advance of MDOT's 2026 CON phase for Bridge Capital Structural Maintenance (CSM) on the I-94BL (Michigan Ave E) bridge over the MDOT railroad corridor 0.2 miles east of M-96 (Columbia Ave). Total budgets for PE \$12,500; CON \$112,500. All 81.85% Fed Bridge Formula Program, 18.15% State "M" funds;

**9)** Adding 2022 Road CPM by the City of Battle Creek (BC) on Clark Rd, from River Rd southward to M-96 (Dickman Rd). Total budget \$436,000 [\$80,985 Fed STUL, \$202,583 Fed ST Program-Flex, \$45,575 Fed Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP), \$106,857 City of BC];

**10)** Adding a 2023 application from Community Action (CA) for FTA Sec5310 funds to purchase three computers and nine monitors to support its transit services. Total budget \$6,000, 80% Fed FTA Sec5310, 20% State CTF; and

**11)** Adding 2023 Road CPM by the City of BC and CCRD together on North Ave (6 Mile Rd), from E Roosevelt Ave northward to Morgan Rd. Total budget \$413,573 [81.85% Fed STUL (\$338,509), 18.15% Local (\$34,698 City of BC, \$40,366 CCRD)].

Further details of the above listed changes, and other projects in the TIP, can be provided upon request and may also be found online at [www.bcatsmpo.org](http://www.bcatsmpo.org). Public comment on this TIP amendment is encouraged by e-mail to [bcats@bcatsmpo.org](mailto:bcats@bcatsmpo.org), or within the 2/23/22 Policy Committee meeting, beginning at 1:30pm; call ahead or check BCATS' home page at [www.bcatsmpo.org](http://www.bcatsmpo.org) for details on attending and participating in that meeting. Comments will be accepted thru noon on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Direct questions and/or comments to: BCATS, 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037; phone 269/963-1158, fax 269/963-4951, e-mail [bcats@bcatsmpo.org](mailto:bcats@bcatsmpo.org).

[the following NOT included in published notice](#)

- 1) JN-200566 2) JN-207393 3) JN-210024 4) JN-210666 5) JN-213296 6) JN-214181  
7) JN-214871 8) JN-214947 9) JN-215056 10) JN-215195 11) JN-215397