

Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

**FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - AMENDMENT #16**

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- 3)** Increasing the 2023 CON total estimated cost, by 10.6%, of MDOT's planned bridge rehabilitation for M-96 (Columbia Ave) over I-194/M-66. Updated total budget \$2,938,647 [\$2,634,990 Fed Interstate Maintenance (IM) + ST, \$279,263 State "M", \$24,394 Local-City of Battle Creek (CityBC)]; **JN-208435**
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- 8)** Modifying the funding source for 2023 PE of \$115,000 for MDOT's planned 2024 \$670,000 CON of an auxiliary lane on M-66 NB between Beckley Rd and I-94, to be 100% State "M" instead of 81.85% Fed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds & 18.15% State "M"; **JN-210822**

**9)** Increasing BCT's 2022 Fed transit Sec5307 operating assistance estimate by 46.2%, to \$1,991,634, to be matched 100% with \$1,991,634 in local funds from CityBC; **JN-208189**

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**11)** Increasing the estimated cost, by 34.6%, of MDOT's planned 2023 installation of CCTV cameras on existing dynamic message signs (DMS) along I-94 in the BCATS area. Updated total budget \$81,097, 81.85% Fed National Highway System, 18.15% State "M"; **JN-207433**

**12)** Adding a 2022 small bus replacement for the Marian Burch Adult Day Care. Total estimated cost \$81,809, 80% Fed Sec5310, 20% State Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF)]; and **JN-216601**

**13)** Increasing the estimated cost, by 27.0%, of the CCRD's planned 2023 traffic signal modernization at the Morgan Rd/North Ave intersection. Updated total budget \$361,986 (\$153,067 Fed CMAQ, \$171,000 Fed Carbon Reduction Program, \$37,919 CCRD). **JN-207469**

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 (and preferred) by e-mail to [bcats@bcatsmpo.org](mailto:bcats@bcatsmpo.org), or within the BCATS public meetings in May (Technical Committee 5/11/22 and Policy Committee 5/25/22); call ahead or check BCATS' home page at [www.bcatsmpo.org](http://www.bcatsmpo.org) for details on attending and participating in those meetings. Comments will be accepted thru Policy Committee action on May 25<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).

Job Numbers as listed above and this line & following were NOT included in published notice

- 1) JN-203293 2) JN-207341 3) JN-208435 4) JN-213719 5) JN-216491 6) JN-216518  
 7) JN-216521 8) JN-210822 9) JN-208189 10) JN-216396 & 215397, JN-207416 & 207393  
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# Obituaries

| TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES |     |              |            |   |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------------|------------|---|
| Name                                 | Age | Town, State  | Death Date | Arrangements                                      |
| *Ellis, Kathleen                     | 82  | Dowling      | 02-May     | Baxter Funeral & Cremation Service                |
| Howard, Allen                        | 82  | Battle Creek | 01-May     | Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service              |
| McNeil, George                       | 80  | Springfield  | 20-Apr     | Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service              |
| Miller, Jerry                        | 60  | Battle Creek | 02-May     | Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service              |
| Purvis, Philip                       | 95  | Battle Creek | 03-May     | Farley Bates Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care |
| *Taylor, Wendi Michelle (Huckfeldt)  | 42  | Battle Creek | 22-Apr     | -   |
| Weaver, Rubbie                       | 77  | Battle Creek | 30-Apr     | Baxter Funeral and Cremation Service              |

**\* Additional information in display obituaries**  
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### Kathleen Ellis

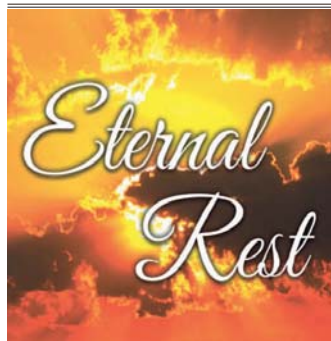
**DOWLING** - Kathleen E. Ellis passed away on May 2, 2022 after a long illness. Kathleen was born October 21, 1939 to Raymond and Evelyn Sexton in Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from St. Francis De Sales in 1957. Kathleen worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield in Detroit where she met her husband Donald. Kathleen enjoyed her summer visits to the upper peninsula and spending winters in Florida with her late husband Don.



Kathleen is survived by her children Jennifer (Mike) Lauzon, Colleen Ellis, Michelle Ellis, Michael (Dawn) Ellis and Denise (Jeff) Geske, 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren whom she adored.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Donald Ellis who passed September 1, 2022. Parents Raymond and Evelyn Sexton, siblings Raymond Sexton, James Sexton, and Patricia Sexton.

Private services to be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Baxter Funeral & Cremation Service. 269-788-9800 [www.baxterfuneral.com](http://www.baxterfuneral.com)



### Wendi Michelle (Huckfeldt) Taylor

**BATTLE CREEK** - Wendi Michelle (Huckfeldt) Taylor, age 42, of Battle Creek, MI passed away on Friday, April 22, 2022. She left this world in peace surrounded by her family during a thunderstorm she loved to sleep to. Beloved wife of Trent for 17 years. Adoring mother to Johnny Doyle George, Rebekah Nicole (Richie), Rachel Danine (Chris), Trent Michael, and Tamara Chaeron. Beloved daughter of George and Linda. Loving sister to Sherri Lynn, Harold Allen (Kristina), and Nicole Lee (Kirk). Proud grandmother to Grayson, Persephone, Emerson, andarrison. She is also survived by numerous Nieces and Nephews and Cousins.

Wendi was born in Marshall, MI to George and Linda. She graduated from Olt High school and attended Kellogg Community College. She worked at Flex-n-Gate, Battle Creek schools, O.T.'s Up N Smoke, and Medler Electric. While she worked at Medler Electric, she helped to manage the warehouse and worked with customers. She really enjoyed working with the public and really enjoyed her position at Medler Electric.

She was diagnosed with cancer in 2010 and again in 2015. She was determined to treat this cancer and her greatest motivation and joy was her family. She loved to care for her family and she was quick to adopt many friends into her extended family. She had a loving and kind heart and she battled cancer with a ferocity that blessed us with inspiration. In 2019, she went to Mexico with her mother for holistic treatments. She was able to swim in the ocean for the first time, and loved every moment. She was also blessed with a vacation to Florida with her son and her husband in August of 2021.

Her family and friends take comfort in knowing she is with the Lord, healed, and at peace. She was a very kind, giving and loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, grandmother and friend. She will be missed beyond words. She did not wish to have a funeral. She wanted a party to joyfully celebrate her life and her family.

She also wished to be cremated and her ashes spread in the ocean. The details for her memorial party will be shared later (likely early summer) on her Facebook page.

# Meals

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and qualify for free or reduced-cost meals.

Each child, the MDHS says, receives \$710 for "each day the school is virtual or the student is absent due to COVID."

The P-EBT benefits are retroactive to last September and are being paid through June. Payments are automatically added to Bridge Cards and families need not apply to receive them.

Benefits for September through December 2021 began being issued last week. Later this month, benefits for January and February will be issued followed by in June for March and April, and in July for May and June.

For those families who do not already have Bridge Cards, P-EBT cards were mailed to those eligible with a letter describing how to use the card. Those families do not need to apply.

Michigan was the first state to distribute P-EBT benefits, the MDHHS says.

"I am proud of all that our team at MDHHS has done to provide easy access to food to our families during the pandemic," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel in a news release. "While we are in the recovery stage of the pandemic, children and families still have great needs due to COVID-19. We are here to address those needs."

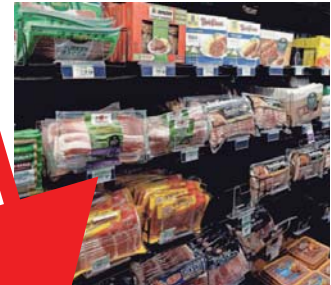
Families can use the benefits to purchase food at retailers or online from Aldi, Amazon, Meijer or Walmart.

More recently, Congress did not extend waivers for pandemic child nutrition programs through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"This is critical support to families whose children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals," said state Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice in a statement. "The Pandemic-EBT funds are important for struggling families and supplement other meals made possible through hard-working local, state, and federal food service staff. It takes a village."

The waiver authority, according to the MDHHS, provided higher meal reimbursement rates and provided free meals to all students for the last two years. The state, along with U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, are working to try and restore those benefits.

Contact Detroit Free Press food writer Susan Selasky and send food and restaurant news to: [sselasky@freepress.com](mailto:sselasky@freepress.com). Follow @SusanMariecooks on Twitter.



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