

Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - AMENDMENT #4

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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 4<sup>th</sup> amendment to its *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for fiscal years (FYs) 2023-2026 (10/1/22–9/30/26), consisting of the following proposed actions:

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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*. Public comment on this TIP amendment is encouraged (and preferred) by e-mail to *bcats@bcatsmpo.org*, or within the BCATS public meetings in March (Technical Committee 3/8/23 and Policy Committee 3/22/23); call ahead or check BCATS' home page at *www.bcatsmpo.org* for details on attending and participating in those meetings. Comments will be accepted thru Policy Committee action on March 22<sup>nd</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*.

the following NOT included in published notice

1) JN-216491 2) JN-207378 3) JN-217224 4) JN-217338 5) JN-213288 6) JN-218204 7) JN-208435

The following projects have been changed since Amendment #3 last December and the modifications enacted by administrative action of BCATS staff since the changes did not meet requirements for the formal amendment process, that would include public noticing and local approval through the MPO process. They are listed here for information and discussion as appropriate.

- A. JN-210666 Community Inclusive Recreation (CIR), Sec5310, Purchase 1 (one) replacement bus <30' with lift, replacing CIR Bus #6, total \$79,000; moved from FY24 to FY25 since bus planned for replacement would not reach mileage qualification for FY24 replacement.</p>
- B. JN-211804 I-94 Crash Investigation Sites, two per county on eastbound and westbound I-94 in Berrien, Van Buren, and Calhoun counties, plus extension of the eastbound I-94 on ramp at the Mattawan exit 66. Total construction phase (CON) \$2,241,245, moved from FY26 to FY27 (and to FY26-29 TIP cycle) to balance funding program template budget.
- C. JN-213296 M-96 (Dickman Rd W) milling and one course asphalt overlay, from the west village limit of Augusta to the Kalamazoo River bridge in Charleston Township, Kalamazoo County and from Armstrong Rd/County Line Rd to M-37 (Helmer Rd) in the cities of Springfield and Battle Creek, Calhoun County. FY24 CON total increased 10.0% to \$3,310,000, to account for recent inflation.
- D. JN-214871 I-94BL (Main St, Hamblin, Michigan Ave E), from Main St-Dickman Rd E intersection northwest on Main St to Hamblin, then northeast on Hamblin to Michigan Ave E, then southeast/east on Michigan Ave E to 9½ Mile Rd (Wattles Rd). FY29 milling and two course asphalt overlay CON total \$7,177,500. Preliminary engineering (PE) moved from FY23 to FY26, as stated in JobNet "...due to budgetary constraints. To cover FY2022 bids, template reduction, and estimate increases outlined in the revised 2028CFP memo, existing projects are being delayed into Southwest FY2028 and FY2029 budget years. The benefit of shelf design activity is temporarily diminished since the first availability of new construction funds is pushed out to 2030 and beyond." Right-of-way (ROW) moved from FY25 to FY29 (and to FY26-29 TIP cycle).
- E. JN-216528 FY24 City of BC Capital Preventive Maintenance (CPM) on segments of Territorial (Helmer to Riverside), Helmer (Gethings to Columbia), Hamblin (Washington to Division), Kendall (Dickman to Michigan), and now Main St from Dickman to the city limit, replacing 20<sup>th</sup> St segment from Columbia to Goguac that was awarded TEDF funding in December 2022 and added to TIP under JN-218378. CON total \$431,765 unchanged.
- F. JN-210823 FY25 minor widening (converting 4 lanes to 5/adding continuous center left turn lane) of I-94BL/M-96/M-37 (Helmer Rd) from Territorial Rd north to Dickman Rd. **CON total increased 10.0% to 2,630,197**, to account for recent inflation.

Attached to this memo is a tabular project list "S/TIP Exempt Job Phases, from JobNet Advanced Search Export". The listed phases are exempt from needing to be formally recorded and presented in the MPO TIP due to no involvement of Federal funds, or for transit operating assistance under the FY 23 5310 ARPA. Of special interest are **JN-212098**, a FY23 utility (UTL) phase for the FY24 reconstruction of the rest-area on I-94 eastbound just west of Capital; **JN-218214**, a FY23 Beckley Rd/B Dr N Corridor Signal Study lead by the City of BC with MDOT, Calhoun County Road Dept, and Emmett Township; and **JN-218378**, a FY24 resurfacing of 20<sup>th</sup> St from Columbia to Goguac funded from the State Transportation Economic Development Fund Category F.

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## S/TIP Exempt Job Phases, from JobNet Advanced Search Export

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Year	Job Type	Job#	Agency	Project Name	Limits	Length	Primary Work Type	Project Description	Phase	Phase Status	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Source	Date	Date	Let Date	Comments
2023	Trunkline	210822	MDOT	M-66 N	Beckley Road to I-94 in Calhoun County	0.28	Minor Widening	Construct auxiliary lane on M-66 NB between Beckley Rd. and I-94.	PE	Active	\$0	\$115,000	\$0	\$115,000	М	11/01/2022	11/01/2022	02/02/2024	2023 PE, 2024 CON
2023	Trunkline	212098	MDOT	1-94	The Battle Creek Rest Area	0.00	Roadside Facilities - Improve	Reconstruct the Battle Creek Rest Area Building	UTL	Programmed	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	М	12/20/2022		03/01/2024	Connection to city water & sewer to rebuilt rest area.
2023	Trunkline	213741	MDOT	I-94	40th Street to M-37	4.58	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Milling and one course asphalt overlay	PE	Suspended	\$0	\$260,000	\$0	\$260,000	М	05/01/2023		09/05/2025	
2023	Multi- Modal	217051	Battle Creek, City of	Transit Operating	areawide	0.00	SP09-Specialized Service	FY23 Spec.Srvc Services for the elderly and individuals with	NI	Active	\$0	\$108,434	\$0	\$108,434	CTF	09/29/2023	12/20/2022		
2023	Multi- Modal	217512	Battle Creek, City of	Transit Operating	Areawide	0.00	SP05-Local Bus Operating	FY23 Local Bus Operating	NI	Active	\$0	\$1,450,452	\$0	\$1,450,452	CTF	09/29/2023	10/01/2022		
2023	Trunkline	217672	MDOT	M-311	over Nottawa Creek, Newton Township,	0.00	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement, Riprap, Approaches	PES	Programmed	\$0	\$361,055	\$0	\$361,055	М	03/01/2023		12/04/2026	
2023	Trunkline	217672	MDOT	M-311	over Nottawa Creek, Newton Township,	0.00	Bridge Replacement	Bridge Replacement, Riprap, Approaches	PE	Programmed	\$0	\$142,045	\$0	\$142,045	М	03/01/2023		12/04/2026	
2023	Multi- Modal	217789	Community Action Agency of South Central MI, Inc	Transit Operating	areawide	0.00	3000-Operating Assistance	Operating assistance under the FY23 5310 ARPA	NI	Programmed	\$37,095	\$0	\$0	\$37,095	AR11	09/29/2023			
2023	Multi- Modal	217791	Community Inclusive Recreation	Transit Operating	areawide	0.00	3000-Operating Assistance	Operating assistance under the FY23 5310 ARPA	NI	Programmed	\$19,189	\$0	\$0	\$19,189	AR11	09/29/2023			
2023	Trunkline	218214	MDOT	M-66 N	M-66 N	0.00	Planning, Research & Design	Traffic Study - City of Battle Creek	SCOP	Active	\$0	\$10,305	\$0	\$10,305	М	01/09/2023	01/25/2023		Beckley Rd/B Dr N Corridor Signal Study lead by City of BC in consultation & funding participation from MDOT, Calhoun County Road Dept, and Emmett Township.
2023	Multi- Modal	218564	Marian E. Burch Adult Care & Rehabilitation Center	Transit Capital	Areawide	0.00	SP02-Bus Capital	100% state funds	NI	Programmed	\$0	\$61,594	\$0	\$61,594	CTF	09/29/2023			
2024	Local	218378	Battle Creek	20th St S	20th St from Columbia northward to Goguac. Battle Creek, Calhoun County	0.99	Road Rehabilitation	Road resurface	CON	Programmed	\$0	\$370,000	\$93,325	\$463,325	EDF	10/02/2023			Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category F award Dec/2022, Grant Number 1087.
2025	Trunkline	212773	MDOT	1-94	Battle Creek Rest Area	0.00	Roadside Facilities - Preserve	Battle Creek Rest Area Landscaping after Rebuild	CON	Programmed	\$0	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000	М	04/11/2025		06/06/2025	2024 CON rebuilding of rest area JN-212098 prior to this landscaping
2025	Trunkline	212773	MDOT	1-94	Battle Creek Rest Area	0.00	Roadside Facilities - Preserve	Battle Creek Rest Area Landscaping after Rebuild	PE	Programmed	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	М	10/07/2024		06/06/2025	2024 CON rebuilding of rest area JN-212098 prior to this landscaping
2025	Trunkline	213631	MDOT	I-194 NB & SB	over Golden Avenue, City of Battle Creek,	0.00	Bridge Rehabilitation	Shallow Overlay	PES	Programmed	\$0	\$91,301	\$0	\$91,301	М	10/01/2024		09/03/2027	2025 PE & PES, 2027 CON
2025	Trunkline	213631	MDOT	I-194 NB & SB	over Golden Avenue, City of Battle Creek,	0.00	Bridge Rehabilitation	Shallow Overlay	PE	Programmed	\$0	\$43,219	\$0	\$43,219	М	10/01/2024		09/03/2027	2025 PE & PES, 2027 CON
2025	Trunkline	213741	MDOT	I-94	40th Street to M-37	4.58	Road Capital Preventive Maintenance	Milling and one course asphalt overlay	CON	Suspended	\$0	\$6,307,000	\$0	\$6,307,000	М	07/11/2025		09/05/2025	

Gilchrist: Work on racial disparities to continue

State can apply lessons from reducing COVID death gap

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After nearly three years, the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities has issued its final re-port, and the federal COVID-19 public health emergen-cy is expected to end in May. Although the coronavirus hasn't disappeared — it continues to infect, hospitalize and kill people, though at a far lower rate than earlier in the pandemic — the focus on COVID-19 among policymakers is fading. I.t. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II, chair of the task force, spoke with the Free Press about the success it had in Michigan, and about the work that remains to be done. The following is a lightly edited transcript: **Question: What will become of the task force now?** 

Answer: The original charge ... was to reduce the disparity for mortality rates from COVID-19, and the second one was essentially to take the things that we

learned in that process and apply them in other areas to reduce disparities. That second piece ... is what the legacy of this task force will be. You see that reflected in a number of the programs that our administration has proposed, en-acted and funded that deal directly with reducing disacted and runded that deal directly with feducing dis-parities ... in health care outcomes, things like the Healthy Moms Healthy Babies initiative, which we fully funded. That \$20 million is going to really help address the maternal mortality rate disparities be-tween Black women and white women, for example, and that is done. and that's led to ... proposals and enactment of funding for increased doula services, doulas covered under Medicaid, the Plan First initiative for healthy family planning, and lots of other pieces in that regard. That's led to programs like the funding that we put

in the budget last year for adults with sickle cell ane-mia. This was a direct task force recommendation and

mia. This was a direct task force recommendation and this is really focused on that population where we have young people who have sickle cell anemia, and when they turn 18, they don't stop having sickle cell. ... You also have seen some of the other work of the task force be reflected in ... efforts from the Poverty Task Force that we set up and others. How this goes forward is you'll see the recommendations enacted throughout state government ... that will change the way that decisions are made in the Department of Health and Human Services and across the board. Will there be a new task force focused on other

Heath and Human Services and across the board. Will there be a new task force focused on other racial health disparities? Michigan was a leader ... and stood alone in our CO-VID-19 response as far as prioritizing, addressing and eliminating these racial disparities in mortality rates. We want to extend that leadership to other areas



"Michigan was a leader ... in our COVID-19 response as far as prioritizing, addressing and eliminating these racial disparities in mortality rates," said Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II. ROBERT KILLIPS/LANSING STATE

where we have disparate health outcomes

That is an overall charge by our administration with everything, including things like the declaration of racism as public health crisis. It really unlocked a lot of tools and opened up a lot eyes for state government agencies and departments to be able to examine what

agencies and departments to be able to examine what they're doing to make sure that they're always think-ing about how they can eliminate and reduce dispar-ities as well. I can't (say) that there will be a new task force, but what I do know is that it's the responsibility of every one in our administration and at the leadership ley and in our state agreement employees to be thinking

one in our administration and at the leadership le and in our state government employees to be think about how we can eliminate disparities. The end of the pandemic emergency declara also brings Medicaid redetermination, we means that many low-income and at-risk could lose health insurance coverage in the new fit future. How does the administratio one of the things that we note ing factors to there o in communities of color didn't have in-nsurance or access or needed.

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TAZ. ners gov to work to eradicate not only these disparities, e have a lot of other disparity work to do amongst tin bu

ribal communities. Vhat else is important for you to convey on this te to people in Michigan? What I'd like to reiterate is ... that where you focus

but attention and where you put forth effort, you can hake progress. Michigan has demonstrated that with this effort and pulling together a team with diverse perspectives and diverse experiences: public health professionals and labor leaders and faith leaders and young people and educators and community organizyoung people and educators and community organiz-ers, private sector representatives, legislators, coming together and offering their perspective all toward a common goal of saving people's lives. *Contact Kristen Jordan Shamus: kshamus@free-press.com. Follow her on Twitter @kristenshamus. Subscribe to the Free Press.* 

#### Outhouse races return to Mackinaw Ci Ŋ

#### Karly Graham

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MACKINAW CITY - On Saturday afternoon, hundreds filed into the parking lot of the Shepler's Ferry launch. Instead of hopping onto a boat, they lined up along two lanes of piled snow, preparing for the 2023 Outhouse Race. Six different "outhouses" raced on March 4, the

Six different "outhouses" raced on March 4, the winning team taking home a \$500 purse. Each outhouse had to be around 4-feet-by-4-feet-by-6-feet on skis. The outhouses are required to have a toilet seat and toilet paper. The teams are made up of five members, including four who push or pull the out-house, and one rider who sits on the float. "The Runs," pushing a brown boat-shaped out-house, won the race. Their combined time was 73.96 seconds across three races. Their second race was the fastest time of the day, clocking in at 23.15 seconds. "Let's Scat To It" ended in second place with a com-



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There were about 60,000 state employees in 2002.

Across state government, not all the new positions would be permanent, Harkins said, though a break-down of permanent versus limited-term positions was not immediately available. Other recommended staffing increases include 79

for the Michigan State Police, 47 for the judiciary, 30 for Treasury, and 22 for the Department of Technol-ogy, Management and Budget. *Contact Paul Egan: 517-372-8660 or pegan@free-press.com. Follow him on Twitter @paulegan4.* 

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ention: Calhoun County Residents Are You Low-Income and Need Assistance Paying Your Rent?

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program administered by he Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) may be able to assist. The HCV program is a federally funded ental assistance program that assists low-income residents with paying their rent. Generally, eligible families must have norme levels at or below the extremely low-income limit as satablished by HUD based on county and family size.

MSHDA's HCV Program waiting list for **Calhoun County** will be open on 3/22/2023, at 11:00:00 AM EST and closed on 4/5/2023, at 11:00:00 AM EST. Applications are available on-line only, no paper applications will be available or accepted. **NOTE**: You may only apply to one county waiting list

During the time the waiting list is open, you must submit your application online at: https://mshda.myhousing.com/.

Applications received through the website will be entered on the waiting list in the order received (date and time). Preference will be given to County residents (those living or working in the County of application). Additional preferences will be given to Michigan residents (those living or working in Michigan) and to a head of household, co-head, or spouse with a disability.

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If you or a household member is disabled and requires a reasonable accommodation to apply for the MSHDA Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List, please call (517) 241-8986 for assistance with your application. Equal Opportunity Lender