



Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS)

FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - AMENDMENT #5

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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 fifth 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:

- 1)** Adding a 2023 capital preventive maintenance (CPM) project to mill and place one course asphalt overlay on I-94BL/M-37 (Columbia Ave W) from Skyline Dr northeastward & eastward to Helmer Rd, by the Michigan Dept of Transportation (MDOT). Total heavy maintenance construction phase (CON) budget \$1,053,000, 100% State of Michigan Betterment "M" funds; ***JN-218783.***
- 2)** Abandoning MDOT's planned 2023, \$510,000 CON phase for special pavement marking applications on selected trunklines in MDOT Southwest Region, and reducing the 2023 preliminary engineering (PE) budget by 81.8% to match actual expenditures to date of \$1,818 [90% Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), 10% State "M"]; ***JN-207367.***
- 3)** Abandoning MDOT's planned 2023 PE and 2024 CON phases to construct an auxiliary right lane on M-66 NB between Beckley Rd and I-94, due to unforeseen roadside drainage issues that would require cost-prohibitive mitigation for this project to move forward. Budget as proposed was for PE \$115,000 (100% State "M") and for CON \$670,000 (81.85% Fed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, 18.15% State "M"); ***JN-210822.***
- 4)** Adding MDOT 2023 PE and 2024 CON phases to install pedestrian crosswalk improvements at six various locations in the MDOT Southwest Region, including in Battle Creek along M-66 (Division St) from the police station driveway just south of the Battle Creek River northward 0.08 mi to Flint St, and along M-66 (Capital Ave NE) from Hopkins St (across from Bailey Park) northward 0.15 mi to J Bartlett Ave. Total budgets for MDOT regionwide project: PE \$155,195 (90% Fed Vulnerable Road Users, 8.75% State "M", 1.25% Local-Cities of Kalamazoo & Battle Creek), CON \$1,119,126 (90% Fed HSIP, 8.75% State "M", 1.25% Local-Cities of Kalamazoo & BC); ***JN-218784.***
- 5)** Adding a Vulnerable Road Users Road Safety Audit along 5.3 mi of M-96 (Columbia Ave) from Helmer Rd eastward to Michigan Ave E, to be conducted by MDOT in 2024. Total budget for the safety audit study, considered early preliminary engineering (EPE), \$25,000 (90% Fed HSIP, 8.75% State "M", 1.25% Local-City of BC); ***JN-218818.***
- 6)** Adding a Vulnerable Road Users Road Safety Audit along 3.6 mi of M-66 (Division St-Capital Ave NE) from I-194 (at Hamblin/Jackson) north-east-northward to Taylor-Trace just north of Morgan Rd, to be conducted by MDOT in 2026. Total budget for the safety audit study, considered EPE, \$25,000 (90% Fed HSIP, 8.75% State "M", 1.25% Local-City of BC); ***JN-218819.***

7) Delaying PE and CON phases of MDOT’s planned fixed object removal to the extent of the clear zone along 13.7 mi of M-66 from M-60 in Branch County northward to Glenn Cross Rd. PE moved from 2024 to 2025, PE total budget \$151,292; CON moved from 2025 to 2027 (and out of FY23-26 TIP) , due to budgetary restrictions, CON total budget increased 10% to \$652,000 for expected inflation. Both phases funded 90% Fed HSIP, 8.75% State “M”, 1.25% Local-City of BC); ***JN-218892.***

8) Increasing 2023 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 operating assistance to Battle Creek Transit (BCT) by 42.2%, to \$2,037,175, matched with \$2,037,175 from the City of BC. Total Fed+Local \$4,074,350, 50% each; ***JN-208191.***

9) Abandoning a 2023 FTA Section 5339 capital project to upgrade farebox collection for BCT. Budget as proposed was total \$178,406 [80% Fed FTA-Sec5339, 20% State Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF)]; ***JN-208238.*** and

10) Adding a 2023 FTA-Sec5339 capital project for new communications equipment for BCT. Total \$163,301 (80% Fed FTA-Sec5339, 20% State CTF). ***JN-TBD.***

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 by e-mail to bcats@bcatsmpo.org, or in-person within BCATS’ 5/10/23 Technical Committee meeting or 5/24/23 Policy Committee meeting, each beginning at 1:30pm in the Springfield Municipal Building; call ahead or check BCATS’ home page at www.bcatsmpo.org for details on attending and participating in that meeting. Comments will be accepted thru Policy Committee action on May 24th. 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 JNs shown with each item listing and this and following text **NOT** included in published notice](#)

- 1) JN-218783 2) JN-207367 3) JN-210822 4) JN-218784 5) JN-218818*
6) JN-218819 7) JN-211892 8) JN-208191 9) JN-208238 10) JN-(TBD)
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