

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

THE BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE of opportunity for public involvement in the fourteenth amendment to its *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* for fiscal years (FYs) 2017-2020 (10/1/16–9/30/20), consisting of the following proposed actions:

- 1) Adding a 2019 project of the Michigan Dept of Transportation (MDOT) to reconstruct the railroad crossing surface at GTWRR across M-37 (Helmer Rd), between Avenue A and Upton Ave in Springfield. Total construction (CON) phase \$207,718, 90% Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Safety Highway Crossing Hazard Elimination (STRH), 10% State “M” funds - Michigan Betterment;
- 2) Reducing the CON budget for a 2019 project of the Calhoun County Road Dept (CCRD) to install sign-mounted flashing beacons on existing stop signs at the intersections of East Ave at Roosevelt Ave, East Ave at Morgan Rd, and 6.5 Mile Rd at Golden Ave (G Drive N), by 34% due to lower estimated cost as a result of completing the work via Force Account, to total \$30,000. 90% Fed Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), 10% CCRD;
- 3) Adding MDOT’s 2019 preliminary engineering (PE) and right-of-way (ROW), and 2020 CON of railroad crossing surface & safety improvements at GTWRR across I-94BL (Michigan Ave), east of Union & west of Gilbert, and across Kendall St, just north of I-94BL (Dickman Rd). Includes addition of right-turn lane on I-94BL westbound approach to Kendall. ROW \$15,000 100% State Michigan Railroad, PE \$28,000 and CON \$250,845, both 90% Fed STRH, 10% State “M”;
- 4) Adding PE and CON phases of a 2019 MDOT project at GTWRR across Kendall St, just north of I-94BL (Dickman Rd), to upgrade preemption circuitry to railroad crossing & traffic signals at adjacent Kendall St/Dickman Rd intersection (in conjunction with trunkline projects #3 above, other signal work, and 2020 major resurfacing of Dickman Rd). PE \$58,000 and CON \$262,000, both 90% Fed STRH, 10% State “M”;
- 5) Adding reference to a 2019-2020 MDOT effort to satisfy Federal requirement to bring deficient Rest Areas and Welcome Centers into current ADA compliance. Work is statewide as needed, and includes both rest areas along I-94 in Calhoun County. Total statewide PE+CON budget \$2,310,750, 100% State 2019 General Fund; and
- 6) Modifying the City of Battle Creek’s 2020 “Major Resurfacings” project by moving planned Main St work [from Mary St southward to south city limits, and from M-66 (Division St) southward to Hamblin Ave], to a separate project with total CON phase budget of \$225,000. Main St to be fully resurfaced, remaining segments in 2020 “Major Resurfacings” to be chipsealed with CON budget of \$491,771. Both projects funded 81.85% Fed STP Urban Local (STUL), 18.15% City of BC.

Details of the above listed projects, and of administrative modifications to be presented with the TIP amendment, can be provided upon request. Additional TIP & amendment information is available online at www.bcatsmpo.org. Discussion & action regarding the TIP amendment will be conducted at the regular meetings of BCATS’ Technical Committee (Wednesday 1/9/19) and Policy Committee (Wednesday 1/23/19), beginning at 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers of Springfield City Hall at 601 Avenue A. Public comment 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 1/23/19. 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.