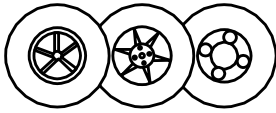
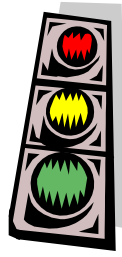


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# “The Signal” 2017-2020 TIP

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Remember: All BCATS Committee meetings are open to the public. Contact the staff office for details.

## BCATS Finalizing New FY 2017-2020 TIP

The Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) is completing the process of developing a new four-year document for the programming and implementation of transportation projects in the greater Battle Creek area. The document is called the **Transportation Improvement Program**, or **TIP** for short. In order for any of the state or local agencies, including transit, to receive Federal funding for a transportation project, the project must be included in this TIP document.

The projects considered for the document are first drawn from existing transportation plans prepared by BCATS. These plans list proposed improvements to the major transportation infrastructure of the area for the next twenty years. In addition, general road, safety, maintenance, transit and non-motorized projects are all considered.

Representatives of all of the implementing agencies for potential projects meet to discuss possible projects and their relative priority to each other. Opportunities for collaborating, combining, or complementing each other's projects are explored as well. The funding for future improvements is very limited, so coordination is important. A preliminary project list was approved by the BCATS Policy Committee in January, 2016. Projects making the final recommended list for the 2017-2020 TIP are listed below, and continued on the reverse side of this sheet:



**Public input** is welcomed at each phase in the development of the new TIP document. Please contact the BCATS office for further details, or speak directly to the responsible road agency personnel in your area.

### Year - Project Name, Limits (Work Description)

- 2017 - B Drive S and Capital Ave. SW**, various sections on & adjacent to B Drive S (resurface)  
**Wattles Rd. at Verona Rd. Intersection**, (add turning lanes)  
**Goguc St.**, from Capital Ave. SW west to Carl Ave. (resurface)  
**Roosevelt Ave.**, from East Ave., west to Garrison Ave. (resurface)  
**McCamy St.**, from VanBuren St. north to North Ave., (resurface)  
**Propane Conversion of 18 Light-Duty Vehicles** (convert vehicles to propane fuel use)  
**BCATS Areawide Roadway Preventative Maintenance** (chip seal type projects)  
**M-66**, from south of D Drive S north to north of Glenn Cross Rd. (resurface)  
**Wrong-Way Crash Reduction Project at Interchange Ramps on I-94**, various exits (upgrades)  
**M-311 (11 Mile Road)**, from south Newton Twp. Line to I-94 (preliminary engineering for a fixed object( tree) removal and culvert replacement project to be completed in FY2018)  
**I-94 WB Entrance Ramp at Exit 104** (preliminary engineering for the reconstruction of the westbound loop entrance ramp to I-94, construction listed for FY 2020)  
**Transit Operating Assistance**, for Battle Creek Transit (federal allocation)  
**Specialized Services Operating Assistance**, for 3 human service agencies (state \$)  
**Heavy-Duty Bus Purchase**, for Battle Creek Transit (replacement of 1 vehicle)  
**Bus/Van Vehicle Replacements**, for 3 human service agencies (replacement of 5 vehicles total)  
**Software/Computers/Furnishings**, for Community Action (replacement of computers and furnishings, and purchase of new software for dispatching and vehicle maintenance)

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the public with information regarding the activities of the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS). The public is encouraged to contact BCATS at the above address or telephone (269) 963-1158, fax (269) 963-4951 or e-mail: bcats@bcatsmpo.org concerning issues in *The Signal* or other transportation matters.

**FY 2017-2020 TIP Project List (continued)**

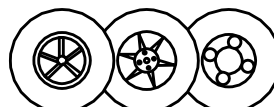
- 2018 - East Ave.**, from Roosevelt Ave. north to Morgan Rd. (resurface)  
**McAllister Rd.**, from Verona Rd. north to N Drive N (resurface)  
**Main St.**, from Mary St. south to the B.C City Limits & from M-66 south to Hamblin Ave. (resurface)  
**Helmer Rd.**, from Gethings Rd. north to Columbia Ave. (resurface)  
**Capital Ave SW @ Jackson St.**, Intersection (upgrade and modernize signals at intersection and interconnect with the City of Battle Creek's Traffic Management Center (TMC))  
**Clean Diesel Dump Truck**, for Calhoun County Road Dept. (replace 1 vehicle, only part of the cost from federal funds)  
**Transit Operating Assistance**, for Battle Creek Transit (annual allocation)  
**Specialized Services Operating Assistance**, for 3 human service agencies (state \$)  
**Bus/Van Vehicle Replacements**, for 1 human service agency (replacement of 1 vehicle)  
**M-66 (Capital Ave. NE)**, from Capital Ave./Division St. intersection to Frey Dr. (restore and rehabilitate)  
**M-311 (11 Mile Rd.)**, from Newton Township southern border north to I-94BL (Michigan Ave.) (preliminary engineering for a restore and rehabilitate project in FY 2019)
- 2019 - North Ave.**, from Halbert Rd., north to the Calhoun County line (resurface)  
**North Ave.**, from Roosevelt Ave. north to Coolidge Ave. (resurface)  
**Elm St.**, from Mary St. north to Michigan Ave. (resurface)  
**Glenn Cross Rd.**, from Capital Avenue SW east to M-66 (resurface)  
**Capital Ave @ Michigan Ave.**, Intersection (upgrade and modernize signals at intersection and interconnect with the City of Battle Creek's TMC)  
**Heavy-Duty Bus Purchase**, for Battle Creek Transit (replacement of 1 vehicle)  
**Bus/Van Vehicle Replacements**, for 1 human service agency (replacement of 2 vehicles, one small + one large)  
**Transit Operating Assistance**, for Battle Creek Transit (annual allocation)  
**Specialized Services Operating Assistance**, for 3 human service agencies (state \$)  
**M-311 (11 Mile Rd.)**, Multiple projects from Newton Township southern border to I-94BL (Michigan Ave.) (including: road restore & rehabilitate, replacement of bridge over Kalamazoo River, a culvert replacement, & tree removal)
- 2020 - N Drive N**, from Bellevue Rd. east to 12 Mile Rd. (resurface)  
**Waubascon Rd.**, from Morgan Rd. north to Halbert Rd. (resurface)  
**Capital Ave. SW**, from south City of Battle Creek limits north to Beckley Rd. (resurface)  
**Capital Ave. NE @ VanBuren St.**, Intersection (upgrade and modernize signals & interconnect with the City of BC's TMC)  
**Kendall St.**, from Dickman Rd., north to Michigan Ave. (resurface)  
**Union St.**, from Michigan Ave. north to VanBuren St. (resurface)  
**Transit Operating Assistance**, for Battle Creek Transit (annual allocation)  
**Specialized Services Operating Assistance**, for 3 human service agencies (state \$)  
**Propane-Fueled Small Bus/Van**, for Battle Creek Transit's demand-response service (replacement of 1 vehicle)  
**Clean Diesel Dump Truck**, for City of Springfield (replace 1 vehicle, only part of the cost from federal funds)  
**Bus/Van Vehicle Replacements**, for 1 human service agency (replacement of 1 vehicle)  
**I-94 Westbound Entrance Ramp**, at Exit 104 (reconstruction of the loop entrance ramp)

**Making Comments on the 2017-2020 TIP Before Final Adoption**

The TIP development schedule requires BCATS to submit a locally adopted TIP document to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) by July 1, 2016. The BCATS Policy Committee is scheduled to act on the new TIP on May 25, 2016. A draft of the final document is planned to be available on the BCATS website for review during the first week of May. The May meetings of both the BCATS Technical Committee (5/11/16) and the BCATS Policy Committee (5/25/16) will provide opportunity to comment.

**Follow the progress of the TIP, as well as amendments to the program over time, at the BCATS website - [www.bcatsmpo.org](http://www.bcatsmpo.org)**

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