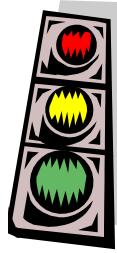


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BCATS 2045 Transportation Plan

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

BCATS Wraps Up 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

The Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) is entering the final phases of updating its 20-year long range transportation plan. The draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is an update of the current 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. As of February 7, 2022, the final draft of the 2045 MTP can be reviewed on the BCATS website at <https://www.bcatsmpo.org>. The Plan includes forecasted improvements to federal-aid eligible roads, transit, bridges, non-motorized facilities, safety related projects (such as traffic signal upgrades), and other transportation related areas, all within the limits of reasonably expected revenues. The Plan covers the geographic area served by BCATS, including: the Cities of Battle Creek and Springfield, the Charter Townships of Bedford, Emmett and Penfield, and the Townships of Leroy and Newton.



The Goals the Plan seeks to support for the BCATS area are:

- 1. Safety** - to minimize the loss of life, injuries, and property damage resulting from travel on all modes within the BCATS area
- 2. Accessibility** - to provide all travelers in the community with reasonable access to important destinations such as: residence, employment, recreation, community facilities, and commercial centers
- 3. Preservation** - to preserve the investment in the area's transportation system
- 4. Efficiency** - to achieve maximum efficiency, utilization, and performance from the transportation system
- 5. Financial** - to minimize the financial costs of the transportation system to travelers and the community as a whole
- 6. Comprehensive Planning** - to coordinate the planning and development of transportation facilities within the metropolitan area and in conjunction with countywide and statewide planning efforts
- 7. Public Involvement** - to provide for public involvement in the planning and development of transportation facilities and services
- 8. Environmental Mitigation** - to avoid disrupting social and economic life or creating a less attractive or less healthy living environment for Battle Creek residents due to unintended harmful effects of transportation on the immediate and global environment
- 9. Community Impact** - to avoid and reduce conflicts between transportation facilities and land use

Public input is welcomed throughout the development of the 2045 Plan. CHECK OUT THE BCATS WEBSITE AT: <https://www.bcatsmpo.org>

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 (e-mail preferred at the present time) concerning issues in *The Signal* or other transportation matters.

2045 Plan - Early Year Highlights

EARLY YEARS OF THE MTP -

Michigan Avenue bridge over I-94, major rehabilitation, estimated cost \$1.2 million (2022)

I-94 - Replace nine bridges, including some roadwork and interchange work on I-94 between Helmer Road and F Drive North, estimated cost \$119 million (2023-2025)

Columbia Avenue bridges over I-194, major rehabilitation, estimated cost \$2.7 million (2023)

M-89 (Washington Ave.) bridge over Kalamazoo River and RR, major rehabilitation, estimated cost \$1.0 million (2023)

Traffic Signal Upgrade at Golden Avenue and Riverside Drive, estimated cost \$281 thousand (2024)

I-94 - Rebuild Rest Area west of Exit 97, estimated cost \$4.5 million (2024)

I-94BL (Helmer Road) from Territorial Road north to Dickman Road, add center turn lane, estimated cost \$2.4 million (2025)

S. Wattles Road from Michigan Avenue to Verona Road, pulverize existing road and resurface, provide 6 foot shoulder, estimated cost \$1 million (2025)

Pavement Rehabilitation of multiple segments (Limit, Elm, Riverside, Cliff), estimated cost \$674 thousand (2025)

Traffic Signal Upgrade at McCamly Street and Van Buren Street, estimated cost \$281 thousand (2025)

I-94 - Crash Investigation Sites on interstate eastbound and westbound between Exit 100 and the 9 Mile Road bridge, estimated cost \$518 thousand (2026)

Raymond Road from Golden Avenue to E. River Road, pulverize existing road and resurface, provide 6 foot shoulder, estimated cost \$567 thousand (2026)

Pavement Rehabilitation of multiple segments (Goodale, 24th St., Gethings), estimated cost \$532 thousand (2026)

M-89 (Washington Ave.) bridge over the Battle Creek River, superstructure replacement, est. cost \$4.7 million (2027)

Phased replacement of transit buses and vans from FY 2021 grant award will take place through FY 2028

IN THE OUT-YEARS of the MTP -

Transit will be applying for discretionary federal funding for projects such as: farebox system replacement, facility replacement, vehicle replacement, equipment and technology upgrades, and maintenance equipment.

All road agencies will be carrying out various levels of capital preventative maintenance on their respective roadways to maintain condition and safety.

The MTP is required to be updated again on a 4-year cycle. Four years from the current Plan adoption would be February of 2026.

Approving the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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Local approval of the final 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is scheduled for the February, 2022 meetings of the BCATS Committees. The BCATS Technical Committee will meet at 1:30pm on February 9, 2022 and the BCATS Policy Committee will meet at 1:30pm on February 23, 2022 to take action on the final document. BCATS Committee meetings are currently held in the Council Chambers at the Susan Anderson Municipal Building (City of Springfield City Hall), 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI and are open to the public.

There is a designated public comment time at the beginning of the BCATS Policy Committee meeting on February 23, 2022 when comments on the MTP can be offered. Advance comments are encouraged and can be directed to BCATS staff. A public notice about the final draft document being available for review on the BCATS website will be noticed in the local general circulation newspaper, the *Battle Creek Enquirer*, and posted on the BCATS website and at the BCATS staff office.

Reminder: Public input is welcomed in the development of the updated Plan document. Please contact the BCATS office for further details (269) 963-1158 or email: bcats@bcatsmpo.org

