

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND AIR QUALITY TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT

1. THE BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE of opportunity for public comment on the final draft of the BCATS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as part of a public comment period extending from May 5, 2022, until the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study Policy Committee meeting scheduled for May 25, 2022 at 1:30pm. The TIP identifies a four-year program of transportation projects in the greater Battle Creek metropolitan area.

2. THE BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE of opportunity for public comment on the Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the 1997 Ozone NAAQS for the Kalamazoo - Battle Creek Limited Orphan Maintenance Area for air quality. This required Report, which includes the BCATS area, was drafted by the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) in April 2022 and reflects information about both KATS and BCATS relative to this update of conformity determination in conjunction with the preparation of the new 2023-2026 TIPs for both agencies. The Report is available for a public comment period in the BCATS area from May 5, 2022 until May 25, 2022, in conjunction with the comment period for the BCATS' 2023-2026 TIP, noted above. The air quality conformity analysis includes the KATS metropolitan planning area, the BCATS metropolitan planning area, and the rural areas of Calhoun, Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties.

The BCATS public meetings in May (Technical Committee 5/11/22 and Policy Committee 5/25/22), as well as this published comment period, are your opportunity to review and comment on the two items described above.

The draft FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Transportation Conformity Determination Report will both be available on the BCATS website homepage for review at <https://www.bcatsmpo.org> as of May 5, 2022. Further details about either of these items can be provided by BCATS staff at the bcats@bcatsmpo.org e-mail address. BCATS Committee meetings are being held in-person at the City of Springfield City Hall Council Chambers at 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI. Comments may be provided to: BCATS, 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037; phone 269/963-1158, fax 269/963-4951, or e-mail bcats@bcatsmpo.org (e-mail is the preferred option).