

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

THE BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE of opportunity for public involvement in the sixth 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)** Increasing the budgets for 2024 permanent pavement marking application on selected trunklines in southwest Michigan, by the Michigan Dept of Transportation (MDOT). For work in BCATS area preliminary engineering (PE) phase budget increased 100% to \$1,800; construction (CON) phase budget increased 54.8% to \$314,100. Both phases 90% Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, 10% State of Michigan Betterment "M" fund; **2)** Abandoning MDOT's planned 2024 PE and CON phases for a separate project of special pavement marking applications on selected trunklines in southwest Michigan, with the work instead to be combined with longitudinal markings in the project identified under item 1; **3)** Increasing the budget for 2024 pavement marking retroreflectivity readings on selected trunklines in southwest Michigan, by MDOT. For work in BCATS area CON phase budget increase 81.8% to \$20,000. 90% Fed HSIP, 10% State "M"; **4)** Adding MDOT 2025 CON phase for bridge rehabilitation, including full depth deck patching, concrete deep overlay, beam repairs, approach replacement, and associated work at the M-96 (Columbia Ave) bridges over I-194/M-66. Total CON budget \$3,564,700 [88.3% Fed Interstate Maintenance & Surface Transportation Program (ST), 9.0% State "M", 2.7% Local-City of Battle Creek]; **5)** Modifying the funding of MDOT's 2025 PE phase for 2027 bridge rehabilitation at I-194/M-66 over Golden Ave from 100% State funded to utilize Fed-aid. Total PE budget \$134,520, now 90% Fed Bridge Formula Program on the Interstate, 10% State "M"; **6)** Abandoning MDOT's planned 2024 PE and CON phases for durable pavement marking application on selected trunklines in southwest Michigan, due to budget constraints. For work in BCATS area total PE budget was \$450, CON \$36,900, both 90% Fed HSIP, 10% State "M"; **7)** Adding 2024 Early PE (EPE) by MDOT for road reconstruction and culvert replacement at the Sperry Drain on M-89 (Michigan Ave) 75' west of 20th St. Total EPE phase budget \$213,047 (81.85% Fed ST, 15.9% State "M", 2.3% Local-City of Battle Creek). PE and CON phases costs and timing to be determined; **8)** Reducing the budget of a 2025 resurfacing of B Dr N from 6½ Mile Rd to Beadle Lake Rd, by the Calhoun County Road Dept (CCRD), by 27.9% to total CON phase \$440,440 (81.85% Fed ST Small Urban-Local, 18.15% Local-CCRD), due to estimates of reduced Federal aid to be available; and **9)** Abandoning a 2023 proposed installation of an overhead flashing beacon on Helmer Rd S at Potters Dr, by the City of Battle Creek. Total CON budget was \$30,000, 80% Fed HSIP, 20% Local-City of BC. 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' 9/13/23 Technical Committee meeting or 9/27/23 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 those meetings. Comments will be accepted thru Policy Committee action September 27th. 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.
