

Blue Water Bridge Plaza Expansion Project Oversight Reporting Act **Annual Report as of September 1, 2020**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) respectfully submits this document to meet the reporting requirements of Public Act 11 of 2010, known as the "Blue Water Bridge (BWB) Plaza Expansion Oversight Reporting Act." Public Act 11 of 2010 requires that the state transportation department provide, "as directed in this section and at reasonable intervals, a written accounting of all expenditures related to the Plaza expansion project and written updates as to whether the Plaza expansion project is staying within the budget for project expenditures with full explanations for any expenditures beyond those budgeted."

This disclosure provides a written accounting of all expenditures related to the Plaza expansion project. A budget category is shown for each major segment of the project with the actual expenditures incurred by job number for each of these segments. All segments of this project are within budget.

It is the intention of MDOT to provide an update to this report on an annual basis until the project is complete. This report includes budget and expenditure information through September 1, 2020.

Project Description

The BWB Plaza Project is a comprehensive plan to expand and improve the BWB Plaza, relocate city streets, expand the Black River Bridge, and improve the I-94/I-69 freeway intersections. The improvements will provide safe, efficient, and secure movement of people and goods across the United States/Canadian border in the Port Huron area, to support the economies of Michigan, United States and Ontario, Canada. The Plaza expansion project will also support the mobility and security needs associated with national and civil defense.

The overall plan consists of the following segments: Early Preliminary Engineering, I-94/I-69 Freeway and Black River Bridge, City Streets, the Plaza, and Enhancements. The three major construction segments are briefly described below:

Contract 1 - The I-94/I-69 Freeway and Black River Bridge

- Reconstruction and widening of mainline I-94/I-69
- Replacement of Water Street interchange (new structure)
- New Lapeer Connector interchange (new structure)
- New Stocks Creek culvert
- Site work and utility connection for new International Welcome Center
- Black River Bridge replacement
- Reconstruction of Riverside Drive
- Construction of non-motorized path across the Black River
- Construction of new International Welcome Center

Contract 2 - City Streets

- Relocation of Pine Grove Avenue
- New Pine Grove Bridge over I-94/I-69
- Utility relocation around the Plaza perimeter

Contract 3 - The Plaza

- Construction of new Plaza facilities for MDOT, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other federal agencies
- Utility relocation and feeds for the Plaza

The Contract 1 work is complete. MDOT submitted several grant applications for the BWB Plaza expansion, with a smaller footprint than the original plan, and was awarded a \$25 million Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant in June 2020. This new Plaza alternative does not realign Pine Grove Avenue, eliminating the need for Contract 2. The alternative is proceeding to be finalized and re-evaluated through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), along with numerous federal agencies involved with border crossings. The project will be delivered through a design/build contract with construction starting in 2023 and completion of major construction activities at the end of 2025.

Project Budget and Costs to Date

Table 1 below shows the amounts of the current budget for each of the project segments, costs to date, and costs remaining as of September 1, 2020. These will be updated soon to reflect the updated estimate of approximately \$300 million to complete the Plaza expansion work. The funding sources will include the \$25 million INFRA grant, existing BWB funds and bonding.

Table 1: Budget and Costs to Date

Segment/Contract	Initial Budget	Current Budget	Costs to Date	Costs Remaining
Early Preliminary Engineering	13,665,000	14,314,549	14,314,549	complete
Right of Way Acquisition	25,000,000	25,501,355	25,501,355	complete
Contract 1 - Interchange & Black River Bridge	162,401,574	134,141,690	125,752,421	8,389,268
Contract 2 - City Streets	105,098,000	90,786,171	15,464,705	75,321,466
Contract 3 - Plaza	294,201,925	291,902,143	10,085,988	281,816,155
Enhancements	9,300,000	2,218,335	1,425,222	793,112
Project Total	\$ 609,666,499	\$ 558,864,242	\$ 192,544,241	\$ 366,320,001

Detail of each segment by Job Number (JN), description and expenses to date are shown in Table 2 below:

Table 2: Segment by Job Number

Contract Number	Segment	MDOT Job Number	Description	Expenditures to Date	Total Expenditures by Segment
N/A	Early Preliminary Engineering	JN 57779	Studies	14,314,549	14,314,549
Contract #1	Right of Way Acquisition	JN 50199	Advance Acquisition	5,172,676	
Contract #1	Right of Way Acquisition	JN 81020	Advance Acquisition	6,325,685	
Contract #1	Right of Way Acquisition	JN 84613	Advance Acquisition	4,726,353	
Contract #1	Right of Way Acquisition	JN 88449	Protective Purchase	3,019,072	
Contract #1	Right of Way Acquisition	JN 100136	Protective Purchase	6,257,569	25,501,355
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 87024	I-94/I-69 Freeway	54,091,529	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 106466	Bridge Replacement I-94 at Water Street	3,820,285	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 106551	Wetland Mitigation	617,096	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 106549	Welcome Center	7,034,222	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 120809	Safe Enforcement Site and PITWS	157,338	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 106605	Landscaping for New Welcome Center	-	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 86951	Black River Bridge - Replacement Ramps	19,425,446	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 110808	Black River Bridge Replacement	40,252,087	
Contract #1	Freeway and Black River Bridge	JN 115069	Reconstruct Mansfield Street	354,418	125,752,421
Contract #2	City Street Contract	JN 106607	Relocation of M-25	15,237,953	
Contract #2	City Street Contract	JN 106622	Utility Relocation	123,652	
Contract #2	City Street Contract	JN 106614	DTE Energy Facility Relocation	75,190	
Contract #2	City Street Contract	JN 106617	E.C. Williams Historic House Relocation	27,909	
Contract #2	City Street Contract	JN to be Assigned	MDOT New Transportation Service Center	-	15,464,705
Contract #3	Plaza Contract	JN 106624	BWB Plaza Expansion	10,085,988	
Contract #3	Plaza Contract	JN 106631	MDOT Plaza Building	-	
Contract #3	Plaza Contract	JN 106632	CBP Plaza Building	-	
Contract #3	Plaza Contract	JN 106634	Duty Free Building	-	10,085,988
N/A	Enhancements	JN 110956	Economic Redevelopment, County	1,000,000	
N/A	Enhancements	JN 106336	Economic Redevelopment, City	223,833	
N/A	Enhancements	JN 118201	Mitigation, City	51,366	
N/A	Enhancements	JN 118843	Wayfinding Signs	100,030	
N/A	Enhancements	JN 118275	Local Visitor Center	49,994	
N/A	ENH/Environmental Mitigation	JN 209234	Local Visitor Center	-	1,425,222
Total Project Costs to Date				\$ 192,544,241	\$ 192,544,241

Significant Annual Increases or Decreases

There were no significant increases or decreases to budgets as compared to those shown in the 2019 version of the annual PA 11 Oversight Report dated September 1, 2019.

Significant Future Increases or Decreases

The layout of the Plaza is contingent upon General Service Agency/CBP approvals, which are in early coordination stages. The budget for the remaining Plaza work is estimated to be \$300 million, reducing the overall project budget, and will be updated in the 2021 fiscal year.