

Blue Water Bridge Plaza Expansion Project Oversight Reporting Act **Annual Report as of September 1, 2021**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) respectfully submits this document to meet the reporting requirements of Public Act (PA) 11 of 2010, known as the "Blue Water Bridge (BWB) Plaza Expansion Oversight Reporting Act." PA 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, 2021.

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 (EPE), Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition, I-94/I-69 Freeway and Black River Bridge, the Plaza, and Enhancements. The major construction items completed are briefly described below:

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

The major construction items remaining are briefly described below:

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

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. 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, 2021. The remaining work will be completed under three job numbers (JN). JN 57779 is Blue Water Bridge funded work to complete the NEPA re-evaluation, JN 211792 is Blue Water Bridge funded work to complete the plaza expansion, and JN 211793 is INFRA grant funded construction work to complete the plaza expansion.

Table 1: Budget Costs to Date

Segment/Contract	Initial Budget	Current Budget	Costs to Date	Costs Remaining
EPE, through 9/1/21	\$ 13,665,000	\$ 14,315,224	\$ 14,315,224	ongoing
ROW Acquisition, through 9/1/21	25,000,000	25,501,355	25,501,355	ongoing
I-94/I-69 Interchange & Black River Bridge	162,401,574	133,964,305	125,752,421	\$ 8,211,884
*Plaza:				
Contract 2 - City Streets (canceled)	105,098,000	15,464,705	15,464,705	-
Contract 3 - Plaza (original contract)	294,201,925	10,085,988	10,085,988	-
Plaza (new contract) (Including EPE and ROW)		298,250,000	78,110	298,171,890
Total Plaza	399,299,925	323,800,693	25,628,804	298,171,890
Enhancements	9,300,000	2,227,863	1,425,222	802,640
Project Total	\$ 609,666,499	\$ 499,809,440	\$ 192,623,027	\$ 307,186,414

**Note: All previous Contract 2 and Contract 3 work has been transferred to Contract 3 along with the new JNs for the plaza expansion.*

Detail of each segment by 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	\$ 14,315,224	\$ 14,315,224
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	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 87024	I-94/I-69 Freeway	54,091,529	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 106466	Bridge Replacement I-94 at Water Street	3,820,285	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 106551	Wetland Mitigation	617,096	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 106549	Welcome Center	7,034,222	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 120809	Safe Enforcement Site and PITWS	157,338	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 106605	Landscaping for New Welcome Center	-	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 86951	Black River Bridge - Replacement Ramps	19,425,446	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 110808	Black River Bridge Replacement	40,252,087	
Contract #1	I-94/I-69 Freeway Interchange and Black River Bridge	JN 115069	Reconstruct Mansfield Street	354,418	125,752,421
N/A					
Contract #2 (canceled)	City Street Contract	JN 106607	Relocation of M-25	15,237,953	
Contract #2 (canceled)	City Street Contract	JN 106622	Utility Relocation	123,652	
Contract #2 (canceled)	City Street Contract	JN 106614	DTE Energy Facility Relocation	75,190	
Contract #2 (canceled)	City Street Contract	JN 106617	E.C. Williams Historic House Relocation	27,909	
Contract #2 (canceled)	City Street Contract	JN to be Assigned	MDOT New Transportation Service Center	-	15,464,705
Contract #3 (original Plaza contract)	Plaza Contract	JN 106624	BWB Plaza Expansion	10,085,988	
Contract #3 (original Plaza contract)	Plaza Contract	JN 106631	MDOT Plaza Building	-	
Contract #3 (original Plaza contract)	Plaza Contract	JN 106632	CBP Plaza Building	-	
Contract #3 (original Plaza contract)	Plaza Contract	JN 106634	Duty Free Building	-	10,085,988
N/A (new Plaza Contract)	Plaza Contract	JN 211792	Plaza Expansion - BWB Funded	78,110	
N/A (new Plaza Contract)	Plaza Contract	JN 211793	Plaza Expansion - INFRA Grant Funded	-	78,110
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				\$ 192,623,027	\$ 192,623,027

Significant Annual Increases or Decreases

There were no significant increases to budgets as compared to the budget shown in the 2020 version of the annual PA 11 Oversight Report dated September 1, 2020.

There were significant decreases to budgets as compared to the budgets shown in the 2020 version of the annual PA 11 Oversight Report dated September 1, 2020. The budgets decreased \$59.1 million or 10.6 percent. Table 3 below shows the amounts of the current budget compared to the 2020 budget for each of the project segments as of September 1, 2021. This decrease is due to the new Plaza alternative currently proceeding through the NEPA process. The Plaza has a smaller footprint than the original plan and the alternative does not realign Pine Grove Avenue. Contract 2 is no longer applicable. All previous Contract 2 and Contract 3 work is being transferred to Contract 3 along with the new JNs for the plaza expansion. JNs 106607, 106622, 106614, 106617, 106624, 106631, 106632, and 106634 will be abandoned and replaced with JNs 211792 and 211793).

Table 3: Increase (Decrease) Since Prior Year Report

Segment/Contract	Initial Budget	2020 Budget	Current Budget	Net Increase (Decrease) Since Prior Year Report
EPE	\$ 13,665,000	\$ 14,314,549	\$ 14,315,224	\$ 675
ROW Acquisition	25,000,000	25,501,355	25,501,355	0
I-94/I-69 Interchange & Black River Bridge	162,401,574	134,141,690	133,964,305	(177,385)
Plaza:				
Contract 2 - City Streets (canceled)	105,098,000	90,786,170	15,464,705	
Contract 3 - Plaza (original contract)	294,201,925	291,902,143	10,085,988	
Plaza (new contract) <i>(Including EPE and ROW)</i>		-	298,250,000	
Total Plaza	399,299,925	382,688,313	323,800,693	(58,887,620)
Enhancements	9,300,000	2,218,335	2,227,863	9,528
Project Total	\$ 609,666,499	\$ 558,864,242	\$ 499,809,440	\$ (59,054,802)
Percentage Change				-10.6%

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 project may help finance some CBP furnishing costs to occupy the proposed facilities and recover costs through lease payments.