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**To:** Policy Committee Members  
**From:** Jonathan R. Start, Executive Director  
**Date:** February 17, 2016  
**Subject:** POLICY COMMITTEE MEEING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.  
KALAMAZOO METRO TRANSIT  
530 NORTH ROSE STREET

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study will be meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit, 530 N. Rose Street. The following items are included in the meeting packet:

1. Agenda for the February 24, 2016 Meeting
2. Informational Memorandum for the February 24, 2016 Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Technical Committee Report (February 11, 2016)
5. Public Transportation Monthly Report
6. Regional Prosperity Initiative Report
7. Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report
8. Draft Minutes from the January 27, 2016 Meeting

KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.  
Kalamazoo Metro Transit

AGENDA

Public Comments are limited to four minutes in length.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. ROLL CALL (Sign-in Sheet To Be Circulated)
4. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
*Any item listed under the Consent Agenda may be moved to the Regular Agenda upon request of any member of the public, any Policy Committee Member, or any staff member.*
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA **(ACTION)**
6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Non-agenda items only. Comments on agenda items should be made during discussion of those items.)
7. CONSENT AGENDA (Enclosures) **(ACTION)**
  - a. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT
  - b. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (February 11, 2016)
  - c. ACCEPTANCE OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MONTHLY REPORT
  - d. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGIONAL PROSPERITY INITIATIVE REPORT
  - e. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTHCENTRAL MICHIGAN PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT
  - f. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2016 MEETING
8. KATS FY 2015 AUDIT PRESENTATION **(ACTION)**
9. KALAMAZOO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION
10. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN
  - a. PUBLIC MEETING: MARCH 7, 2016, FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M. AT METRO TRANSIT
11. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES
12. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
13. NEW BUSINESS
14. CITIZEN COMMENTS
15. MEMBER COMMENTS
16. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.**



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TO: Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Committee  
FROM: Jonathan R. Start, Executive Director  
DATE: February 15, 2016  
SUBJECT: Information on the Policy Committee Agenda for February 24, 2016 Meeting

Here is information on Policy Committee agenda items for your information.

**8. KATS FY 2015 Audit Presentation (ACTION)**

Abraham and Gaffney, our auditor will present a report on the FY 2015 KATS audit. There are no findings as a result of the audit. After the presentation and questions, the Policy Committee will be asked to accept the report.

**9. Kalamazoo Public Transportation Presentation**

The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority and Central County Transportation Authority Chair, will make a presentation on Kalamazoo public transportation and the upcoming county wide millage request to support demand response and American with Disabilities Act county wide services.

**10. KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

The 2045 KATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan is moving forward. Draft chapters are on the KATS website for review. The non-motorized committee met to review comments and edit the draft. Alternatives have been run for different possible project combinations for the Plan.

**a. Public Meeting Date**

As part of the public participate process, a public meeting regarding the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan will be held on March 7, 2016 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit, 530 N. Rose Street.

**11. Public Transportation Updates**

Members of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Board, the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board, Van Buren Public Transit, and/or staff will provide additional updates to the Policy Committee as appropriate.

**12. Executive Director's Report**

KATS will be meeting with our Federal and State partners on February 29<sup>th</sup> to go over FY 2017 budget and work program emphasis areas.

There will be a public meeting on March 22, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding KATS Transportation Management Area Certification Review.

## KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

### TREASURERS REPORT

Policy Committee February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Beginning Balance as of January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016	\$132,382.22
There were 16 checks cashed totaling	\$(29,032.43)
There were 8 withdraws/debits totaling	\$(21,424.68)
There was 6 deposit(s) / credits	\$82,831.95
Ending Balance as of January 31 <sup>s</sup> , 2016	\$164,757.06

If there is any questions regarding any of the checks or withdraws, please feel free to contact me at your convenience, and I will be happy to review the 5/3 checking statement with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Sorensen  
Treasurer, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study



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To: Policy Committee  
From: Jonathan R. Start, Executive Director  
Date: February 16, 2016  
Subject: Technical Committee Report (February 11, 2016)

The Technical Committee met on February 11, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit. Items discussed during the meeting included the 2045 Metropolitan Plan, FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program projects and project prioritization, projects overdue for finalization, and public transportation updates.

There were also status reports on roads and planning activities which included:

#### **Road Status Reports**

**City of Kalamazoo:** The city is preparing to submit final plans for Kilgore and E. Michigan Avenue project in March. The Portage Street Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project was bid. Preliminary reports indicate the project will come in under-budget. The city is working with Oshtemo Township on the Drake Road safety project for a trail between W. Michigan and Green Meadow. Grade inspection plan submittal is targeted for March, and the city hopes for 2016 construction.

**Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC):** The D Avenue, E. Michigan Avenue, U Avenue and W Avenue projects are targeted for an April letting. Local S Avenue and Q Avenue projects are targeted for a March letting. The 9<sup>th</sup> Street project from I-94 to Meridian is in the March letting. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Street project is targeted for an April letting. The Texas Drive Trail project and E. Main project from E. Michigan to Nazareth will be starting construction in the spring. (This is a joint project with the City of Kalamazoo).

**City of Portage:** The Portage Road project is out for a March bid letting. The E. Oosterhout project is out for bid. A preconstruction meeting has been held for the Eliason Trail project. Construction will begin when weather is favorable. The Lovers Lane CMAQ project has been awarded and is on schedule for spring construction. Final plans are about to be submitted for the Westnedge and Romence Safety project.

**Oshtemo Township:** Oshtemo Township has two sewer projects, a 10<sup>th</sup> Street project from W. Main to H Avenue project and an Atlantic Avenue project. Construction will begin once school lets out for the summer and complete prior to fall to avoid conflicts with school bus routes. Atlantic Avenue will also be closed for a sewer project this year to avoid the RCKC project on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. It was suggested there should be signs for Kalhaven trail detours.

**City of Galesburg:** Tree removal for the 35<sup>th</sup> Street project begins on March 1.

**Michigan Department of Transportation:** The Sprinkle Road and I-94 interchange restoration items are finished. Lights will be installed in spring. Lane closures are anticipated in April for the US-131 project from U Avenue North to I-94 Interchange. Tree removal in March. There will be ramp closings at Centre. Tree removal for the I-94 and 40<sup>th</sup> Street project begins in March. Lane closures are anticipated in April.

**Van Buren County Road Commission:** Tree removal for the Red Arrow Highway project will begin at the end of February.

### Land Use/Planning and Zoning Status Reports

**Federal Highway Administration:** KATS will be having its first Federal Certification Review. A public meeting will be held on March 22 at Kalamazoo Metro Transit approximately from the 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The on-site visits will be on March 23 and 24. This is a new requirement since KATS has been re-designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA). The certification review will be held every 4 years.

**Kalamazoo County Planning and Development:** Kalamazoo County has a new administrator, Terrence Neuzil. The Brownfield Authority continues to be busy. New applications have been received. The county also continues with its Master Plan process. Pictometry flights are anticipated for the end of March or early April. Initial data is anticipated to be available in July. Additional data options which will incorporate the FEMA LIDAR flight is anticipated at the end of the year.

**City of Portage:** The Planning Commission is reviewing new comments on the Capital Improvement Program. It is targeted to go back to the Planning Commission in March. It is anticipated to go to the City Council for approval as part of the budget package in May. Pfizer has approval for a 100,000 square foot addition to its main manufacturing facility on Portage Road south of Romence. More investment in the facility is anticipated. Hinman is anticipated to begin construction this year on a five story lot at Westnedge and I-94. Another assisted living facility project has been submitted. Full Circle Communities is going through the planning process for a multi-family residential development project on E. Centre Avenue. The proximity to public transportation service played a significant role in choosing the site. Forth noted the project would help fill the gap in Kalamazoo and Portage for affordable housing.

**Oshtemo Township:** Oshtemo has been working with Western Michigan University regarding plans for the Business, Technology and Research (BTR) Park along Drake Road. The project is called BTR 2.0. The design team has put together concepts. A public meeting will be held on March 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to present the preferred option for the design. An advisory committee was put in place to address and alleviate public concerns.

**City of Kalamazoo:** Last year 67 site plans were reviewed. Thus far, 12 new site plans have been submitted in 2016. The Frank Street Project at Frank St. and North St. will include 48 mixed income apartments and a restaurant. The project will be the first micro-unit apartment project for the city. The plans include sixteen 330 square foot apartments. Community meetings will begin in March for the development of Arcadia Commons West. The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Healthy Living Campus Food Innovation Building is open. The Culinary Art School will be opening on March 7. The city kicked off its Master Plan updates at the February Art Hop. The city has developed a tool-kit called "Meetings on the Go" with resources which will allow individuals to host a meeting for their own social and community groups regarding Imagine Kalamazoo 2025.

**Comstock Township:** The draft Master Plan is available online at [www.comstockvision.com](http://www.comstockvision.com). The Township Board voted to create a Township Superintendent position to provide continuity of management of staff in a growing community. The Township Supervisor position will become a part-time position effective with the November election. Nieuwenhuis will step down to part-time once the superintendent position has been filled and will be available to provide assistance and training.

**Kalamazoo Township:** Kalamazoo Township has also decided to go to a township manager.



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Subject: Public Transportation Monthly Report

Kalamazoo Metro continues to plan for service enhancements to be implemented. Planning discussions continue involving Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University, Downtown Kalamazoo Incorporated, Kalamazoo Metro Transit and others on possibly establishing a bus/shuttle on a limited downtown route to augment the existing transit service, and to provide connections between parking, downtown campuses, and Bronson Hospital as a pilot project. The Metro County Connect demand response service has begun expanded service hours including Sunday service.



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Subject: Regional Prosperity Initiative Report

The Regional Prosperity Initiative committee continues to meet. During the February meeting in Kalamazoo, topics covered included:

- Updates on the State response to the FY 2016 Grant Application – \$115,000 granted of the \$400,000 applied for.
- The first education session for the committee covering Broadband in the Region and one group's work to help communities expand service.
- Discussion and ranking activities to see how to pare back the activities planned with the reduced budget for 2016.
- Approval of committee policies to guide operations

The committee continues to meet on the first Thursday of the month at various locations.





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FROM: Jonathan Start, KATS Executive Director  
DATE: February 15, 2016  
SUBJECT: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report

During the month of January 2016, KATS staff worked on the Michigan Department of Transportation Planning Activities for the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council. Work was concentrated in the following activities:

- Prepared meeting materials for Rural Task Force Region #3 Meeting.
- Posted meeting packet on Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Region 3 web page.
- Prepared spreadsheets for use by Region 3 members to assist in deciding where to cut their program to meet new reduced target/constraint levels from MDOT.
- Held Rural Task Force Region #3 Meeting
- Prepared and distributed Region #3 draft meeting minutes
- Updated Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Region #3 website to reflect approval of previous meeting minutes and posted new draft minutes.
- Worked with St. Joseph County Road Commission to amend the State Transportation Improvement Program and submitted project requests to MDOT
- Worked with Branch County Road Commission to identify roads with incorrect surface type information on RoadSoft database. Consulted with RoadSoft personnel on how to fix errors without overriding existing data. Created filter and submitted to RoadSoft for their use in fixing database.



KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
Draft Minutes for the January 27, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER**

The January 27, 2016 Meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit by Chair Ulsh.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made by all present. Britigan will be replacing Heasley as the City of Parchment Policy Committee Member.

**ROLL CALL**

Meeting attendance was recorded on the sign-in sheet.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Anderson	City of Kalamazoo
John Clement	Van Buren Transit
Carol Daly	Village of Mattawan
Rick Fowler	Michigan Department of Transportation Lansing
Beth Griffin	Van Buren County
Darrell Harden	Michigan Department of Transportation Southwest Region
Jeff Heppler	Village of Augusta
Robert Heasley	City of Parchment
Libby Heiny-Cogswell	Oshtemo Township
Joanna Johnson	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Linda Kerr	Texas Township
Greg Kinney	Van Buren County Road Commission
Michele McGowen	KATS Citizen Advisory Committee
Carl Newton	City of Galesburg
Ann Nieuwenhuis	Comstock Township
Claudette Reid	City of Portage
Ron Reid	Kalamazoo Township
Greg Rosine	Western Michigan University
Thomas L. Swiat, Jr.	Prairie Ronde Township
Linda Teeter	Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority
Don Ulsh, Chair	Schoolcraft Township

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bill Adams	Village of Vicksburg
Jeremiah Cook	Village of Richland
Marsha Drouin	Richland Township
Paul Dykstra, Vice-chair	Ross Township
John Gisler	Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners
Michael Grabbe	Village of Lawton
Keith Gunnett	Village of Schoolcraft
Garrylee McCormick	Transit Authority Board

Larry Nielsen  
Randy Smith  
Jeff Sorensen  
Greg Thomas

Village of Paw Paw  
Brady Township  
Cooper Township  
Pavilion Township

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Megan Arndt, Rob Britigan, Sean McBride, Jack Urban, Jon Start, Steve Stepek, Jon Start, Monica Zehner

**CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-NONE**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (ACTION)**

MOTION by Harden, SECOND by Heasley, ***“to approve the agenda of the January 27, 2016 Policy Committee meeting.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS-NONE**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Information regarding items on the consent agenda was included in the meeting materials. Items on the consent agenda were:

- Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report
- Acceptance of the Technical Committee Report (January 14, 2016)
- Acceptance of the Public Transportation Monthly Report
- Acceptance of the Regional Prosperity Initiative Report
- Acceptance of the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report
- Approval of the Minutes from the December 16, 2015 Meeting

MOTION by Johnson, SECOND by Harden, ***“to accept and approve the items on the consent agenda as listed.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Steppek reported that the KATS Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met last week. Members were given an overview of the purpose of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study and information and updates regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. The CAC will be meeting again in the next month. Start reported that with the help of Policy Committee Members, KATS had identified two potential CAC members in response to the Policy Committee directive to seek additional members with an interest in freight transportation and economic development. The CAC currently has 7 members and a maximum of 9 members are allowed under the approved CAC bylaws.

**FY 2014 – 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program were included in the meeting materials.

Start reported on the five amendments which included 4 MDOT project cost adjustments and an amendment to move the M-96 Transportation Alternatives Project for sidewalks in the Galesburg-Augusta school district from FY 2015 to FY 2016. Staff and Technical Committee recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

FY	County	Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Federal Cost \$1000s	Federal Fund Source	State Cost \$1000s	Local Cost \$1000s	Total Phase Cost \$1000s	MDOT Job No.	MPO Action Date
2016	Kalamazoo	MDOT	I-94	Cold Milling and Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay			2,695		2,695	128535	01/27/16
<b>Limits:</b> Eastbound I-94 from ML Avenue to East Michigan Avenue; <b>Length:</b> 8.1; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Resurface; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Cost; <b>Comments:</b> State GF16 funds, Addition of project 11/18/2015; Change in state cost from \$2,155,000 to \$2,695,000, total project cost from \$2,250,000 to \$2,790,000, 1/27/16;											
2016	Kalamazoo	MDOT	I-94	Cold Milling & Bituminous Overlay	2,534	IM	282		2,815	122066	01/27/16
<b>Limits:</b> Westbound I-94 from ML Ave E to Michigan Ave E; <b>Length:</b> 7.862; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Resurface; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Cost; <b>Comments:</b> Addition of Project 3/26/14, Admin change in FY from 2016 to 2015 11/19/14; Correction in length from 7.32 to 7.862, Federal cost from \$2,286,900 to \$2,083,500, state cost from \$254,100 to \$231,500, total cost from \$2,541,000 to \$2,315,000, 6/24/15; Admin change in FY from 2015 to 2016, 8/26/15; Federal cost from \$2,083,500 to \$2,533,500, state cost from \$232,150 to \$281,500, total phase cost from \$2,315,650 to \$2,815,000, 1/27/16;											
2016	Various	MDOT	M-40, M-43, M-99	Cold Mill and One Course Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay			118		118	128537	01/27/15
<b>Limits:</b> Work is for 14.9 miles at three locations in Van Buren and Calhoun Counties. On M-43 from east of M-40 to Kalamazoo County Line. On M-40 from Paw Paw north village limits (Power Plant Road) to M-43. On M-99 from 0.5 miles south of H Drive South to southern edge of bridge over South Branch of Kalamazoo River in the city of Albion; <b>Length:</b> 13.631; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Resurface; <b>Phase:</b> PE; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Cost; <b>Comments:</b> 71.95% urban, remainder rural; total phase cost \$180,000 of State GF16 funds, addition of project 11/18/15; Change in project limits, reduction in urban share to 65.7%, State cost from \$130,000 to \$118,260, total phase cost \$180,000, 1/27/15;											
2016	Various	MDOT	M-40, M-43, M-99	Cold Mill and One Course Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay			2,740		2,740	128537	01/27/15
<b>Limits:</b> Work is for 14.9 miles at three locations in Van Buren and Calhoun Counties. On M-43 from east of M-40 to Kalamazoo County Line. On M-40 from Paw Paw north village limits (Power Plant Road) to M-43. On M-99 from 0.5 miles south of H Drive South to southern edge of bridge over South Branch of Kalamazoo River in the city of Albion; <b>Length:</b> 13.631; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Resurface; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Cost; <b>Comments:</b> 71.95% urban, remainder rural; total phase cost \$4,170,000 of State GF16 funds, addition of project 11/18/15; Change in project limits, reduction in urban share to 65.7%, State cost from \$3,000,000 to \$2,739,690, total project cost \$4,350,000, 1/27/15;											
2016	Kalamazoo	MDOT	M-96	Improve sidewalks, crosswaks and ADA ramps.	425	TAU			425	123913	04/30/14
<b>Limits:</b> Galesburg-Augusta Intermediate and Middle School; <b>Length:</b> 0.001; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Traffic Operations; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Year; <b>Comments:</b> Moved from FY 2009; Increase Federal funds from \$164,034; Change Federal Fund Source from SRSI; Old Job Number 104966 4/30/14; Corrected fund source to TAU 6/27/14; Moved from 2015 to 2016, cost change from \$460,000 federal to \$425,000, 1/27/2015;											

MOTION by Johnson, SECOND by Nieuwenhuis, ***“to approve the recommended amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

### KATS EDUCATION SESSION(S)

Annually, the staff host KATS Education sessions for new members to discuss transportation funding and the role of KATS committee members. This year, KATS Education sessions will be held the week of February 15. Sessions last approximately one hour. More information will be emailed to members.

### 2045 KATS METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

KATS staff is currently working on completing draft chapters of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The web-site will be updated as drafts are complete. The target adoption date has been moved from February to March due to changes in legislation affecting transportation funding. A public meeting will need to be set.

Cambridge is doing model runs on proposed capacity projects and the impact on the system for increasing non-motorized 5-10% and the increased route frequencies for public transportation. Heiny-Cogswell inquired if projects on the illustrative project list were included in model runs. Start reported proposed projects were included in the model run. Later, as projects are prioritized for fiscal constraint, the illustrative list will be updated.

The Non-motorized Element is being updated. The Non-motorized Subcommittee was asked to stay after the Policy Committee Meeting to review comments received on the draft and proposed changes to the draft.

KATS is also drafting a chapter on unmet transportation needs for funding to document the estimated cost for maintaining a network with a rating of fair. Previously, through the illustrative list, only the unmet needs for capital projects has been documented. Chair Ulsh asked for additional information on what projects are included on the illustrative list. Start noted that the illustrative list was a list of projects for which funding has not been identified. Harden noted that inclusion of a project on the illustrative list had the benefit of already going through the public participation process if funding was later identified.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

Teeter reported Metro County Connect Sunday service will begin this Sunday. Sunday service will be provided from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In September, fixed route frequency, extended evening service, and Sunday service will begin. The millage rate for Metro County Connect has been set and will be on the May ballot. Local agencies and jurisdictions will be contacted regarding having presentations regarding the millage before the 60 days prior to the election. A presentation will be held at the KATS February Policy Committee meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

KATS staff will be sending out letters regarding In-kind Assurances for the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. Start noted that tracking In-kind Efforts were time consuming for KATS staff and local agency employees.

The FY 2015 Audit Report will be presented at the February Policy Committee Meeting. The local match requirement for FY 2015 has been met by participating agencies and jurisdictions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Reid, R. asked if there was an update on KATS Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program. Stepek reported that the Prioritization Subcommittee had met. Additional discussion of proposed projects will take place in February. The FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program is targeted for June adoption.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS - NONE**

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Daly reported the Village of Mattawan recognized Officer Martin Heppler with a Purple Heart. He was hit by a vehicle when assisting at the I-94 crash.

Nieuwenhuis thanked the Disability Network for presenting on "Snow Angels." Comstock Township is investigating using the program to have businesses "Adopt a Stop" and volunteer to handle such items as bus stop shoveling and mowing.

Johnson gave members an update on the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) 9th Street Project which was included in the Technical Committee Report. Obligation authority has run out and MDOT is currently waiting on new allocations. The RCKC hopes to proceed with advanced construct for

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a possible March letting. Johnson inquired about a potential presentation on Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the impact on local funding. Start noted that he would work on arranging a presentation on both federal and state legislation recently adopted for transportation funding.

Harden reported on the State Long Range Plan update. MDOT is planning for public involvement meetings to be held in April and May. Adoption is targeted for July.

Chair Ulsh asked for an update regarding the lighting at the Sprinkle Road roundabouts. Harden reported MDOT is anticipating spring construction to resolve the issue. Nieuwenhuis asked MDOT to follow-up with KATS and provide more specific information regarding construction and potential closures as it becomes available. Reid, R. asked if consideration had been given to the installation of LED lighting noting Kalamazoo Township has had significant operation cost savings since installing LED lights. Updates from MDOT regarding construction will be sent to Start for distribution to members.

Swiat reported that Prairie Ronde Township has a new clerk, Theresa Cook.

Harden reported MDOT will be holding a public meeting tonight from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. regarding planned M-40 roundabout construction. The meeting will be held at Paw Paw Township Hall.

Heiny-Cogswell reported there would be a meeting in Battle Creek tomorrow night regarding the future of Amtrak Service between Chicago and Detroit/Pontiac. Nieuwenhuis volunteered to send the flier to Start for distribution to members.

Heppler reported he is still working to set a meeting with MDOT and the County Road Association for additional discussion and planning for impacts on local communities and traffic due to highway closures. Harden volunteered to forward the request to Pfeiffer at MDOT Southwest Region in order to facilitate the effort.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Heasley, SECOND by Johnson, ***"to adjourn the January 27, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting."*** MOTION APPROVED.

There being no other business Chair Ulsh adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.**