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TO: Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee

FROM: Jonathan Start, Executive Director

DATE: October 1, 2015

SUBJECT: **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 - 9:00 A.M.
KALAMAZOO METRO TRANSIT
530 NORTH ROSE STREET**

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit, 530 North Rose Street.

The following materials are included in your meeting packet:

1. Agenda for the October 8, 2015 meeting (reverse side)
2. Draft Minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting

Please remember that time sheets are due by October 15, 2015 for the end of KATS Fiscal Year.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 2015
AGENDA

Please limit public comment to 4 minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL (Sign-in Sheet Circulated)
3. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (ACTION)
5. MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING (Enclosure) (ACTION)
6. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT (September 30, 2015)
7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Non-agenda Items)
8. 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT RANKING STATUS
9. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES
10. STATUS REPORTS
 - a. Roads - Questions on written status reports. Verbal reports will be limited to 4 minutes per agency.
 - b. Land Use/Planning and Zoning - Questions on written status reports. Verbal reports will be limited to 4 minutes per agency.
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.



Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee Minutes of the September 10, 2015 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The September meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Hummel.

ROLL CALL

Introductions were made by all present. Meeting attendance was recorded on the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Muhammad Arif	City of Portage Engineering
Chris Barnes	City of Portage Engineering
Mickey Bittner	Village of Paw Paw
Tony Dacoba	Van Buren Transit
Marc Elliot	Oshtemo Township
Darrell Harden	Michigan Department of Transportation (Southwest)
Jim Hoekstra	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County/City of Kalamazoo
Chris Forth	City of Portage Planning
Rick Fowler	Michigan Department of Transportation (Lansing)
Lawrence Hummel (Chair)	Van Buren County Road Commission
Matt Johnson	City of Kalamazoo Engineering
Debbie Jung	City of Kalamazoo Engineering
Rebekah Kik	City of Kalamazoo Planning
Sean McBride	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Ryan Minkus	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Doug Plachcinski	Texas Township
Michelle O'Neill	Michigan Department of Transportation (TSC)
Craig Shumaker	Village of Mattawan
Jodi Stefforia	Comstock Township
Geoff Wilson	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Rob Wilson	City of Galesburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Durham	City of Parchment
Jeff Heppler	Village of Augusta
Lotta Jarnefelt	Kalamazoo County Planning and Development
Dan Lewis	Village of Schoolcraft
Mike Schwartz	Village of Richland
Ken Schippers	Village of Vicksburg

Alan Smaka

Village of Lawton

OTHERS PRESENT

Megan Arndt	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Jamie Harmon	City of Portage Engineering
Rob Maffeo	Michigan Department of Transportation (Lansing)
Fred Nagler	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Kathy Schultz	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Jon Start	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Steve Stepek	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Monica Zehner	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Harden, SECOND by Johnson, ***“to approve the agenda of the September 10, 2015, Technical Committee Meeting.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2015 MEETING

Draft minutes for the August 13, 2015, Technical Committee Meeting were included in the meeting materials.

MOTION by Forth, SECOND by Johnson, ***“to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015, Technical Committee Meeting.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Start reported that the Policy Committee took action to approve the recommended amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program at the August 26, 2015, meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS-NONE

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

The proposed Transportation Improvement Program Prioritization Process was included in the meeting materials.

Following the August 13, 2015, Technical Committee meeting, a subcommittee met to discuss the TIP Project Prioritization Process. The following revisions were made:

- For road conditions, the PASER rating was changed from 0 – 2 to 1-2 since there is no PASER rating of 0.

- The number of points for a road segment rated 1 or 2 is 10 points instead of 5 and the points for a road segment rated 5 or 6 is 15 points instead of 5. This was to recognize deteriorating road surface conditions and to address concerns that the former 10 points for a 5 or 6 rated road penalized an agency for road preservation.
- The safety factor was changed to reflect the levels included in the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The previous threshold was based on levels developed by the South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). The SEMCOG levels were not met by any of the projects in the FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program.
- The Commercial Corridors of Significance was replaced with points for the National Functional Classification of the road. This is in keeping with Moving Ahead with Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) emphasis on the National Highway system.

Forth, expressed concerns with that a crash rate of 3 was low for a road segment versus the crash rate at an intersection. Start indicated that an alternative threshold could be considered.

Arif asked if there was a distinction being made regarding the type of crash for the additional 10 points under Safety. He noted that for some crashes, there is very little that can be done to correct the cause of the crash. For example, a project could propose signage as a fix for crashes caused by animals and receive an extra 10 points. Stepek noted that the project points were assigned by the committee and that the proposed project had to include a valid corrective measure.

Minkus inquired if there would be a benefit under Condition-PASER to aligning with the asset management scale of Good, Fair, and Poor. He noted the prioritization process had more delineations. Stepek noted that the asset management council considered 7 a rating of fair. In the KATS planning area, no work is being done on a road with a rating of 7.

Shumaker inquired if consideration had been given to a separate prioritization for collectors and arterials and trying to do a mix of the two. Stepek noted that the objective of the prioritization process was to rank projects based upon the best benefit to the transportation network without discrimination. Start noted the process did not preclude smaller agency projects and in fact, implementation of the prioritization process had resulted in more small agency projects receiving funding than prior to the implementation of the prioritization process.

The draft project list will be available for review if adjustments or changes are needed due to concerns with the prioritization process.

Minkus suggested that the wording be changed to, ***“Project corrects the above identified safety issues and has a correctable MVM/MEV crash rate of 3 or higher.”*** Harden requested the minutes reflect the intent of the wording was to award points to projects that will correct the safety issues for correctable crash patterns.

MOTION by Harden, SECOND by Hoekstra, ***“to recommend Policy Committee approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Prioritization Process as amended.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN STATUS UPDATES

Start reported that KATS staff has run the model and identified deficiencies for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Proposed projects have been submitted. Stepek reported that work continues on the Non-motorized Plan. It is anticipated that the initial draft will be completed in October. The anticipated date of adoption for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan is February 2016.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

McBride reported that the Comprehensive Transfer Agreement is targeted for approval by the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority, the Central County Transportation Authority, the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board, and the City of Kalamazoo by the end of October. The transfer is targeted to be complete by October 1, 2016.

Start-will be having a meeting about designated recipient status.

REGIONAL SENIOR MOBILITY STUDY MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

There will be a meeting on the Governor's Mobility Initiative on September 17, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Kalamazoo Metro Transit.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR VICE-CHAIR

Start reported that Milliken has left his positions with Oshtemo Township and Kalamazoo Township. Hummel would assume the duties of Chairperson for the KATS Technical Committee. Hummel asked members if the formation of a Nominating Committee was necessary or if members felt comfortable taking action to appoint a new Vice-chair at the meeting.

Stefforia opined that Miliken was a planner, and it would be beneficial if the Vice-chair nominated was a planner in keeping with the intent to have both planning and engineering perspectives represented. Stefforia nominated Forth, City of Portage. Forth accepted the nomination.

"MOTION by Stefforia, SECOND by McBride, ***to elect Chris Forth, City of Portage, as Technical Committee Vice-chair.***" Motion approved.

STATUS REPORTS

ROADS

Michigan Department of Transportation: Stadium Drive is open. Traffic timing is being monitored for issues. Traffic will be shifting to the inside lanes on the Sprinkle Road project. MDOT is planning on a "media blitz" for a public event to allow the public to walk/bike the roundabouts.

City of Portage: The Oakland Drive project is complete. Sewer work on the Osterhout project is complete. The Westnedge Avenue project is complete except for minor items. Traffic signal optimization was noted as one item for completion. The Lovers Lane Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) project has been obligated. The Romence Road project is almost complete.

Road Commission of Kalamazoo County: Wakeshma Township 38th Street and 42nd Street Bridge projects are scheduled to start in September. The Texas Drive Trail project came in at approximately 7% over estimate. The E. Main project came in approximately 18% over estimate.

Village of Paw Paw: W. Michigan Avenue top course is complete and tracer lines are down. Pavement markings were anticipated to be completed in the upcoming weeks following the

Technical Committee meeting. The pre-timed signals are targeted for replacement with actuated signals in November.

City of Kalamazoo: Riverview is open to traffic. Mills Street is still closed from King Highway to E. Michigan Avenue for bridgework to be completed. The Crosstown CMAQ project is scheduled to start on September 11.

LAND USE/PLANNING UPDATES

Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study: It is noted that there is only one month of obligation authority for next fiscal year. Members were asked to submit projects early.

Oshtemo Township: The Township has executed an agreement with the City of Kalamazoo for a Drake Road Safety Project. Elliot thanked Hoekstra for his work on the project. Concept planning is taking place for non-motorized on Drake Road between Stadium and W. Michigan. Survey data is being completed by Viridis. The Township is also working with Viridis on a possible non-motorized facility as part of a 2017 Road Commission project for lane improvements on KL Avenue. The Township Board approved a plan for the Drake Farmstead as a community focal point.

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

Elliot reported that as mentioned, Milliken has taken a position at Bronson Hospital. A job offer has been made to a prospective candidate. Elliot will be serving as the Oshtemo Township Technical Committee member in the interim.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chair Hummel adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.