

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The January 19, 2016 meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study was called to order at Kalamazoo Metro Transit at 4:36 p.m. by KATS Senior Planner, Steve Stepek.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kay Chase, Linda MacDonald, Marc Irwin, Paul Sotherland, Mike Mallos

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michele McGowen, Jun-Seok Oh

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathy Schultz, Jon Start, Steve Stepek, Monica Zehner

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by MacDonald, SECOND by Sotherland, ***“to approve the agenda for the January 19, 2016 Citizen Advisory Committee.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION by Chase, SECOND by Irwin, ***“to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 Citizen Advisory Committee.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Schultz from Kalamazoo Metro Transit reported on public transportation service changes scheduled to begin in September 2016.

Schultz reported on jurisdictional changes to bus routes impacted by jurisdictions that opted out of Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA). Oshtemo Township opted the precinct out of the millage boundaries that service Route 14. There will be no fixed route service on W. Main past Maple Hill Drive. On Route 27, there will be no service to Pavilion Estates as this precinct also opted out. The precinct of Texas Township where KVCC is located also opted out of the CCTA boundaries. Kalamazoo Metro Transit and Texas Township are working on an agreement to continue to provide service to KVCC.

Nine hours of Sunday service will be implemented on sixteen major routes. Late night service until midnight will be implemented on 11 major routes, until 11:00 p.m. on 3 routes, and until 10:00 p.m. on 3 routes. Service enhancements to five routes will also be implemented. Sunday service hours, late night service hours and service enhancements will be presented to the members of the CCTA on February 8 before being available to the general public. Additional discussion took place regarding levels of service to the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport.

A focus group meeting to get input on proposed late night service, Sunday service and service enhancements will be held. Interested members were asked to contact Schultz.

Metro County Connect demand response service will begin Sunday service in February.

Steppek welcomed new members and discussed presenting KATS education at the next meeting. Chase requested how projects are ranked be part of the session. Stepek noted the members of the committee would need to take nominations and elect a new vice-chair at the next meeting.

2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN / 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Steppek explained that KATS is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or the federal planning body for federal transportation funds. The local share of federal funds are distributed through the KATS planning process. Each MPO is required to produce 3 documents. The two required documents for the MPO pertaining to the planning process for the allocation of transportation funding for transportation projects are the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the long term, broad scope, and high level vision for transportation planning. It covers a minimum of a 20 year range. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is updated every 4 years.

KATS is also currently working on the The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the short-term plan for the implementation of that "vision" and covers a 4 year range. It is updated every 3 years with a year of overlap. A Call for Projects was issued in November.

Steppek showed the members of the CAC the KATS website and the TIP and 2045 MTP web pages. For the TIP, he highlighted the draft proposed project funding list. For the MTP, he highlighted the available draft chapters and the Draft Non-motorized Element of the 2045 MTP. The MTP web page will be updated as chapters are completed.

It was noted that the purpose of the CAC was to provide public input for the development of MTP and the TIP as part of KATS public participation process. He asked all members to review the draft chapters, project lists, and the Non-motorized Element and contact KATS with comments or questions.

2016 MEETING DATE

Steppek requested members set a meeting during the month of February or March. Following discussion, the next meeting of the KATS Citizen Advisory Committee was set for Wednesday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit.

CITIZEN COMMENTS-NONE

MEMBERS COMMENTS

Steppek reported a public meeting will be held regarding the Kalamazoo County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Updates on Monday, January 25, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the County Expo Center.

Chase reported a public meeting for Future Amtrak Service between Chicago and Detroit/Pontiac will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Kool Family Community Center, Battle Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the January 19, 2016 Meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.