

National Functional Classification (NFC) Review

The Michigan Department of Transportation, KATS staff, and the NFC Subcommittee are currently working on reviewing road classifications for the KATS Planning Area. As part of its contract work for transportation services, KATS staff will also be participating in the NFC review for the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council.

What is National Functional Classification?

All public streets, roads and highways in Michigan have an NFC designation. The NFC designation of a given road determines whether it is a federal-aid road. Federal-aid roads are eligible for federal funds, either as part of the National Highway System (NHS -- usually limited to principal arterials) or through the Surface Transportation Program (STP).

Periodically, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) engages in a statewide functional reclassification. At such times, MDOT asks KATS and appropriate local officials and employees to review the classifications of all streets and roads under their jurisdiction. After review changes in classification are identified to match changes in road function. The results of this collaborative process are submitted to FHWA for final approval.

MDOT NFC Anticipated Timeline:

- MDOT group meetings September 2014 – April 2015
- Other Principal Arterial/National Highway System (NHS) proposals Due April 30, 2015
- Remaining NFC revision proposals Due September 1, 2015
- FHWA approvals (estimated) May 2015 – November 2015
- Local notification and Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) mapping June 2015 – January 2016

2014 Obligated Project Report

As with the previous transportation bill, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the current transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to publish an annual listing of projects for which funds have been obligated in the preceding year as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information and disclosure. In addressing MAP-21 requirements, this report lists all transportation projects in the study area that were obligated during Fiscal Year 2014 (October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014).



KATS Education

What is KATS?

Are you wondering:

- ◆ What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?
- ◆ What are the roles of the KATS committees and members?
- ◆ How are projects prioritized for Federal funding?

Then, these sessions are for you! KATS will be hosting KATS Education sessions during the second week of February on:

February 9 at 3:00 p.m.

February 10 at 9:00 a.m.

February 11 at 9:00 a.m. or at 3:00 p.m.

Sessions will be held at the KATS business office at 5220 Lovers Lane, Suite 110, Portage. For staff planning purposes, please R.S.V.P. by calling KATS at 269-343-0766 or by emailing mzehner@katsmpo.org.

The February 9 at 9:00 a.m. and the February 10 at 3:00 p.m. sessions have been canceled!

2015 PASER Training and Certification

Every year local agencies must collect Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) data on at least 50% of their paved federal-aid eligible roads and then submit the data to the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC).

The Center for Technology & Training (CTT) will be conducting a series of rater training sessions on behalf of the TAMC. All raters who plan to evaluate federal-aid eligible roads as part of a three person team which consists of one staff member from the local agency, one staff member from KATS and one staff member from MDOT in 2015 **must** attend one of these training sessions.

 [Online Registration](#)

March 25

Kalamazoo County Road Commission

7:30 AM Registration

Classroom Session

8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Certification testing

WEBINAR SESSIONS/

REQUIREMENTS: New raters, or raters that did not actively rate in 2013 or 2014, must attend a webinar session in addition to a classroom session.

February 10: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

February 12: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

March 9: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

March 31: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Committee Updates

Policy Committee

On December 17, 2014, the Policy Committee took action to elect David Anderson, City of Kalamazoo, as Chair, Don Ulsh, Schoolcraft Township, as Vice-chair and Jeff Sorensen, Cooper Township, as Treasurer.

Anticipated items that will be presented to the Policy Committee in the next quarter that may be of public interest include the following:

- ◇ A pass through agreement with the City of Kalamazoo to fund a Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA). This work will be done by consultants and an RFP will be issued by the City. This project will be funded through Federal Transit Administration 5303 funds and was approved as part of the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program. (February 25)
- ◇ Proposed amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. (February 25)
- ◇ Proposed amendments to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (February 25)
- ◇ Citizen Advisory Committee Bylaws Draft (March 25 or April 29)

Technical Committee

On December 4, 2014, the Technical Committee took action to elect Greg Milliken of Oshtemo Township, as Technical Committee Chair and Lawrence Hummel of the Van Buren County Road Commission, as Technical Committee Vice-Chair.

Anticipated items that will be of public interest that will be presented to the Technical Committee include the following:

- ◇ Proposed amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for recommendation to the Policy Committee. (February 12)



Citizen Advisory Committee Officers

**Vice-chair
Richard
Ives**

*Kalamazoo Valley
Community College*

**Chair
Michele
McGowen**

*Disability Network
Southwest MI*

TAKE NOTE! Anticipated committee items are based upon information available and subject to change. Please visit KATSmpo.org to stay up to date on meeting agendas and materials.

Citizen Advisory Committee

KATS has reestablished its Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)! Its first meeting was held on December 16, 2014. At its first meeting, the committee took action to elect Michele McGowen of Disability Network as Chair and Rick Ives of Kalamazoo Valley Community College as Vice-chair. Michele will represent the CAC as a non-voting member of the Policy Committee. **Anticipated** items that that may be of public interest include the following:

- ◇ The Citizen Advisory Committee continues drafting Bylaws for Policy Committee approval. (March 19)

Flexible Match Update

Flexible match is used by KATS to cover local match required for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 funds as well as Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning (PL) funds.

Historically, the flexible match has taken the form of hours of service, contributed by local governmental agencies, in activities that support the UWP and contribute to work item products. Some examples of eligible activities would include participation in the National Functional Classification Review, analyzing crash patterns for a project for the Local Safety Program, attending public meetings regarding the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Activities must be in the planning process rather than the engineering area.

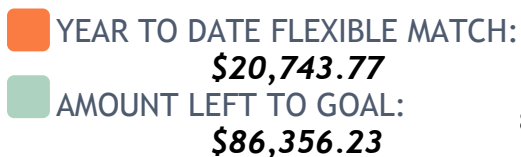
The local share of FTA funds must be contributed in sufficient magnitude to cover the local share of each progress billing. (Payment by payment match).

Kalamazoo Metro Transit and KCTA met the required match for KATS first quarter billing for FTA 5303 funding.

The local share of FHWA funds may use tapered match. With tapered match, the local share is applied to the total project costs, instead of applying to each billing. (Annual match).

FHWA Administration PL Fund

Budgeted Local Match: **\$107,100.00**



Reflects flexible match received as of January 30, 2015. Thank you to everyone who reported their work effort!

FY 2014 Year End Report

The FY 2014 Year End Report details the accomplishments for the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study for fiscal year 2014 by Unified Planning Work Program group. Production of this document is required through the Michigan Department of Transportation-Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Master Agreement.

 [View online](#)

FY 2014 Highlights

DECEMBER 2013

Approved the Congestion Management Plan.

FEBRUARY 2014

Presented the Continuity of Operations Plan.

APRIL 2014

Approved Cambridge Systematics for the Travel Demand Model Development.

JUNE 2014

Approved the Public Participation Policy.

Approved the 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

JULY 2014

Planned and held Training Wheels Event in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Approved the Complete Streets Policy

Partnered with MDOT and Alta Design in the Stadium Drive and W. Michigan Avenue Corridor Study.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Consultants DLZ, Inc. completed an ADA Bus Stop Compliance Study for Kalamazoo County.

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Transportation Survey

KATS has published an online survey on transportation issues in the Kalamazoo Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The information will help in identifying issues that need to be considered in developing a long range transportation plan for our region. All information provided will remain confidential.

 [Let us know what you think!](#)

What is a Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

In metropolitan areas, the transportation plan is the statement of how the region plans to invest in the transportation system. Per federal regulations, the plan shall "include both long-range and short-range program strategies/actions that lead to the development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods." It addresses:

- ◇ Policies, strategies, and projects for the future;
- ◇ A systems level approach by considering roadways, transit, non-motorized transportation, and intermodal connections;
- ◇ Projected demand for transportation services over 20 years;
- ◇ Regional land use, development, housing, and employment goals and plans;
- ◇ Cost estimates and reasonably available financial sources for operation, maintenance, and capital investments and
- ◇ Ways to preserve existing roads and facilities and make efficient use of the existing system.

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Upcoming Meetings and Dates to Note

Date	Time	Event	Location
FEB 9	3:00 p.m.	KATS Education	KATS Office
FEB 10	9:00 a.m.	KATS Education	KATS Office
FEB 11	9:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.	KATS Education	KATS Office
FEB 12	9:00 a.m.	Technical Committee Meeting	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
FEB 15		KATS Timesheets Due	
FEB 25	9:00 a.m.	Policy Committee Meeting	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
MAR 2		Status Reports Due for Technical Committee	
MAR 12		Technical Committee Meeting	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
MAR 15	9:00 a.m.	KATS Timesheets Due	
MAR 19	4:00 p.m.	Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
MAR 25	7:30 a.m.	PASER Training (Registration required)	KCRC
MAR 25	9:00 a.m.	Policy Committee	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
MAR 30		Status Reports Due for Technical Committee	
APR 9	9:00 a.m.	Technical Committee	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
APR 15		March Timesheets Due (Second Quarter Deadline)	
APR 29	9:00 a.m.	Policy Committee	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
MAY 4		Status Reports Due for Technical Committee	