

TO: Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee

FROM: Jonathan Start, Executive Director

DATE: March 5, 2015

SUBJECT: **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 - 9:00 A.M.  
KALAMAZOO METRO TRANSIT  
530 NORTH ROSE STREET**

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 12, 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 March 12, 2015 meeting (reverse side)
2. Draft Minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting

*Please remember that time sheets are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.*

*Status Reports for the April 9, 2015 Technical Committee Meeting are due by Monday, March 30.*

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 12, 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 FEBRUARY 12, 2015 MEETING (Enclosure) (ACTION)
6. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT (FEBRUARY 25, 2015)
7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS (Non-agenda items)
8. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
9. NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM REVIEW
10. TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL UPDATE
11. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE
12. 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
13. NEW BUSINESS
14. ADJOURNMENT

*Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.*

## Draft Minutes of the February 12, 2015 Technical Committee Meeting

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The February meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit.

### **ROLE CALL**

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

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Muhammad Arif	City of Portage Engineering
W. Christopher Barnes	City of Portage Engineering
Mickey Bittner	Village of Paw Paw
Tony Dacoba	Van Buren Public Transit
Dennis Durham	City of Parchment
Rick Fowler	Michigan Department of Transportation Planning (Lansing)
Darrell Harden	Michigan Department of Transportation Planning (Southwest)
Jeff Heppler	Village of Augusta
Jim Hoekstra	City of Kalamazoo/Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Tom Hohm	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Lawrence Hummel (Vice-chair)	Van Buren County Road Commission
Lotta Jarnefelt	Kalamazoo County Planning
Matt Johnson	City of Kalamazoo Engineering
Deborah Jung	City of Kalamazoo Engineering
Rebekah Kik	City of Kalamazoo Planning
Dan Lewis	Village of Schoolcraft
Sean McBride	KCTA/Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Greg Milliken (Chair)	Oshtemo Township
Ryan Minkus	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Michelle O'Neill	Michigan Department of Transportation (TSC)
Ken Schippers	Village of Vicksburg
Craig Shumaker	Village of Mattawan
Mike West	City of Portage Planning
Rob Wilson	City of Galesburg

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Anne Nieuwenhuis	Comstock Township
Mike Schwartz	Village of Richland

Alan Smaka Village of Lawton

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Megan Arndt	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Rob Maffeo	Michigan Department of Transportation Planning (Lansing)
Laura Smith	Kalamazoo Metro Transit
Jonathan Start	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Jodi Stefforia	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Steve Stepek	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study
Geoff Wilson	Kalamazoo County Road Commission
Monica Zehner	Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study

#### **CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-NA**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** by McBride, **SUPPORT** by Schippers, “*to approve the agenda for the February 12, 2015, Technical Committee meeting.*” Motion approved.

#### **MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 8, 2015 MEETING**

Copies of the draft minutes were included in the meeting materials.

**MOTION** by Harden, **SUPPORT** by Johnson, “*to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015, Technical Committee meeting.*” Motion approved.

#### **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Start reported on the January 21 Policy Committee Meeting. The Policy Committee took action to approve the recommended amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS-NA**

#### **CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Start reported the Citizen Advisory Committee had been reestablished. Michele McGowen, the committee chair, will be a non-voting member of the Technical Committee and the Policy Committee. Stepek reported the next meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee would be March 19 at 4:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit. The committee is currently working on updating its Bylaws.

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

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

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
2015	Van Buren	MDOT	M-43	Paint pile bents, cast H-piles with concrete filler wall	183	ST	41		224	125816	02/25/15
<b>Limits:</b> over Brandywine Creek; Length: 1.495; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> GPA ; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Add; <b>Comments:</b> Will be combined into one GPA line item when approved, 2/25/15;											
2015	Van Buren	MDOT	M-43	Paint pile bents, cast H-piles with concrete filler wall	6	ST	1		7	125816	02/25/15
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<b>Limits:</b> east of Lovers Lane to east of Portage Road in the cities of Kalamazoo and Portage, Kalamazoo County; Length: 1.16; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Widen - major (capacity increase); <b>Phase:</b> ROW; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Cost; <b>Comments:</b> Addition of Project 12/4/13; Change in FY from 2014 to 2015 11/19/14; Increase in total cost from \$500,002 to \$600,004 2/25/15;											
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2016	Kalamazoo	MDOT	I-94	Bridge replacement	3,363	IM	374		3,737	118994	02/25/15
<b>Limits:</b> over 40th Avenue; Length: ; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Bridge replacement; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Cost; <b>Comments:</b> Change in federal cost from \$5,379,300 to \$363,300, state cost from \$597,700 to \$373,700, phase cost from \$5,742,600 to \$3,737,000, total project cost from \$6,778,000 to \$5,379,300, 2/25/15;											
2016	Kalamazoo	MDOT	I-94	Widen Shoulder	1,415	HSIP	157	0	1,572	116718	02/25/15
<b>Limits:</b> Westbound I-94 from Miller to 40th Street; Length: 7.47; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Resurface; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Delete; <b>Comments:</b> FY change from 2017 to 2016 11/19/14; Deletion of project 2/25/15;											
2015	Kalamazoo	MDOT	I-94	Interchange reconfiguration	180	IM	20		200	112614	02/25/15
<b>Limits:</b> at E Michigan Ave (40th Street); Length: 0.941; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Restore & rehabilitate; <b>Phase:</b> ROW; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Scope; <b>Comments:</b> Correction in project length, 2/25/15;											
2015	Kalamazoo	MDOT	US-131	Multi course HMA overlay	9,560	NH	1,920	200	11,680	116399	02/25/15
<b>Limits:</b> I-94 to Shaver Road; Length: 6.575; <b>Primary Work Type:</b> Resurface; <b>Phase:</b> CON; <b>Amendment Type:</b> Scope; <b>Comments:</b> Addition of project 7/30/14; Change in Scope to I-94 to Shaver Road 9-24-14; Change from FY 2016 to 2015 and total project cost to \$12,780,000 11/19/14; Change in primary work type from Restore and Rehabilitate to Resurface 2/25/15;											

Start reported that amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program were presented this month to align the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study schedule for approval of amendments with the Michigan Department of Transportation schedule.

Arif inquired as to the configuration of the Kilgore/W I-94 Ramp project. O'Neill noted the project would proceed with the design build without reconfiguration. Adjustments would be made for current design standards and requirements. These would be considered minor changes. She noted that making major revisions to the design would require the project to go through environment clearance phase and the public participation process again.

**MOTION** by Harden, **SUPPORT** by Bittner, "to recommend Policy Committee approval of the proposed amendments to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program." Motion approved.

## **NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION REVIEW**

Start reported the National Functional Classification (NFC) of a road determines if the road is eligible for federal funding. Start stated that the NFC review will first concentrate on proposed changes to principal arterials. He noted that the Michigan Department of Transportation deadline to report revision proposals to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is in April. Following the proposed changes to principal arterials, the remaining network would be reviewed.

Stepak noted KATS would be hosting agency and jurisdiction level meetings on February 26 and March 4. He requested that member jurisdictions and agencies contact him following the meeting regarding setting individual meetings. Hohm inquired about the opportunity to discuss proposed revisions of the other jurisdictions and agencies. He noted as an example that changes to road classification in Kalamazoo City would have an impact on the county network. Stepak reported proposed changes would be brought to the March Technical Committee meeting.

## **NON-MOTORIZED PLAN UPDATE**

Stepak reported a 3-4 week delay in the development of the Non-motorized Plan due the development of the Travel Demand Model. Mapping for the Non-motorized Plan is ongoing, and the maps should be available for review by the March Technical Committee Meeting. Work is being done to update the sidewalk inventory. Members were asked to forward any additional input on the local system to KATS. Target date for adoption of the Non-motorized Plan is June or July.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

McBride thanked the City of Kalamazoo, the City of Portage, and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for their inclusion of transit in project development. The Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is working on developing the ballot proposal for August 4. The CCTA receiving public comment on the proposed 0.75 mil to replace the City of Kalamazoo millage. The millage will be used to increase route frequency, add Sunday service, and add later night service. Target date for the plan for the ballot proposal is March.

Dacoba reported that Van Buren Transit is investigating developing a flex route in the Village of Mattawan. It will be a daily routed bus service.

## **STATUS REPORTS**

**City of Portage:** Barnes noted that the S. Westnedge Avenue project from Mall Drive to Dawnlee Avenue was moved from the March to April letting. The Osterhout Avenue project is scheduled for May letting and summer construction. The city will also be reviewing its local street reconstruction program which will look at extension and connection of sidewalks and street widening to meet minimum widths to provide for non-motorized traffic and enhancements for Complete Streets. Public feedback regarding this initiative has been supportive.

**Michigan Department of Transportation:** The Sprinkle Road interchange contract has been let. Utility relocation will begin on Monday. The contractor has begun delivering equipment at the Stadium

Drive Interchange for the bridge reconstruction. Construction is anticipated to begin in April. Street lighting will soon be operational on Stadium.

***Village of Paw Paw:*** Bittner reported the W. Michigan Avenue (Red Arrow Highway) project from the west village limits to Gremps had its grade inspection completed. It is scheduled for the May letting. Construction is planned for June 16 to August 31 to coincide with summer vacation to avoid conflicts with the Middle School. Public engagement meetings are scheduled to discuss business truck operations which will be impacted. The Village is still considering if the project will incorporate underground utilities.

***Kalamazoo County Road Commission:*** Hohm reported there had been no significant changes to the three 2015 Kalamazoo County Road Commission projects. Projects are the U Avenue Safety Project, the D Avenue Rural Task Force Project centered at 131, and the Sprinkle Avenue project from E. Michigan to E. Main. All three projects have been submitted. The road commission is trying to coordinate timing for adequate time for tree removal. The road commission has two local bridge program projects which are being submitted for grade inspection. The road commission is working with Texas Township on design for submittal for the Texas Drive Trail project. A spring letting is anticipated.

***City of Kalamazoo:*** Final plans for the Mills Street project and the Riverview project have been submitted. The projects are on schedule for a May letting. Grade inspection is scheduled for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program Crosstown project. The project will be submitted next month.

***City of Kalamazoo Planning:*** The city is working on Master Plan Updates. The Downtown Comprehensive Plan will be incorporated into the Master Plan. Kick-off is anticipated for late spring. The city will also look at integration of design standards and a Non-motorized Plan in the Master Plan. The city will be kicking off its Priority Based Budgeting with the new Imagine Kalamazoo Website which will be launched on February 16.

***City of Portage Planning:*** The Kenco Warehouse development is moving forward. A proposal is being reviewed for the southeast corner of W. Milham and U.S. 131 for a 180,000 square foot senior living facility. The facility will be comprised of Independent Living, Assisted Living and Convalescence. Earth Fare will be opening on February 25.

***Kalamazoo County Planning:*** Agreements with townships that own their GIS Parcel Data have been updated. Townships provide the data for the county website and internal county use. The county is investigating potential aerial flights in 2016 for Pictometry. Discussions with the City of Kalamazoo and City of Portage have taken place regarding the potential flights.

***Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study:*** Stepek reported the KATS website had a link to a Transportation Survey for the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Plan Goals and Objectives. Stepek reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation had forwarded KATS information regarding the May sales tax ballot. It is available at the KATS website.

***Kalamazoo Township:*** The township has been working with citizens regarding organizing efforts to revitalize the West Main Hill area. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued to update zoning ordinances.



***Oshtemo Township:*** Western Michigan University (WMU) is looking at expansion of the Business Technology and Research (BTR) Park. The university owns additional property to the northwest. Meetings are being held with Southwest Michigan First regarding the development. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is going to be doing a streetscape and accessibility study along 9<sup>th</sup> Street near Stadium Drive. Arif inquired if the township had considered a roundabout. Milliken noted a roundabout was being considered for flexibility, access, and traffic calming at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Parkview, and Atlantic area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Hohm reported that he would be leaving the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. Geoff Wilson, project engineer for the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, was introduced. He will serve as a Kalamazoo County Road Commission Technical Committee member starting in March. Hohm thanked the Technical Committee for their service and dedication to the community. Start and Chair Milliken thanked Hohm for his service to the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study and the Technical Committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business Chair Milliken adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.