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To: Citizen Advisory Committee Members
From: Megan Arndt, Associate Planner
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Subject: CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 30, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.
KALAMAZOO METRO TRANSIT
530 NORTH ROSE STREET

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Citizen Advisory Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit, 530 N. Rose Street. The following items are included in the meeting packet:

1. Agenda for the Meeting
2. Draft Minutes from the August 4, 2016 Meeting
3. Annual Holiday Breakfast Invitation

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (KATS)
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2016 - 4:00 P.M.
KALAMAZOO METRO TRANSIT
530 N. ROSE STREET**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) INTRODUCTIONS
- 3) CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
- 4) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (**ACTION**)
- 5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2016 MEETING (ENCLOSURE) (**ACTION**)
- 6) CITIZENS' COMMENTS (*On non-agenda items only. Comments on agenda items should be made during discussion of those items.*)
- 7) KATS PEDESTRIAN, GREENWAY AND TRANSIT PLAN – STEVE STEPEK
- 8) OBLIGATED PROJECT LISTING
- 9) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE, CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
- 10) MEETING SCHEDULE
- 11) CITIZEN COMMENTS
- 12) MEMBER COMMENTS
- 13) ADJOURNMENT

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**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 2016 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The August 4, 2016 meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Citizen Advisory Committee was called to order at Kalamazoo Metro Transit at 4:00 p.m. by CAC Chair Michele McGowen.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michele McGowen, Marc Irwin, Paul Sotherland, Linda MacDonald, Jun-Seok Oh

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kay Chase, Mike Mallos

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathy Schultz, Steve Stepek, Megan Arndt

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by MacDonald, SECOND by Oh, ***“to approve the August 4, 2016 agenda for the Citizen Advisory Committee.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION by Sotherland, SECOND by Irwin, ***“to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Citizen Advisory Committee.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Schultz gave a report on the continued outreach efforts regarding the services changes rolling out in September for Kalamazoo Metro Transit. Several Open Houses will be held in the following couple of weeks to raise awareness. Schultz will be looking to attend events such as Bronco Bash, to hand out informational packets.

MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE-FOLLOW UP

Stepek briefly recapped last month’s annual Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) Conference that was hosted by KATS. Those from the CAC who attended the conference were asked for feedback regarding the sessions they went to. MacDonald, Irwin, and McGowen all gave positive reviews regarding the Ladders of Opportunity, Complete Streets, and St. Joseph Harbor presentations.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PRESENTATION – KATHY SCHULTZ, METRO TRANSIT

Schultz reviewed the Environmental Justice Presentation that was conducted by the Central County Transportation Authority.

There was discussion about who was held to NEPA standards and how the community request that environmental justice be a consideration for all projects within KATS boundaries. Those who receive direct funding from the Federal Government are held to NEPA standards unlike smaller jurisdictions who do not receive direct funding. There is no law requiring jurisdictions to consider environmental justice, only policies such as KATS polices. Adequate outreach is difficult and there are no negative consequences for not making environmental justice a consideration.

LADDERS OF OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSION

Steppek reported on the Ladders of Opportunity presentation that was held at the MTPA conference. Adverse transportation projects need addressing and the presentation is available online along with videos. The recent cultural shift creates a new emphasis area that FHWA is recognizing. Changes are coming to the city of Kalamazoo but it takes both time and money before the changes can be made and seen.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Following discussion, the next meeting of the KATS Citizen Advisory Committee was set for Wednesday, November 30th, at 4:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo Metro Transit.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the August 4, 2016 meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Please join the Kalamazoo Area
Transportation Study
for our annual

HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday, December 21st at 8:00 a.m.
Metro Transit 530 N. Rose St.

Regular Policy Meeting to follow at 9:00 a.m.

During the Meeting, Eric Mullen from MDOT will be presenting an
Introduction to Federal Aid

After working at the Flint MPO, Eric has now been at the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for 16 years. For twelve of those years Eric was the department's Federal Revenue Specialist. It was during this time that Eric was appointed as the project manager of the ESTIP program. A year ago Eric became the supervisor of the Statewide Program Coordination Unit which oversees the development of the MDOT 5 Year Transportation Program and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Eric has a B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from MSU.

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