

Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

The Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program was adopted by the Policy Committee and can be found on the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study website at www.katsmpo.org

The Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Planning Work Program for the Kalamazoo Metropolitan Area outlines the transportation planning program of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study. The Unified Planning Work Program identifies how the available planning funds (federal and state) will be used to address the federal and state transportation planning requirements while concurrently addressing local transportation policies, programs, issues, and priorities.

2017 Public Participation Plan

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study is in the process of updating its Public Participation Plan. The Public Participation Plan describes the ways in which the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study will engage the public in the transportation planning process. A draft of the document will be available for comment when complete.

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study amended the Metropolitan Transportation Plan in response to comments received during the federal planning certification process. The Amendment can be found at www.katsmpo.org or at the following link:

[2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendment](#)

Any questions or comments can be directed to info@katsmpo.org

Project Updates

Visit the following links for continuing and upcoming project updates and information:

[The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County](#)

Sign up for RCKC CONNECT to receive message alerts for road construction, road closures/detours, and general public news from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County website

[The City of Kalamazoo](#)

[The City of Portage](#)

[The Michigan Department of Transportation](#)



What is KATS?

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study or KATS, as it is commonly referred to, is the Kalamazoo Urbanized Area's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

A MPO is a transportation policy-making organization made up of representatives from local government and transportation authorities. In 1962, the United States Congress passed legislation that required the formation of an MPO for any Urbanized Area (UZA) with a population greater than 50,000.

Congress created MPOs in order to ensure that existing and future expenditures for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive ("3-C") planning process. Federal funding for transportation projects and programs are channeled through this planning process.

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Phase 1: October 2016-February 2017

Phase 1 of this plans' public outreach included an online public survey, interactive mapping feature, hardcopy materials called "Meeting-in-a-Box," and a public meeting held on February 7, 2017 at Kalamazoo Metro Transit.



Pictured Above: Photos from the KATS Moves first public meeting held at Kalamazoo Metro Transit. The meeting included two presentations and gathering public input and perspectives about existing non-motorized transportation facilities to identify top priorities for future projects.

Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Pedestrian, Greenway, and Transit Plan Update

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) initiated the Pedestrian, Greenways and Transit Plan in the fall of 2016 to improve linkages between the existing transit network and the non-motorized infrastructure in the region. The Plan is a continuation of the recently adopted 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Phase #2 of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Pedestrian, Greenway, and Transit Plan, KATS Moves, has concluded. The second public meeting for the KATS Pedestrian, Greenways, and Transit Plan was held on April 24, 2017 at the Kalamazoo College Fieldhouse. The outreach event included the list and locations of the identified projects, the prioritization methodology and ranking, and an interactive mapping effort to help gain input on the identified projects and how they were prioritized. The purpose of the second public meeting was to gather insights and feedback into proposed on-street and greenway projects, discover preferred investments to improve connections between different modes of transportation, and present methodology for scoring future projects.

The following documentation can be found on the KATS Moves website at www.katsmoves.org:

- **The KATS Study Area Map** (December 2016)
- **Technical Memo 1: Existing Conditions Report** (January 2017)
- **Phase 1 Public Input Summary** (March 2017)
- **Technical Memo 2: Identification of Greenways** (April 2017)

For more information, please visit the KATS Moves website at :

www.katsmoves.org

48 Public Meeting Attendees



**4,597 users reached
73 page likes**



**258 visitors, 314 page view
89 comments**

www.katsmoves.org

Pictured: A summary of public engagement strategies used by the KATS Moves team during Phase 1 of public outreach.

**387 visitors, 635 page views
1.48 page views per visitor**

2019 Federal High Risk Rural Road Program Call for Applications

"The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to announce the solicitation of applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2019 High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) program. Federal funds for the HRRR program are apportioned from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and derived from the HRRR Special Rule under 23 USC 148(g)(l), The FY 2019 federal appropriation for this program is estimated to be \$6,000,000. This amount may be subject to revisions.

Local agencies are allowed to submit more than one project for consideration. Federal safety funds shall not exceed \$600,000 per project or a maximum amount of \$2,000,000 per Local Agency for the fiscal year, including any select FY 2019 HSIP projects. Any non-selected projects submitted under this HRRR call for projects will automatically rolled over to the general FY 2019 HSIP safety call for projects. Selected HRRR projects are to be obligated in FY 2019; the Local Agency will not be allowed to delay a selected HRRR to a different year."

Applications are to be electronically submitted or postmarked by Monday, August 7, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pamela Blazo, Local Agency Programs Safety Engineer, at 517-335-2224 or at blazop@michigan.gov.

If you would like a Resolution of Support for your project application from KATS Technical Committee, please send the project information to KATS no later than July 3 for inclusion in the meeting materials for the July 13 Technical Committee Meeting.

2019 Federal Local Safety Program Call for Applications

"The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to announce the solicitation of new applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2019 general Local (HSIP) Safety Program. The FY 2019 federal budget for this program is estimated at \$9,000,000. This amount may be subject to revisions. Unselected FY 2019 High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) projects will automatically be included in this Call.

Local Agencies may submit more than one project application for consideration. Federal safety funds shall not exceed \$600,000 per project or a maximum amount of \$2,000,000 per Local Agency, HSIP, and HRRR combined, for the fiscal year. Selected projects are to be obligated in FY 2019."

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Metro Transit News

Take a Ride. Earn a Ride.

Take a ride to work, store, or around town using the bus, carpool/vanpool or bike now through June 30 and receive a free trip on Metro Transit or Metro County Connect.

Create an account with KMetroRide.com, log your trips (up to 2 per day) and once you receive 20 points, redeem your certificate for a free trip. The program is free to participate and is mobile friendly!

For Metro Transit route information, visit www.kmetro.com or call (269) 337-8222. For questions regarding the promotion, please call (269) 342-7433.

Route 21 Out of Service April 29th Through September 5th

Route 21 Solon Kendall Lafayette will be out of service April 29 through September 5 serving the WMU Campus area, Kendall, Solon, and Lafayette areas. Please use Track My Bus to find alternative routes around the WMU campus or call 337-8222 for assistance.

Metro Transit is Celebrating 50 Years!

KMetro will be celebrating 50 years of public transportation in Kalamazoo County with special events and promotions during 2017. Be sure to check the website and Facebook page for details!



2017 Meeting Dates

2017 Policy Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 28, 2017
 Wednesday, July 26, 2017
 Wednesday, August 30, 2017
 Wednesday, September 27, 2017
 Wednesday, October 25, 2017
 Wednesday, November 29, 2017
 Wednesday, December 20, 2017

2017 Technical Committee Meetings

Thursday, July 13, 2017
 Thursday, August 10, 2017
 Thursday, September 14, 2017
 Thursday, October 12, 2017
 Thursday, November 9, 2017
 Thursday, December 7, 2017

Meetings are at 9:00 a.m. at the Kalamazoo Metro Transit office located at 530 N. Rose Street.

Request for Proposals

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) is soliciting proposals for: Project Name: FY 2017-2019 Auditing Services

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) will be accepting sealed bids for auditing services until 12:00 noon on Monday, July 14, 2017. Bids should be clearly marked "FY 2017-2019 Auditing Services" and submitted to the office of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, 5220 Lovers Lane, Suite 110, Portage, MI 49002. Facsimile Proposals Will Not Be Accepted.

First-Ever Midwest Rail Conference Coming in August

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Michigan Tech Rail Transportation Program, and a group of organizers are hosting the Midwest Rail Conference (MRC) in August. Formerly called the Michigan Rail Conference, the newly expanded program now has a regional focus with co-organizers, like the Freight Rail Transportation Committee (ARo4o) of the Transportation Research Board and the National University Rail Center (NURail). ARo4o also is bringing their Summerail 2017 event, and NURail will add their annual meeting to the event. This year's conference theme is "Midwest Connections: Passenger and Freight Rail Look to the Future!"

Tuesday, Aug. 15 - Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017

WHERE:

Fetzer Center
 Western Michigan University
 2350 Business Court
 Kalamazoo

REGISTRATION:

Early-bird registration ends June 30. Go to <http://www.rail.mtu.edu/event/mrc2017> to register. For more information on the event, contact David Nelson at dannelso@mtu.edu or [906-487-1734](tel:906-487-1734). For registration or sponsorship

More Upcoming Conferences

2017 Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference

WHEN:

July 25-28, 2017

WHERE:

Grand Valley State University Eberhard Center
 Grand Rapids, MI

Registration is now open. To register, review the draft agenda, or for more information, visit the MTPA website at: <http://www.mtpa-mi.org/conference.asp>

Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference

WHEN:

September 27-29, 2017

WHERE:

Mission Point, Mackinac Island

Visit the Michigan Association of Planning website for early bird registration, to view the draft agenda, and for more information at: <https://www.planningmi.org/conference.asp>

Breakout sessions and keynote speakers will be finalized in July. Full Conference Early Registration Member Rate: \$375