

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

The September 25, 2018 Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Michele at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by all present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michele McGowen, Kay Chase, Linda MacDonald, Marc Irwin, Paul Sotherland, Brendan Molony.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lewis Whalen, Kathy Schultz, Megan Mickelson

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes to the agenda were requested.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Sotherland, SECOND by MacDonald **“to approve the agenda of the September 25, 2018 Citizens Advisory Committee.”** MOTION APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 6, 2018 MEETING

MOTION by Sotherland, SECOND by Chase **“to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting.”** MOTION APPROVED.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Schultz gave an update on Metro's rebranding efforts. Metro is continuing to wrap buses. Wrapping up bus stop inventory study with recommendations for stop consolidation, new stops, and improvements for ADA, shelters and sidewalk connections. The plan based off the study is to be approved in October. Roll-out of plan may take 3-4 years (5 phases, just shy of \$1 million). Metro was recently awarded \$2.8 million in Federal grant for vehicles with a \$700,000 State match. The millage for CCTA will be up for renewal in 2020, KCTA millage is up for renewal in 2021. Metro will no longer be allowing service agreements, either opt in or opt out of the millage. Discussion about options for areas where service changes are likely.

Whalen gave an update on a Disability Network project about emergency preparedness and assisted technology during natural disasters. The goal is to help think further in the long run about emergency preparedness and grow in the ability to be adaptable for those with disabilities. Currently looking for people to be involved in focus groups to tell their story.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) updates were included in the meeting materials.

Mickelson provided an update on the new FY 2020-2023 TIP cycle and updated TIP project application.

CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY UPDATES

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) updates were included in the meeting materials.

Update given by Mickelson on the change in funding for CMAQ starting in FY 21 and the reasoning behind the change.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens' comments were made.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Sotherland shared a new perspective on how striped bike lanes serve as a multipurpose non-motorized use for motorized wheelchairs.

Chase shared that all Michigan trains now carry bikes. Asking for those willing to distribute posters made my Amtrak regarding the new bike amenities.

MacDonald handed out flyers for a Town Hall Discussion at Douglass Community Center to talk with U.S. House District candidates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.