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The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Kalamazoo Urbanized Area and is required by federal legislation to provide coordinated transportation planning for urban populations greater than 50,000.

KATS considers the entire area of Kalamazoo County, the four townships of Almena, Antwerp, Waverly, and Paw Paw within Van Buren County as the Metropolitan Planning Boundary, including all local governmental jurisdictions in transportation planning.

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Construction Season

Road work is in full swing! Here's what you need to know:

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.

[Road Commission of Kalamazoo County](#)
[City of Kalamazoo](#)
[City of Portage](#)
[Michigan Department of Transportation](#)

Reminder: do NOT move barricades in construction zones!

New Employee

KATS is pleased to welcome the new Office Manager & Accountant Elizabeth Rumick! Elizabeth is a Certified Public Accountant with several years of experience in her field. As Office Manager & Accountant, Elizabeth will provide administrative and accounting support for the transportation planning activities. Please join us in welcoming her to the team!

Upcoming Meetings, Conferences & Trainings

KATS Technical Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Thursday, August 8
 Thursday, September 12

KATS Policy Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Wednesday, August 28
 Wednesday, September 25

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

Michigan Transportation Planning Association Conference

WHEN:

July 24-26, 2017

WHERE:

Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol
 Lansing, MI

KATS Meeting Schedule

Technical

August 8
September 12
October 10
November 7
December 5

Policy

August 28
September 25
October 30
November 20
December 18

Transportation Improvement Program

The new FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is here! Visit [KATS website](#) to view the full document.

Michigan Association of Planning Annual Conference

WHEN:

September 25-27

WHERE:

Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo

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>

Metro's Youth Mobility Program

With the financial support of the Foundation for Excellence's new "Youth Mobility Fund," The City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Metro and Kalamazoo Public Libraries are partnering in order to remove one of the top challenges to youth development in Kalamazoo: transportation. The Youth Mobility Fund vision is simple: beginning with distribution of school IDs for the 2019/2020 school year, any KPS high schooler with a valid school ID can board a Metro bus anywhere in the system, tap the ID on the farebox, and ride for free an unlimited number of times.

The initiative is envisioned as removing a main barrier to educational, employment, social and cultural opportunities for youth. Cards will also continue to be useful as library cards per the existing partnership with Kalamazoo Public Libraries. This will also leverage countless youth development initiatives in the city and supercharge educational opportunity generally. Over time, the program will seek to expand to be as comprehensive of youth and young people in the city as available resources allow.

Metro added a [link](#) to more information on their website. For more information on this project, please call (269) 337-8233.

Road Ratings

The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) coordinates federal-aid road surface ratings across the state. Federal-Aid roads have been rated for the 2019 season in the KATS region. Local roads will be evaluated in the coming weeks.

Learn more at Michigan.gov/tamc