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New bus stop signs are popping up around town.

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# KATS Quarterly

## October Edition

A newsletter for the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Kalamazoo Area.



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*Buffered bike lane*



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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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## Stay Informed

For the most up to date information on KATS meetings, construction updates, and more; follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## Construction Season

### Road work is wrapping up! 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](#)

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*Reminder: do NOT move barricades in construction zones!*

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## New Fiscal year

KATS new fiscal year began October 1<sup>st</sup>! Staff is working hard to wrap up Fiscal Year 2019 as well as preparing for audit. There will be a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment schedule that is available on KATS website. Also, be on the lookout for the updated meeting schedule for Technical and Policy Committees as the new year approaches. For the most up to date meeting information, visit KATS website at [www.katsmpo.org](http://www.katsmpo.org).

## Upcoming Meetings, Conferences & Trainings

### KATS Technical Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Thursday, October 10  
 Thursday, November 7  
 Thursday, December 5

### KATS Policy Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Wednesday, October 30  
 Wednesday, November 20  
 Wednesday, December 18

KATS committee meetings are at 9:00 a.m. at the Kalamazoo Metro Transit office located at 530 N. Rose Street. Any changes to meeting location or cancellations will be posted on the website.

## KATS Meeting Schedule

### Technical

October 10  
November 7  
December 5

### Policy

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.

### AARP MI: Age Friendly Communities and States Conference

#### WHEN:

October 7

#### WHERE:

Crowne Plaza, Lansing MI

Visit the local AARP website for registration, to view the draft agenda, and for more information at: <https://www.local.aarp.org/aarp-event/aarp-mi-agefriendly-communities-and-states-conference-lansing-mi-10719-lmnysjdkjn7.html>

### Metro's New Bus Stop Signs

Metro has installed the first round of new bus stop signs in the community! Ten new bus stop signs have been installed on the streets. Another 11 more will be coming out in the next couple weeks with Rathco and will give them a broader reach and better public involvement. Mostly positive feedback has been received on the new signs which include the stop number, which bus comes to this stop and the anticipated time the bus will arrive.

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

### TAMC Update

The Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) annual Fall Transportation Asset Management Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at the Holiday Inn of Marquette. The conference is for public agencies, consultants and private agencies.

Learn more at [Michigan.gov/tamc](https://Michigan.gov/tamc)