



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A public meeting has been scheduled as part of a Federal review to assess compliance with Federal regulations pertaining to the transportation planning process conducted by the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, the Michigan Department of Transportation, Metro Transit, and local units of government in the Kalamazoo area.

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kalamazoo County and portions of Van Buren County. In order for any federal transportation funds to be spent, the MPO process must be certified every four years by the Federal agencies to be compliance with Federal planning requirements.

As part of the certification review process, an opportunity has been scheduled to permit the public to talk directly with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) representatives in an open public meeting concerning your views on the transportation planning process in the Kalamazoo area:

Time: 5:00 – 6:45 pm
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Place: Metro
530 N. Rose Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

During the public meeting, comments concerning any aspects of the transportation planning process being conducted in the Kalamazoo area may be presented to the federal review team. Examples might include, but are not limited to, comments concerning effectiveness of KATS's public participation process, elements of the KATS Transportation Improvement Program procedures for integrating highway, non-motorized and transit planning, coordination of intermodal facilities, or any transportation topics of local interest or concern. Public comments obtained in the meetings will be considered by the federal review team as they conduct their certification review.

For additional information on federal certification review process, contact Steven Stepek at (269) 343-0766 ext. 13.

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please address your comments by **December 13, 2019** to:

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Or

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study will furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon request. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact:

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