

KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The February 13, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Kathy Schultz.

ROLL CALL

The sign in sheet was circulated during the meeting. Introductions were made by those present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christina Anderson	City of Kalamazoo
Mickey Bittner	Village of Paw Paw
Ben Clark	Oshtemo Township
Kendra Gwin	City of Portage
Jamie Harmon	City of Portage
Jeff Heppler	Village of Augusta
Joel Hoort	Van Buren County Road Commission
Anthony Ladd	City of Kalamazoo
Jim Mallery	Village of Vicksburg
Ryan Minkus, Vice-Chair	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Jesse Okeley	City of Kalamazoo
Sherman Potter	City of Portage
Abhishek Prodduturi	City of Kalamazoo
Brian Sanada	MDOT, Region
Kathy Schultz, Chair	Central County Transportation Authority
Jodi Stefforia	Comstock Township
Nancy Stoddard	City of Parchment
Greg Vliestra	Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority
Mike West	City of Portage
Tim Woodhams	Village of Mattawan
Mark Worden	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

OTHERS PRESENT

Philip Doorlag	Wightman
Lawrence Hummel	HRC
Megan Mickelson	KATS
Fred Nagler	KATS
Elizabeth Rumick	KATS
Jonathan R. Start	KATS
Steve Stepek	KATS

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes or additions to the agenda were made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Stefforia, SECOND by Heppler, *“to approve the February 13, 2020 Technical Committee Agenda.”* MOTION APPROVED.

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2020 MEETING

Minkus noted moving Rebekkah Ausbury Road Commission of Kalamazoo County from "Others Present" to "Members Present".

MOTION by Minkus, SECOND by Stefforia, *"to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting with the above revision."* MOTION APPROVED.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Steppek reported Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study staff presented the Integrated Infrastructure Map and the Transportation Asset Management Council website dashboard. The committee passed the action item for the renewal of member terms for Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No citizens' comments were made.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Steppek referred to the amendments included in the meeting packet. The Michigan Department of Transportation US-131 M-216 to U Avenue project was recently added because approximately 60 percent of the project falls in the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study area. It is part of the governor's new bonding program. The Federal Highway Administration stated the bond program is regionally significant requiring these projects to be included in the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.

Start inquired why the City of Kalamazoo intersection US131 at U Avenue and US131BR at Paterson project is a Michigan Department of Transportation project. Start also inquired about intersection improvements on the US131 and U Avenue project. Sanada of Michigan Department of Transportation will get back to Start.

MOTION by Heppler, SECOND by Worden, *"to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments."* MOTION APPROVED.

KATS TITLE VI PLAN

The KATS Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan was included in the packet. Steppek stated the draft has been out for review the past two months. Print outs of comments received are available upon request. Most comments were minor and none were received from the Technical Committee. Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study recommends approval.

MOTION by Gwin, SECOND by Worden, *"to approve the KATS Title VI Plan."* MOTION APPROVED.

FY 2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Steppek explained Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) is developing the FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program. Let KATS know cost estimates of planned projects including consultant contracts, to incorporate into the work program which will assist with agency Contributed Service requirements and funding.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Schultz reported Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has held public presentations on its millage rate request which will be on the March 10, 2020 ballot. Public involvement and communication regarding the millage continues. Metro obtained five new forty-foot buses with another five scheduled to be received in the fall. New bus stop signs on East and West Main are expected to be completed by June, with subsequent replacement on Centre and Westnedge in Portage. Start

inquired about changeable signs on some bus shelters. Schultz responded there are currently nine informational signs in use in shelters. Due to losing communication with the signs and vandalism, the IT department or sign vendor frequently need to reset the signs. Metro is researching different vendors, sign location and solar lighting for future signs.

STATUS REPORTS

ROADS-

Harmon stated City of Portage South Westnedge project from Trade Centre Way to Kilgore bids came in seven percent over. Asphalt was a little high but a bigger overage was in traffic control. The South Westnedge Shaver Road from West Centre to Romence project bids came in very high for traffic maintenance and storm sewer work. Work on these projects is planned to begin in April.

Ladd reported the City of Kalamazoo Cork Street rehab project will begin early next month, and will be followed by the Howard non-motorized pathway project.

Sanada invited attendees to the second Driving Change public meeting on February 20, 2020 at the Michigan Department of Transportation Southwest Region office at 10:30 a.m. Josh DeBruyn, MDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator will present. RSVP to Sanada if interested in attending.

Hoort reported Van Buren County Road Commission preventative maintenance project for bridges briefing will be held next Wednesday. Bridge number 653, just south of I 94, falls in the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study area.

Mallery reported a Village of Vicksburg preconstruction non-motorized trail meeting will be held on March 11, 2020.

Heppler reported the Village of Augusta received board approval on bids for 2020 road projects and is reviewing the five-year plan. Augusta is working on a potential water project on the Village's south-side. The village is looking into the question of using public or private funds for service lines from the road to the curb box to the house.

RCKC Non-motorized:

FY	Job No.	Description	Status
2019	202047	Drake Rd Trail – Green Meadow to W. Main.	Carry over to 2020.
2020	127385	Drake Rd Trail – KL Ave to Green Meadow	Final plans turned in, waiting for letting confirmation.
2020	205109	KRVT #6 – 35 th St to McCollum	03/2020 Letting
2020	206301	Stadium Dr Sidewalk – Quail Run to 11 th St.	Final plan prep.

RCKC Road Updates:

FY	Job No.	Description	Status
2019	120246	D Ave – Rolling Meadows to Douglas D Ave – 17 th St. to Riverview Dr.	Contractor strike. Carry over to 2020.
2019	202857	8 th St. – S Ave. to R Ave.	Bid 11/2019 (8% under estimate) Waiting award.
2020	202433	Local Bridge Program (29 th St, 35 th St, 9 th St, Portage Rd) Preventive Maintenance	Bid 02/2020 (4% under estimate) Waiting award.
2020	130824	Drake Rd. – Parkview to W. Main	Bid 02/2020 (4% over estimate) Waiting award.
2020	207248	S Ave. – 34 th to 36 th St.	Bid 02/2020 (28% under estimate) Bid savings to RCKC. Waiting award.

2020	130143	U Ave. – 29 th St. to 32 nd St.	Bid 02/2020 (23% under estimate) Bid savings to RCKC. Waiting award.
2020	207188	Systemic Signs	Awarded. Scheduling Precon meeting.
2020	207249	G Ave. – 2 nd St. to 6 th St.	Final plans turned in, waiting for letting confirmation.
2021	206265	Sprinkle Rd. – Milham to N Ave.	Preliminary plan prep.

RCKC Other Updates:

- Jim Hoekstra selected as the County Road Association’s 2019 Urban Engineer of the Year
 - Utility & Plat Development Meeting scheduled at RCKC for March 13, 2020, look for invite.
- RCKC has been increasing MS4 posts on Facebook. We have a community survey up as well, so feel free to share to help extend outreach.

LAND USE/PLANNING AND ZONING-

West reported last Monday the City of Portage held Portage Road placemaking open houses to gather ideas for traffic improvements, corridor enhancements and walkability improvements on Portage Road from Centre to Osterhout. Both of the sessions, one session for business owners and one for residents, were well attended. The city is working with consultants from Farr Associates who will consolidate comments and ideas and present a draft at the end of March or early April. The city received an amendment to the proposed plan for a four-story mixed-use building off Greenspire Drive. A hotel on Trade Centre Way is in the early stages of development.

Clark stated a site plan has been submitted to Oshtemo Township for an 18,500 square foot medical office building at the northwest corner of Stadium Drive and South 11th Street. Along with the new facility the developer will be installing a six-foot wide sidewalk along South 11th Street which will coincide with the Township’s installation of a similar facility along Stadium Drive. The existing curb cut servicing the property on Stadium Drive will be closed, and the new office building will be accessed via South 11th Street. This site plan is scheduled to go before the Township Zoning Board of Appeals on March 24th. Township staff has shared copies of the site plan with the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County and Kalamazoo Metro Transit.

Anderson announced the City of Kalamazoo posted a new position for a transportation planner and will hold its third meeting for city street design on March 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Public Library Central branch. CDM Smith with present modeling work done so far and alternatives.

West reported Portage is discussing a Drive and Shine car wash development at the southeast corner of Westnedge and Kilgore. Anderson noted Drive and Shine withdrew their application for the Stadium Drive location.

NEW BUSINESS

Steppek reported Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study received draft comments from the Certification Review which will be included in the agenda next month.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the February 13, 2020 Technical Committee Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

The next meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Metro, 530 N Rose St.