



## The Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Greater Kalamazoo Area

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TO: Policy Committee Members  
FROM: Steve Stepek, Executive Director  
DATE: September 23, 2020  
SUBJECT: POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 - 9:00 A.M.  
REMOTE

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The following materials are included in the meeting packet:

1. Agenda for the September 30, 2020 Meeting
2. Informational Memorandum
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Technical Committee Report
5. Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report
6. Draft Minutes of the August 26, 2020 Meeting
7. Draft Goals and Objectives for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
September 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
REMOTE MEETING

**Remote Option**  
**Microsoft Teams Option**

or

Dial-in Number: 1-947-207-1273  
Access Code: 710-748-72#

**AGENDA**

*Public Comments are limited to four minutes in length.*

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. ROLL CALL
4. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
*(Any item listed under the Consent Agenda may be moved to the Regular Agenda upon request of any member of the public, any Policy Committee Member, or any staff member).*
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA **(ACTION)**
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
*(Non-agenda items only. Comments on agenda items should be made during discussion of those items.)*
7. CONSENT AGENDA **(ENCLOSURES) (ACTION)**
  - a. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT
  - b. ACCEPTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (SEPTEMBER 10, 2020)
  - c. ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTHCENTRAL MICHIGAN PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT
  - d. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 26, 2020 MEETING
8. DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN  
**(ENCLOSURE)**
9. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT PRESENTATION
10. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES
11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
12. NEW BUSINESS
13. PUBLIC COMMENTS
14. MEMBER COMMENTS
15. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 9:00 am**

Information Memo

**TO:** Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Committee

**FROM:** Steve Stepek, AICP, Executive Director

**DATE:** September 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Information on the Policy Committee Agenda for the September 30, 2020 Meeting

Here is information on Policy Committee agenda items.

**8. Draft Goals and Objectives for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Using the results of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan survey, KATS Staff drafted Goals and Objectives for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. These Goals and Objects include required national performance measures and set the baseline for our Metropolitan Transportation Plan. KATS Staff has included the comments we have received to date, but we are looking for more input. If there are any additional items you would like to see included in the goals, please let us know.

**9. Michigan Department of Transportation Project Presentation**

With several large MDOT projects forthcoming, KATS staff requested an information presentation for this month's committee meeting. Pete Pfeiffer from MDOT will give a brief overview of those upcoming projects.

**11. Executive Director's Report**

KATS Staff continues to split time between the office and working remotely, a few items on the horizon for KATS:

- KATS will be hosting an online Open House for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan towards the end of October. Date and time are forthcoming.
- The Call for Projects for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan is underway. Please visit our website for more information.
- With the end of the fiscal year here, please get your agency timesheets to Elizabeth as soon as possible.

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**  
Policy Committee Meeting September 30, 2020

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beginning Balance of Checking as of August 1, 2020	\$143,804.64
Receipts	12,565.67
Checks	-18,693.87
Withdrawals/Debits	-23,693.75
Ending Balance of Checking as of August 31, 2020	<u>\$113,982.69</u>

If there are any questions regarding this report, please contact me.

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**BUDGET COMPARISON - YTD 8/31/20 ACTUAL VERSUS BUDGET**

	FY2020 Amended UPWP	Actual YTD 8/31/20 91.67%	Over(Under) Budget	YTD % of Budget
<u>PERSONNEL COST</u>				
Annual Salaries	333,717.00	269,348.09	(64,368.91)	80.71%
Total Fringe Expense	186,980.35	165,816.19	(21,164.16)	88.68%
<u>DIRECT COST</u>	80,997.16	50,654.64	(30,342.52)	62.54%
<u>INDIRECT COST</u>				
Services and Equipment	46,800.00	39,087.13	(7,712.87)	83.52%
Operating Costs	41,750.00	19,752.37	(21,997.63)	47.31%
Total Indirect Costs	88,550.00	58,839.50	(29,710.50)	66.45%

If there are any questions regarding this report, please contact me.

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## Technical Committee Report

TO: Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Committee

FROM: Steven Stepek, AICP Executive Director

DATE: September 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Technical Committee Report (September 10, 2020)

The Technical Committee met September 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

### **STATUS REPORTS**

#### **ROADS and TRANSIT-**

Metro began Western Michigan University Bronco transit routes on September 2, 2020, taking over the contract from Indian Trails. The new Bronco routes include 19-Ring and 25-Parkview. Student ridership is significantly lower than prior years as a result of lower student enrollment. Metro continues previous policies of rear door boarding and free fares. Buses have 20-person capacity limits and no standing is allowed. Reduced service hours continue through 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rathco bus stop sign improvements are complete on five routes. Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA) would like reports of any known sign issues as areas continue to be identified. As part of a Housing and Urban Development project with the City of Kalamazoo 20 bus stop improvements are complete with another 20 anticipated. Concrete and landing pads were improved. Some stops were relocated to improve placement and lighting. Metro has received positive feedback on the upgrades. Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority used a 2.8-million-dollar competitive grant to purchase 7 new buses. The new busses from Gillig, have an anti-bacterial seat coating, expected to last a year, which will reduce required bus cleaning time.

#### **Road Commission of Kalamazoo County Non-motorized:**

- Drake Road Trail: Both segments, close to finishing wall going up hill
- KRVT: Paved and concrete placed, most of Galesburg
- Stadium Drive in Oshtemo: Sidewalks 75% done

#### **Road Commission of Kalamazoo County Road Updates:**

- D Ave: Complete
- 8<sup>th</sup> Street: Complete
- Local Bridge Program: Two bridges planned to get epoxy overlay
- Drake Road: Delayed paving until October 2020
- S Avenue: Complete
- U Avenue: Complete
- Systemic Signs: Complete
- G Avenue: Complete

#### **RCKC Other Updates:**

- Chip seal is done
- Working to close-out about 200 local projects for the year

**City of Kalamazoo:** Cork Street and Oakland Drive projects are expected to wrap up mid-November and beginning of October, respectively. Local street paving will wrap up the first week in October, even with a late start. The Main Street realignment project in conjunction with the Farmer's Market and the continuation of KVRC will be postponed and bid later this year due to sign changes and permitting issues. The City is revisiting testing and implementing traffic calming measures.

**City of Portage:**

- Lovers Lane/Romence Road Signal Improvements – Work began last week and continues
- Melody/Shaver Road Signal Improvements – Work continues
- East Milham Avenue Reconstruction – Finalizing design
- Milham Avenue Pedestrian Bridge – Project was completed ahead of schedule
- Lovers Lane Reconstruction – Opened proposals for engineering services September 10, 2020

**Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT):** 131 Business Route project is expected to be complete in Mid-October. The I-94 widening project is on-going and will continue through the fall. The Oakland Drive Park-and-Ride lot will be closed for resurfacing on the date specified on a message board at the lot.

**Village of Augusta:** Completed all projects for rebuilding and replacing roads this spring and are working toward next year's projects including waiting to hear about the bridge replacement project. Michigan Department of Transportation is doing trailway work near M-96 on the east-side of the Village near Fort Custer.

**Village of Lawton:** The Village received approval for a 2023 Transportation Alternative Program grant to upgrade M-40 through town. Lawton received Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B funding for five miles of chip seal for next summer.

**LAND USE/PLANNING AND ZONING-**

**Kalamazoo County:** Solid Waste Management Planning Committee is being formed as a result of a request for an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Draft guideline for the revision of the street naming and addressing process was presented at the August Kalamazoo County Planning Commission meeting.

**City of Kalamazoo:** Working on updating downtown zoning.

**City of Portage:** Lake Centre Business District project is moving forward. A possible road diet reducing the road to three lanes between West Lake and Austin Lake was met with opposition from both residents and business owners. By the end of September, consultant Farr and Associates will present a plan for review by the Steering Committee. A public open house will follow in October. The Fed Ex facility is anticipating opening in Spring 2021. Kenco Logistic Services distributor next to Fed Ex is planning a 300,000 square foot expansion. There are requests for a bus stop or bus stop improvement in this area. Central County Transportation Authority will relocate some routes including this Fed Ex, Kenco corridor during the I-94 bridge construction project. The contact for the sight design is Paul Schram at Wightman and Associates engineering firm.



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TO: KATS Policy Committee  
FROM: Steven Stepek, KATS Executive Director  
DATE: September 21, 2020  
SUBJECT: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report

During the month of August 2020, KATS staff worked on the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Planning Activities for the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC). Work was concentrated in the following activities:

- Submitted the August Rural Task Force monthly report to MDOT Planning
- Participated in the August monthly Rural Task Force conference call with MDOT Planning
- Worked on collecting non-federal aid Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) data. Work was done on those roads for which no ratings had been done in the last three years, if at all. Federal Aid data collection has been cancelled for the remainder of the calendar year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Participated in the August Transportation Asset Management Council Asset Management Coordinators' Conference Call. During the call it was verified that the 2020 contracts for data collection have been extended to July 31, 2021 to run concurrently with the FY 2021 contracts. This will allow PASER collection on roads originally scheduled for this year to be done in 2021 using current funding. Thus, the entire federal aid system for the region will be rated in 2021 if conditions allow.
- Continued to work with Roadsoft Technical Support to resolve an issue with generating reports that causes the program to crash.
- Worked with Barry county to solicit email approval from the Rural Task Force #3 members for a reallocation of programming for federal funding between their two 2021 RTF projects. Approval was granted and the modifications were submitted on JobNet and approved by MDOT.

Anticipated future activities include:

- Facilitating meetings of Rural or Small Urban Task Forces as needed
- Updating project data in JobNet for the 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program as project data sheets are submitted or as otherwise needed
- Continue collection of 2020 Non-Federal Aid PASER rating data.
- To the extent that funding allows, assisting in promotion and facilitation of the use of the Michigan Infrastructure Council's Asset Management Assessment Tool by agencies in the Region choosing to do so

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE**  
DRAFT Minutes of the August 26, 2020 Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 26, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting was called to order remotely by Chair Randy Thompson at 9:00 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Participants in the conference call stated name.

**ROLL CALL**

Remote meeting attendance was recorded on the sign-in sheet.

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING**

Curtis Aardema	Central County Transportation Authority
Rob Britigan	City of Parchment
Carol Daly	Village of Mattawan
Marsha Drouin, Treasurer	Richland Township
Jason Gatlin	Wakeshma Township
John Gisler	Kalamazoo County
Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Vice Chair	Oshtemo Township
Jeff Heppler	Village of Augusta
John Hinkle	Texas Township
Martin Janssen	Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority
Joanna Johnson	Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
Greg Kinney	Van Buren County Road Commission
Nicolette Leigh	Kalamazoo Township
Tracey Locey	Brady Township
Don Mayle	Michigan Department of Transportation, Planning
Pete Pfeiffer	Michigan Department of Transportation, TSC
Chris Praedel	City of Kalamazoo
Jeff Sorensen	Cooper Township
Randy Thompson, Chair	Comstock Township
Don Ulsh	Schoolcraft Township

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lisa Imus	Village of Lawton
Carl Keller	Village of Vicksburg
Sarah Moyer-Cale	Village of Paw Paw
Patricia Randall	City of Portage
Tom Swiat	Prairie Ronde Township
Jerry Vander Roest	Charleston Township

**OTHERS PARTICIPATING**



Max Hornick  
Megan Mickelson  
Fred Nagler  
Elizabeth Rumick  
Paul Seldon  
Steve Stepek  
Ali Townsend

Disability Network of Southwest Michigan  
Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study  
Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study  
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Bike Friendly Kalamazoo  
Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study  
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## CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes or additions to the agenda were requested.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Drouin, SECOND by Sorensen, ***“to approve the agenda of the August 26, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Seldon of Bike Friendly Kalamazoo and a Kalamazoo County resident announced the Fall Bike Celebration will be held September 18, 2020 – September 20, 2020. See [fallbikecelebration.org](http://fallbikecelebration.org) for more information. Some highlights of the celebration include:

- Cycling tour that will start and finish at the Historic Village in the Village of Vicksburg.
- Benefit concert by the Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band at the Gilmore Car Museum.
- \$1,750 in cash prizes announced for the Bike Friendly Kalamazoo Public Bike Art competition.

Seldon reminded attendees Fall waning daylight hours leads to more bike motorist crashes. Pay close attention to road safety.

Gisler added the first-rate Schlitz Creek Bluegrass Band features the Pavilion Township supervisor John Speeter on mandolin and singing.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT
- ACCEPTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT (AUGUST 13, 2020)
- ACCEPTANCE OF THE SOUTHCENTRAL MICHIGAN PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2020 MEETING

MOTION by Sorensen, SECOND by Drouin, ***“to accept and approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

## FY 2020 – 2023 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Referring to the FY 20-23 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments in the meeting packet, Stepek reported the amendments are mostly new additions. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project amendments include phase utility and engineering. The City of Kalamazoo has a 2023 Non-Motorized project for South Drake Road. The Village of Paw Paw project is for Michigan Avenue pedestrian safety and improvements. The largest amendment is for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) I-94 2021 project with the budget increasing over the 24 percent threshold. Drouin inquired why the budget increased so much. Stepek answered it is due to a sound wall, realignment of the Kilgore Service Road and general project increases. Leigh

inquired if I-94 will be closed for the widening project and if so, how long. Pfeiffer responded for the I-94 widening work between Portage Road and Sprinkle Road, traffic will be shifted onto the other direction of the roadway. When reconstruction is occurring on Eastbound I-94, Eastbound traffic will be moved to Westbound lanes. There will be two lanes in each direction. Temporary night-time only closures of I-94 will occur for bridge removal. Pfeiffer will present at the September meeting more detail on this I-94 project including project timeline and scope. Pfeiffer will also present more detail on additional future MDOT projects.

MOTION by Britigan, SECOND by Johnson, ***“to approve the FY 2020 – 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

### **KATS AUDITOR PROPOSALS**

Steppek referred to the proposals and more detailed information included in today’s meeting packet. In June, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) advertised a Request for Proposal for three fiscal years of Auditing Services since our prior audit contract expired. A review committee including Stepek, Rumick, Drouin, and Thompson evaluated the four bids received. Two firms were eliminated for not following submittal instructions. The remaining two firms Seber Tans, PLC and Maner Costerisan were evaluated. It is recommend the Policy Committee approve the Audit Services agreement with Maner Costerisan as detailed in their proposals and authorize the Policy Committee Chair to sign on behalf of KATS.

MOTION by Leigh, SECOND by Janssen, ***“to approve the KATS Audit Proposal with Maner Costerisan.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

### **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN SURVEY RESULTS**

Steppek reported the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Survey Results are summarized in the meeting packet for review. The survey started pre-COVID and was extended due to COVID. Email KATS staff with any questions, comments, or concerns. The primary reason for the survey is to develop KATS Goals and Objectives for the MTP.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Referring to the enclosed Goals and Objectives for Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Stepek summarized that the draft shows the performance framework for the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) transportation plan and how the goals and objectives support FAST Act planning factors. Stepek asked for feedback on the enclosed Draft Goals and Objectives for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The current goals and objectives format differs from past versions to align them with KATS national performance measures. Johnson likes the new format but suggested inclusion of an asset management comment. Johnson also suggested including a performance matrix of where KATS is now and how progress will be measured for meeting goals. Stepek responded a summary table of KATS current status and progress on meeting goals and objectives will be included. The goals and objectives will be presented at next month’s meeting for adoption.

### **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATES**

Aardema reported Central County Transportation Authority Metro entered into an agreement with Western Michigan University (WMU) to take over their campus bus service. The campus routes will begin in a couple weeks, be open to the public, and be similar to last years routes. Buses will have WMU colors and logos. The Youth Mobility pilot program is coming back on-line with a limited

number of passes to Kalamazoo Public School students. The board is reviewing the Metro budget. COVID has had significant impact on Metro ridership numbers. Only rear bus doors continue to be used. Bus rides continue to be free. Plexiglass shields are present around bus drivers. Metro is doing a nice job of operating as an essential service in this challenging environment.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Stepek announced Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) will host on-line open houses on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan in September or October. KATS is collecting local Pavement Surface Evaluation (PASER) data. KATS is working on the Transportation Asset Management Council PASER carryover budget amounts for collecting 100% of the Federal Aid system ratings in FY2021 with budget allocations for FY 2020 and FY 2021 and local reimbursements. Welcome to Ali Townsend, Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study's new Associate Planner that started in July 2020.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was brought forth.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Seldon of Bike Friendly Kalamazoo (BFK) invited the committee to email him at [president@bikefriendlykalamazoo.org](mailto:president@bikefriendlykalamazoo.org) to register for a BFK virtual Diversity and Bicycling Information Exchange on August 27, 2020. September 1, 2020 is the deadline for BFK Bike-Booster Mini Grant applications ranging from \$200 to \$2,000. September 21, 2020 is the next Kalamazoo Area Bike Week Planning Meeting. See the website [bikefriendlykalamazoo.org](http://bikefriendlykalamazoo.org) for more information. See [fallbikecelebration.org](http://fallbikecelebration.org) for more information on the upcoming Fall Bike Celebration September 18, 2020 – September 20, 2020. The Fall Bike Celebration includes a virtual presentation by Dr. Jun Oh of Western Michigan University, on the Effects of Safe Bicycle Passing Laws on Drivers' Behavior and Bicyclists' Safety. Preregistration is required and available at [fallbikecelebration.org](http://fallbikecelebration.org)

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mayle reported Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) extended the collection period of comments on the 2045 Statewide Plan Survey and encouraged attendees to give feedback at [mm2045.metroquest.com](http://mm2045.metroquest.com). Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) expires on September 30, 2020. Continuing resolutions are expected but uncertain.

Pfeiffer gave updates on several Michigan Department of Transportation projects:

- M-89 in the Village of Richland traffic signal and repaving project is complete
- I-94 between Portage Road and Sprinkle Road bridge widening in ongoing. This project is to widen bridges to prepare for next year's I-94 project, so bridges support two lanes of traffic. This will continue through fall and pause for winter. Pfeiffer will provide more details at next month's meeting.
- Resurface work on I-94 from US-131 to the Van Buren County Line is progressing. Lanes are open during the day.
- US-131 Business Route between US-131 and Hopkins Street is currently closed for concrete patching and paving. The road is anticipated opening on October 9, 2020 but so far is ahead of schedule so may open sooner.
- A new traffic signal project at M-96 and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street west of Galesburg is expected to start soon.

Praedel stated The City of Kalamazoo experienced catastrophic water main breaks on July 29, 2020 and August 8, 2020 between Westnedge and Park. The water mains, from 1911 and 1920, were

consolidated and repaired using approved Emergency funds. The Oakland Drive 4-million-dollar project is a coordinated construction project to improve water infrastructure, repave Oakland Drive and improve nonmotorized transportation. Expected completion is mid-November. The Cork Street project involves converting the road to three lanes, sidewalk, and bike lane improvements. This project is expected to be completed in mid-November.

Sorensen reported that the Cooper Township water main extension due to PFAS is continuing.

Heiny-Cogswell updated that the Oshtemo Township nonmotorized safety grant project on Drake Rd. and Stadium Drive is moving forward. A 10-million-dollar bond proposal for sewer expansion will be on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

Drouin thanked Michigan Department of Transportation for completion of the Village of Richland project.

Hinkle stated the Texas Township Mater Plan is out for public comment.

Gatlin from Wakeshma Township and Thompson from Comstock Township welcomed Townsend.

Gisler reported Kalamazoo County Commissioners passed a proclamation to set-up a reparations commission. The Battle Creek Kalamazoo Airport received a \$196 million dollar grant to test and monitor for PFAS. Aqueous Firefighting Foam may have leaked onto airport property. July 2020 airport traffic is up 43 percent from June 2020 but down 77 percent from July of 2019. Pilots that have been grounded for an extended time due to COVID will require retraining before they can pilot planes again.

Johnson mentioned Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) chip seal is complete. Fog seal is expected to be done this week. Transportation Asset Management Council plans and bridge plans are due to the state on October 1, 2020. RCKC is collecting PASER on local roads. 100 percent of the Federal Aid system PASER data collection will be in FY 2021. Johnson thanked RCKC staff and all public service employees for service during this time. RCKC continues to monitor Michigan Transportation Fund Revenue for possible concerns next year.

Heppler noted all Village of Augusta road improvements are complete. The Village is hopeful to receive bridge grant funding for the Washington Street bridge.

Aardema, also an airport board member, noted in reference to Gisler's comments on the airport, that Battle Creek Kalamazoo Airport decreased numbers are on point with all airports across the country and internationally. Numbers are trending upward. There is not an issue specifically at the Battle Creek Kalamazoo Airport. American Airlines is discontinuing service at the airport for the month of October, when the CARES Act funding expires. American is not only dropping service here, but in 14 other cities as well. American Airlines is scheduled to reinstate service in November. United Airlines discontinued service will restart in October. Both American and United are committed to Battle Creek Kalamazoo Airport. Delta has added flights throughout the summer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**






There being no other business, Chair Randy Thompson adjourned the August 26, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting at 9:48 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.**

## 2050 Goals & Objectives

### Goals

The creation of a performance framework for the transportation plan allows us to better understand how different projects and policies might affect our region's future. The goals listed below are formulated to represent our community's vision and the desired state for our region's transportation system. These five goals are the foundation for performance measures, performance targets, recommended policy, and project implementation actions described in later chapters of this MTP Metropolitan Transportation Plan. These goals are developed to support statewide performance measures and the goals and objectives of the statewide transportation plan.

	<b>Goal 1</b> <b>Safety</b> – a safe and secure transportation system for all users.
	<b>Goal 2</b> <b>System Preservation</b> - a well maintained transportation system.
	<b>Goal 3</b> <b>Multimodal Mobility &amp; Accessibility</b> – an accessible, equitable, and integrated transportation system.
	<b>Goal 4</b> <b>Partnership &amp; Funding</b> – regional collaboration in transportation planning, funding, and implementation.
	<b>Goal 5</b> <b>Environmental Stewardship</b> – a transportation system that protects and enhances the natural, cultural, and built environment.

#### Goal 1: a safe and secure transportation system for all users.

##### Objectives:

- Enhance the integration and connectivity of safety by integrating and connecting the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- Promote a balanced transportation system that stimulates and supports long-term economic vitality, travel and tourism, global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency through directed investments across modes.
- Implement strategies to promote efficient and reliable system management and operation that result in the reliable and safe movement of people and freight.

- Increase security of the transportation system by incorporating applicable emergency relief and disaster preparedness plans, strategies and policies that support homeland security, as appropriate, to safeguard the security of all motorized and nonmotorized users.

**Measures:**

- 5 year rolling average of the total number and rate of fatal and incapacitating serious (type A) injuries for the number of serious car crashes.
- 5 year rolling average of the total number and rate of fatal or incapacitating and serious (type A) bicycle and pedestrian crashes for the number of serious nonmotorized crashes.

**Goal 2: a well-maintained transportation system.**

**Objectives:**

- Apply transportation asset management principles and techniques to identify, assess, and maintain existing transportation infrastructure in support of federal performance measures.
- Support the State of Good Repair federal performance measures and the priorities established by local transit agencies.
- Identify strategies and recommend investments that preserve and enhance regional transit systems.

**Measures:**

- Percent of National Highway System bridge deck areas in “good” and “poor” condition using established International Roughness Index (IRI) measures.
- Percent of interstate pavement in “good” and “poor” condition using established IRI measures.
- Percent of non-interstate pavement in “good” and “poor” condition using established IRI measures.
- Increase the percentage of transit vehicles operating within their remaining service life.

**Goal 3: an accessible, equitable, and integrated transportation system.**

**Objectives:**

- Provide access to employment, education, medical facilities, housing, services, neighborhoods, recreation and fresh food for all people, regardless of age, ability, or economic status.
- Foster Environmental Justice through the maintenance of a planning process that does not unfairly affect any one segment of our community.
- Implement improvements for all transportation system users that foster increased accessibility, economic development and vitality.

**Measures:**

- Percentage of population within walking distance of fixed route transit. Updated with changes to fixed route transit systems.
- Increase in annual transit ridership.
- Level of travel time reliability of the interstate, non-interstate and freight on the interstate. Travel time reliability is a measure of travel time consistency over a period of time.

**Goal 4: regional collaboration in transportation planning, funding, and implementation.**

**Objectives:**

- Provide continual and transparent opportunities for stakeholders and the public to actively participate in the transportation decision making process.
- Employ the Congestion Management Process to systematically monitor, measure, diagnose, and recommend travel management alternatives for current and future congestion on our region’s multimodal transportation system.
- Encourage agencies to plan and coordinate projects to maximize funding opportunities and reduce overall project costs.

**Measures:**

- ~~Record the number of v~~views across social media platforms to show public engagement success.
- Percent of funding spent on roads, transit and non-motorized transportation for projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program.
- ~~Record the n~~ Number of projects that are tied with other infrastructure work.

**Goal 5: a transportation system that protects and enhances the natural, cultural, and built environment.**

**Objectives:**

- Increase the availability of modes other than single occupant motor vehicles through public transit, ridesharing and non-motorized usage.
- Reduce on-road mobile source emission affecting air quality.
- Encourage the development of policies and programs that promote context sensitive roadway design that preserves a communities’ aesthetic and natural resources.

**Measures:**

- Increase percentage of work trips using alternative modes such as transit, bicycling and walking.
- Increase percentage of total federal funds invested in environmental justice tracts.

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### Relating Planning Factors to MTP Goals

The table below shows how the goals and objectives for the 2050 MTP support FAST Act planning factors.

FAST Act Planning Factors	Related MTP Goal(s)	Incorporation of FAST Act Planning Factors
1). Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4	The projects contained in this plan preserve and enhance access by all modes to employment centers.
2). Increase the safety of the transportation system for all users	Goal 1	In support of federal performance measures, safety improvements for all modes are encouraged in this plan.
3). Increase the security of the transportation system or all users	Goal 1 <a href="#">Goal 3</a>	Employ strategies and collaborate with other agencies to increase the security of the transportation system.
4). Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4	Mobility options for nonmotorized, transit, and roadway users are increased under this plan. Accessibility is improved, but it is also recognized that additional activities should be considered to increase the accessibility of the transportation system for all users.
5). Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4 <a href="#">Goal 5</a>	The MTP seeks to minimize any negative environmental impacts as a result of programs/projects. The implementation of the programs/projects contained in this plan will reduce gaps in the system and a reduction in the number of congested miles. Consistency is achieved by developing the MTP in conjunction with KATS members, road agencies, Metro, and MDOT, and by increasing the accuracy of socio-economic data input into the Transportation Model.
6). Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3	The programs/projects in the plan seek to enhance connectivity and integration between modes, for example transit and nonmotorized.
7). Promote efficient system management and operation	Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4	The programs/projects in this plan were developed with KATS members, state and local transportation providers, and the general public. Such input helps ensure



		that the system is efficiently managed and operated and the projects proposed support the continuation of a system that is efficiently managed and operated.
8). Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system	Goal 2	The MTP considered preservation of the existing transportation system through the financial analysis; maintaining the system in a state of good repair is a federal performance measure and a high priority for our members.
9). Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 <a href="#">Goal 5</a>	System reliability is a federal performance measure and therefore a high priority. Reduce congestion through the congestion management process, and the projects in this plan must be congestion-deficient to be eligible for federal funding.
10). Enhance travel and tourism	Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3 Goal 4 <a href="#">Goal 5</a>	Enhancing and preserving the system, including our environmental resources, leads to a much more appealing travel destination. Strengthening land use and transportation decisions with the economy and tourism in mind can increase the desirability of our area as a must visit location.

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