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Gwin reported for the City of Portage:

- East Milham Avenue Reconstruction from South Westnedge Avenue to Portage Road begins Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. All work will be complete by August 27<sup>th</sup>, with the exception of landscaping which will be complete by October 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be lane closures and traffic delays can be expected in this area. If anyone wants updated information throughout the project, you can go to the city's website [portagemi.gov](http://portagemi.gov), select the Notify Me button and subscribe to the 2021 East Milham Avenue Reconstruction project.

- Design continues on the Lovers Lane Reconstruction and South Westnedge Avenue Microsurfacing projects scheduled for construction in 2022.

Woodhams reported Village of Mattawan Call for Projects starts next week. The Bridge Engineer is still working with Amtrak for the Bridge Project.

#### **LAND USE/PLANNING AND ZONING-**

Jarnefelt stated the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has applied for a 300-thousand-dollar EPA Grant for Brownfield Assessment dollars. The grant application is in review and the County expects to find out in May if they are awarded. If awarded, this would be the County's third EPA Assessment Grant in 15 years. Jarnefelt stated she will be retiring in June. Attendees discussed. Heppler inquired if there are plans to reschedule the cancelled Pictometry flight for 2022. Jarnefelt stated the County is working to fund and plans on having the Pictometry flight in 2022. Although not as high a resolution as Pictometry, MiSAIL Michigan aerial imagery is available through the Kalamazoo County offices. The West-side of Kalamazoo County was flown in 2020. The East-side of the County was flown in 2019.

Anderson reported the City of Kalamazoo is working on developing a Street Design Manual with Smith Consulting Group. The manual will be inclusive of all types of streets and non-motorized pathways. The purpose of the manual is to provide guidance for consultants and developers designing streets or infrastructure projects. The manual will indicate the City's available space and highlight how residents rely on and use the infrastructure. Environmental sustainability will be examined. The Manual is expected to be completed this fall.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Stepek mentioned several agencies received Earmark Requests from Congressman Fred Upton's office. KATS is aware of projects that may be submitted. Contact Stepek with any questions. Let Stepek know if your agency is submitting a project or would like a Letter of Support. Submittals are due April 12, 2021.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Selden, Bike Friendly Kalamazoo, is also Chair of Kalamazoo Region Bike Route Committee. Selden invited all attendees to join the next virtual meeting on April 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Email [pselden@aol.com](mailto:pselden@aol.com) or [president@bfk.org](mailto:president@bfk.org) for meeting links. During the meeting, more specific bike routes will be identified and discussed based on the KATS 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Map 7 and the map referenced in the 2020 Southwest Michigan Region Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.















