

KATS Quarterly

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



City of Kalamazoo Welcome Sign

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, as well as the four townships of Almena, Antwerp, Waverly, and Paw Paw within Van Buren County. All local government jurisdictions within this area are considered in our transportation planning process.

KATS regularly scheduled Technical and Policy Committee meetings are back in person! Information on meeting location and health and safety requirements can be found on KATS website.

Stay up to date on important transportation updates, meetings, and other news during this time by checking the website and following the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study on social media.

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Curious about transportation projects in the area and the rest of the state? Have questions or concerns on a project? View the new MDOT Project Portal for more information.

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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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Non-Motorized Facilities

View an interactive online map of existing and proposed non-motorized facilities in the KATS area. Plan your next outdoor activity by viewing existing bike facilities and trails as well as your next trip using Metro's transit routes.

Curious what pedestrian and bicycle facilities might be coming to the area in the future? Take a look at the proposed* non-motorized facilities.

View the interactive map now at www.katsmpo.org.

*The proposed facilities represent a high-level planning guide for project implementation and their inclusion does not guarantee funding. This purpose is to help KATS identify regionally significant priority projects and to enhance the cooperation and coordination between jurisdictions for facility development. Changes in routing, facility type, location, and local priority will change as proposed projects move towards implementation.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The KATS Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2026 TIP is underway! For almost 50 years, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) has been the principal agency charged with planning for the future transportation needs of the Kalamazoo Metropolitan Area. Since its inception, KATS has worked to address current issues while also looking toward the future to craft a vision for the region in a long-range plan.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the regionally agreed upon list of priority transportation projects, as required by

federal law. The TIP document must list all projects that intend to use federal funds, along with all non-federally funded projects that are regionally significant. Projects may include non-motorized facilities (pedestrian and bicycle), transit, freight, highway and local roads.

Stay up to date on the progress of the FY 2023-2026 TIP, including public open house session, by visiting the KATS website (www.katsmpo.org) and social media accounts.

Michigan Department of Transportation Project Portal

View the Michigan Transportation Program Portal to see the MDOT Five-Year Transportation Program (5YTP), Rebuild Michigan Program (RBMP), and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

This portal provides access to information about projects and allows the public to comment on projects during specified public comment periods.

[MDOT Project Portal](#)

(link to the project portal is also available on the KATS website)

Non-Federal Aid Road Condition Ratings

It's the time of year again to work on scheduling federal aid road condition rating. In addition, KATS staff will have time available to participate in or conduct data collection on non-federal aid roads. Any road agencies interested in requesting assistance should contact Fred Nagler at fnagler@katsmpo.org

Spring Construction Season

Projects are starting up! National Work Zone Awareness is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones. Driving in and around work zones requires motorists to constantly be alert and prepared for changes that a distracted driver may not notice in time to prevent a potentially fatal crash. Please avoid distractions while driving!!

KATS Meeting Schedule*

Technical Committee
9:30 AM at Metro

April 14

May 12

June 9

Policy Committee
9:00 AM at Metro

April 20

May 25

June 29

*meetings subject to change, follow KATS on social media and check our website for the latest updates.