

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
of the
Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS)**

Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Megan Mickelson at 9:00 AM

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kay Chase
Marc Irwin
Paul Sotherland

OTHERS PRESENT

Megan Mickelson
Kathy Schultz
Steve Stepek
Ali Townsend

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brendan Molony
Craig Williams

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mickelson requested to add "Election of Officers" under item number 7.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda with the requested change by Sotherland, Support by Chase.
Motion Approved.

APPROVAL THE JULY 21, 2022 MINUTES

Motion to approve the July 21, 2022 meeting minutes by Sotherland, Support by Irwin. Motion Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Schultz from Metro gave an update on Transit for the area. The Comprehensive Operations Analysis is almost complete and contains short- and long-term recommendations. Final recommendations are set to be made by November 1, 2022. The CCTA and KCTA will approve or deny the recommendations at the regular board meeting on December 12, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. There will be two public meetings as well as a stakeholder meeting to discuss recommendations in the Comprehensive Operations Analysis. Lots of positive, impactful change including the potential introduction of micro-transit. Metro is looking for additional members to serve on the KCTA board. Those interested in applying can contact Kathy Schultz or Sean McBride.

Sotherland inquired about the bust stop at W. Main and Kendall getting a shelter. Schultz explained there is not enough right away for the installation of a bus shelter. There is potential for sidewalk improvements.

GENERAL KATS WORK ELEMENTS UPDATES

Mickelson reported that staff is wrapping up Non-Motorized Data Collection for the year. There will be continued data collection next year when spring comes. Staff will be sharing the collected data from this year once the collection process is done.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides \$350 billion for Federal Highway from 2022 to 2026. KATS area has benefited from the IIJA on several projects, including van replacements and street resurfacing.

City of Kalamazoo is wrapping up projects for FY 2022, including sidewalk repairs from a donated \$1 million to improve more than 17,000 feet of sidewalk.

KATS staff is beginning work on a Complete Streets Implementation Plan. This is a short-term plan looking out 5 – 10 years that will prioritize funds for multimodal connections. Federal Highway Administration is looking for more road diets to accommodate multimodal travel in the current right of way. It will be a more detailed view on the generic projects listed in the KATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Members appointed Paul Sotherland to continue as Chair and Marc Irwin as Vice Chair. A vote will be held at the next quarterly meeting to approve the motion to have Sotherland as Chair and Irwin as Vice Chair of the KATS CAC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Sotherland requested there be regular non-motorized updates from the Non-Motorized Subcommittee on the Technical Committee agenda.

Mickelson mentioned that the CAC is looking for additional members. If anyone in the public is interested, to contact KATS staff to apply.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM