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

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, the four townships of Almena, Antwerp, Waverly, and Paw Paw within Van Buren County as the Metropolitan Planning Boundary, including all local governmental jurisdictions in transportation planning.

Hello Summer

Construction is in full swing around the MPO and it is important to stay up to date on road construction as well as road closures/detours. Remember to slow down in construction zones and safely pass works and equipment.

More information on road maintenance provided by the RCKC can be found on their website along with a brochure with helpful reminders.

Sign up for RCKC CONNECT to receive message alerts for road construction, road closures/detours, and public news from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County website.

[Road Commission of Kalamazoo County](#)

Be sure to visit other agency websites for up to date information on projects as well as KATS Social Media pages.

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Award Winner

Congratulations to Ali Townsend
for winning Junior
Transportation Planner of the
Year!

Upcoming Meetings, Conferences & Trainings

KATS Technical Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Thursday, August 10 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

KATS Policy Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Wednesday, August 30 at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m.

KATS Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Friday, August 11 at 9:30 a.m. (virtual via Zoom)

KATS committee meetings are held at Metro, 530 N. Rose Street in Kalamazoo. Any changes to meeting location or cancellations will be posted on the website.

Award Winner

At this year's Michigan Planning Transportation Association awards ceremony, our very own Ali Townsend received the award for Junior Planner of the Year. This award is for demonstrating significant accomplishments in the multiple facets of transportation planning. Congratulations Ali!

Metro Transit Updates

Metro is considering ways to improve bus service for current and prospective riders. The Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) study aims to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the existing transit system and develops recommendations to improve ridership, productivity, and the overall transit user experience.

View the full COA document and interactive maps of the recommendations on [Metro's website](#).

KATS Meeting Schedule

Technical

August 10
September 14

Policy

August 30
September 27

CAC

August 11

Stay Informed

For the most up to date information on KATS meetings, construction updates, and more; follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook

Twitter

Instagram

KATS Website

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study website has a new look! Our website is now hosted by SquareSpace and includes an easier to navigate interface to make finding information simpler. Head to our website and enjoy the new features.

Katsmpo.org

