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### Happy New Year!

The new year is here!  
Calendar year 2024  
meeting dates are now  
finalized.

### Let it Snow

Snowplows are working  
hard to keep roads clear.  
Find out more to stay safe  
this winter.

### Upcoming Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings

Mark your calendar for  
these upcoming  
opportunities to learn  
more about  
transportation.

### KATS Education

Staff is offering KATS 101,  
201 and Timesheet  
Training.



# KATS Quarterly

## January 2024 Edition

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.

### Let it Snow

Winter is here and snowplows are working hard to make driving conditions safer.



The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) provides winter maintenance to remove snow from the roads as well as salting and sanding to melt ice. It is important not to park or abandon a vehicle or object in the right-of-way, as this interferes with snowplowing.

Avoid passing a snowplow while they are plowing. Plow drivers have limited visibility and they cannot see directly behind their trucks. Motorists are advised not to travel next to a plow as the truck could suddenly move sideways from hitting drifts or cutting through packed snow.

More information on winter 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](#)

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

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## Upcoming Meetings, Conferences & Trainings

### KATS Technical Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Thursday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, March 14 at 9:30 a.m.

### KATS Policy Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Wednesday, January 31 at 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 a.m.

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.

### KATS Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Thursday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. (virtual via Zoom)

Have a passion for transportation? Interested in being more involved in what's happening in transportation for the greater Kalamazoo area? Apply to become a member of KATS Citizens' Advisory Committee!

### [Citizens' Advisory Committee Application](#)

## KATS Training Opportunities

Learn more about the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study by attending a 101 or 201 training session this year. Want to learn more about reporting time for contributed services? There is a timesheet training available to answer your questions. All trainings are introductory and last approximately 30 minutes.

Interested? Contact KATS office on the web at [www.katsmpo.org](http://www.katsmpo.org) or email at [info@katsmpo.org](mailto:info@katsmpo.org).