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KATS Quarterly
April 2023 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.

Hello Spring

Construction is in full spring 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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Upcoming Meetings, Conferences & Trainings

KATS Technical Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Thursday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 78 at 9:30 a.m.

KATS Policy Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Wednesday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 28 at 9:00 a.m.

KATS Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings for this quarter:

Tuesday, April 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.

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 Staff to set up a training session.

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

April 13
May 11
June 8

Policy

April 26
May 31
June 28

CAC

April 11

Bike Week

Kalamazoo Area Bike Week runs from May 13th to May 20th 2023.

Kalamazoo Area Bike Week

Put on by Bike Friendly Kalamazoo, the purpose of this event is to celebrate the many benefits and joys of bicycling in the greater community. It runs from May 13th to May 20th during National Bike Month. There are several events being held during bike week that can be enjoyed by all types of bike riders. Be sure to check out the website and social media to learn more!

Kalamazoo Bike Week

Facebook (KBW)

Figure 1: Courtesy of Microsoft Stock Images