

**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (KATS)  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DECEMBER 11, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The KATS Citizen Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair McGowen at 4:00 p.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made by those present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kay Chase, Marc Irwin, Linda MacDonald, Michele McGowen, Brendan Molony and Paul Sotherland

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kathy Schultz, Steve Stepek, and Lewis Whalen

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There was a request to add Membership Discussion to the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION by MacDonald, SECOND by Sotherland ***“to approve the April 17, 2019 Citizen Advisory Committee Agenda with the addition.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 17, 2019 MEETING**

MOTION by Sotherland, SECOND by MacDonald, ***“to approve the September 18, 2019 meeting minutes.”*** MOTION APPROVED.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Schultz gave an update on Metro transit. The new Metro Youth Mobility project has provided Kalamazoo Public School Students over 90,000 rides. Due to behavior issues, the program has eliminated bus passes and rides between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. With forthcoming software updates, Metro will be able to turn off passes to individual students.

In March of 2020 the Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA) will be asking voters for a renewal millage. The request will move the current .75 mil to .9 mil if approved. The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) will have a millage in 2021.

Whalen announced that he would be leaving Disability Network and expected to have someone else from the organization to participate in the CAC meetings.

**NEW 2020 STATE SAFETY TARGETS**

Steppek reviewed the enclosed information regarding the adopted Calendar Year 2020 State Safety Targets.

#### **KATS CERTIFICATION REVIEW**

Steppek explained the federal certification review process. KATS staff feels the review went well and doesn't expect any major issues.

Steppek also asked for feedback regarding Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. Members discussed what they felt was most important for the public to know. Steppek requested that additional comments be sent to him.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION**

Members Chase and Sotherland are due for re-appointment to the committee. Both expressed an interest in maintaining membership.

McGowen announced that she would be stepping away from the KATS CAC. Members thanked her for her participation and will help look for additional members.

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the KATS Citizen Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

*Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2019 at 4 p.m.*