



**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF JUNE 30, 2010**

The June meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Policy Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission lower level conference room. Meeting attendance was recorded on the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Swiat, Jr. (Chair), Dave Anderson, Jeff Bither, Carol Fricke, Dave Healy, Rob Heasley, Tim Hudson, Lee Philport, Pete Pfeiffer, Claudette Reid, Ron Reid, Susan Richardson, Greg Rosine, Karen Siegwart, Linda Teeter, Don Ulsh, Jack Urban, and Bob Vlietstra.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Berkebile, Allan Bussema, Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Dan DeVries, Phyllis Simmons, and Jeff Sorensen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lew Bashaw, John Byrnes, Jack Mekemson, Bill Schomisch, Kathy Schultz, Jon Start, and Steve Stepek.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2010 MEETING

MOTION by Heasley, SUPPORT by Ulsh, *“to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2010 meeting.”*
Motion approved.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Jon Start reported on the June 10th Technical Committee meeting. The committee recommended Policy Committee approval of the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program, amendments to the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program, and the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Status reports were given on road, transit, and planning activities by the local agencies.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

A Citizens Advisory Committee was called on June 24th at Kalamazoo Metro Transit. Jon Start reported that no citizens were in attendance for the meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Urban, SUPPORT by R. Reid, ***“to accept the agenda as presented.”*** Motion approved.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A number of amendments to the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program were presented to the KATS Policy Committee for approval. This amendments included the following additions and changes:

Fiscal Year	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.
2010	KCRC	Sprinkle Road	Preventative Maintenance (Force Account)	18	ARUL					18	
2010	MDOT	I-94	Bridge removal and replacement; Road approaches; Interchange Improvement (Preliminary Engineering)	76	IM	7	M	1	CNTY	84	110524
2010	MDOT	I-94	Bridge removal and replacement; Road approaches; Interchange Improvement (Substructure)	599	IM	58	M	8	CNTY	666	110524
2010	MDOT	I-94	Cold milling and hot mix asphalt resurfacing	2,813	IM	313	M			3,126	110571
2010	MDOT	I-94	Cold milling and hot mix asphalt resurfacing	18	IM	2	M			20	110571
2010	MDOT	I-94	Bridge removal and replacement, approaches, and road work on Cork Street and I-94	73	BRI	8	M			81	110581

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2010	MDOT	I-94	Bridge removal and replacement, approaches, and road work on Cork Street and I-94	254	BRI	28	M			283	110581
2010	MDOT	M-96	Cold milling and HMA resurface	238	ST	53	M			291	109261
2010	MDOT	M-96	Cold milling and HMA resurface	7	ST	2	M			8	109261
2010	MDOT	US-131 BR	Upgrade 6 intersections with curb ramps, decorative sidewalk, landscaping, and ornamental lights (ENH200700006)	75	STE	22	M	13	CITY	110	107824
2010	MDOT	US-131 BR	Upgrade 6 intersections with curb ramps, decorative sidewalk, landscaping, and ornamental lights (ENH200700006)	8	STE	2	M			10	107824
2010	MDOT	US-131 BR	Upgrade 6 intersections with curb ramps, decorative sidewalk, landscaping, and ornamental lights (ENH200700006)					90	CITY	90	107824
2011	KCRC	E VW Ave	Shoulder widening and surface	332	STH			83	CNTY	415	108822
2011	KCRC	S Sprinkle Rd	Add center left turn lane, horizontal curve flattening and sight distance improvements	259	STH			65	CNTY	324	108821
2011	MDOT	US-131	Resurface Carpool Lot	29	ST	6	M			35	90201
2011	Public Transit	Facility Renovation	Facility Security Hardware and Software	100	5307	20	M			120	
2011	Public Transit	Facility Renovation	Furniture and equipment	150	5307	30	M			180	
2011	Public Transit	Facility Renovation	IT and Audio/Visual Equipment	150	5307	30	M			180	

The following projects are being adjusted for costs:

Fiscal Year	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.
2010	KCRC	Texas Drive	Intersection realignment; new curb and gutter and drainage improvements	270	ARUL					270	108128
2010	MDOT	I-94	Construct median cable barrier	655	STH	70	M			725	102278
2010	MDOT	I-94	Road reconstruction and widening; reconstruction and widening of 2 railroad bridges and a large culvert (Preliminary Engineering)	286	IM	56	M	8	CITY	350	105886
2010	MDOT	I-94	Road reconstruction and widening; reconstruction and widening of 2 railroad bridges and a large culvert (Right of Way)	41	IM	8	M	1	CITY	50	105886
2010	MDOT	I-94	Road reconstruction and widening; reconstruction and widening of 2 railroad bridges and a large culvert (Substructure)	82	IM	16	M	2	CITY	100	105886
2010	MDOT	I-94	Resurface carpool lot	43	ST	10	M			53	104026
2010	MDOT	M-96	Beam end repairs and partial painting			567	MER			567	108296
2010	MDOT	US-131	Bridge Replacement	30	NH	6	M			35	102963
2010	MDOT	US-131	Bridge Replacement	467	NH	103	M			570	102963
2010	MDOT	US-131 BR	Upgrade 6 intersections with curb ramps, decorative sidewalk, landscaping, and ornamental lights (ENH200700006)	408	STE	39	M	127	CITY	574	107824
2011	Kalamazoo	Balch Street	Reconstruct	315	STUL			145	CITY	460	108256

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2011	Kalamazoo	Douglas Avenue	Mill and resurface, partial reconstruction, concrete pavement repair	459	STUL			125	CITY	584	108258
2011	KCRC	12th Street	Reconstruct to all-season	700	STL	100	EDD	225	CNTY	1,025	103658
2011	KCRC	South Sprinkle Road	Reconstruct and widen from Zylman to 2000' south of Zyman; curb and gutter at interesections; 3.5" Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay from 2000' feet south of Zylman to S Avenue; Minor ditch improvements	774	STUL			694	CNTY	1,468	108259
2011	Public Trans	CY-2011 Operating Assistance	Fixed route and demand response	1,980	5307	3,550	CTF	6,117	TRAL	11,647	
2011	Public Trans	CY-2011 Operating Assistance	Fixed route and demand response	373	5311	817	CTF	1,195	TRAL	2,385	
2011	Public Trans	CY-2011 Operating Assistance	Community Service Program			50	CTF			50	

The following projects are deletions from the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program:

Fiscal Year	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Federal Cost (\$1000s)	Federal Fund Source	State Cost (\$1000s)	State Fund Source	Local Cost (\$1000s)	Local Fund Source	Total Cost (\$1000s)	MDOT Job No.
2011	MDOT	M-96	Widen for left turns, storm sewer with curb and gutter on the southside only. Coldmill existing pavement and resurface								48550
2011	Public Trans	Equipment Acquisition	Coin counter (2006)								
2011	Public Trans	Equipment Acquisition	Miscellaneous maintenance equipment								

The changes for FY 2011 were based on the new FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program. Because of the delay in adopting the new TIP, the FY 2011 years need to match in both documents.

MOTION by Richardson, SUPPORT by R. Reid, *“to approve the FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program amendments as presented.”* Motion approved.

The FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program was mailed to the Policy Committee voting members with the meeting materials. The document will be sent to MDOT and approved in the upcoming months by MDOT, FHWA, FTA, and EPA.

Dave Healy asked about the status of the N Avenue project in 2014. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission is planning to continue with the project in 2014 and also submitted the application for Transportation Economic Development Funds (TEDF) for all-season upgrades to 11th Street and ON Avenue. The Road Commission intends to improve N Avenue should funding come sooner through the TEDF project selection process through the Michigan Department of Transportation. The TIP can be amended as time passes.

MOTION by Heasley, SUPPORT by Hudson, *“to approve the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program for the Kalamazoo Metropolitan Area, to approve the self-certification resolution for the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study, and to approve the resolution finding the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program to meet the air quality standards for the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek Maintenance Area.”* Motion approved.

CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

A list of FY 2012 - 2014 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program projects was provided to the Policy Committee. They included:

Year	Agency	Project	Description	Total Cost	Federal CMAQ	Local Agency CMAQ	State	Local
2012	Metro Transit	Community Ridesharing	100% funding of Rideshare program for staff support and new software for Rideshare program	\$115,582		\$115,582		
2012	City of Portage	Portage Rd Corridor & Centre Ave Corridor	ITS Project: Interconnection of traffic signals on both corridors	\$714,349		\$714,349		
2012	MDOT	I-94 BL/ US-131 BR/ Stadium Drive	Installation of dual left turn lanes on the north and west legs of the intersection and right turn lane from Drake Road SB to Stadium Drive WB. The FY 2012 application will include MDOT-only design (C Phase) and right-of-way (B Phase) work.	\$270,000	\$216,000		\$54,000	
2013	Metro Transit	Community Ridesharing	100% funding of Ridesharing program for staff	\$41,800		\$41,800		

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2013	City of Kalamazoo	Riverview and Oakland Dr	Improvements to Parkview/Oakland Intersection, interconnect with signal at Parkview/Whites intersection, signal timing optimization	\$820,502		\$820,502		
2014	Metro Transit	Community Ridesharing	100% funding of Ridesharing program for staff support	\$43,054		\$43,054		
2014	KCRC		ITS Project	\$44,544		\$44,544		
2014	MDOT	I-94 BL/ US-131 BR/ Stadium Drive	Installation of dual left turn lanes on the north and west legs of the intersection and right turn lane from Drake Road SB to Stadium Drive WB.	\$1,750,000	\$592,000	\$808,000	\$148,000	\$202,000

Once the projects are approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation, they will be amended into the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

MOTION by Urban, SUPPORT by Heasley, *“to approve the FY 2012 - 2014 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality project list.”* Motion approved.

FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The Policy Committee voting members received a copy of the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UWP). The UWP outlines the budget and activities of KATS for the fiscal year. In 2011, \$20,000 was programmed to fund a study of the downtown development authority area for Oshtemo Township with the assistance of a consultant. Oshtemo Township will be fronting the cost of the study and seeking reimbursement using KATS Section 112 funds. KATS staff is also researching the purchase of a Smartboard for the board room in the basement of the Road Commission.

Jon Start noted that the earmark for the US-131/US-131BR was not programmed for FY 2011. Should progress be made on the project during FY 2011, the funding can be amended into the FY 2011 program. Currently a group is meeting to discuss the preliminary study of the interchange, with Kalamazoo Township and Oshtemo Township putting up funds for the study.

MOTION by Healy, SUPPORT by Bither, *“to approve the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program.”* Motion approved.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Linda Teeter presented the Kalamazoo County Transportation Plan dated May 24, 2010 to the Policy Committee. This plan outlines the background and history of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) and looks at the goals of the system.

A committee developed a list of issues to be resolved in a three phases implementation plan. The phases start in May 2010 and go beyond 2013. The short term phase includes identifying and hiring an executive/strategic leader and transferring the grant recipient status for the transportation system from the City of Kalamazoo to the KCTA.

The additional phases include an increasing commitment and ownership for the transportation system among the governmental jurisdictions within the county, gaining support and winning millages, and determining the best approach for future operations.

The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) adopted this plan at their June 14th meeting. A search committee was appointed for the executive/strategic leader position.

A question was asked about the status of public transportation once the new Census figures are released and the possible impact when KATS becomes a Transportation Management Area (TMA). Currently, if a public transportation agency is within a TMA, they cannot use capital funds for operating expenses. Other impacts are being researched. Data from the Census won't be released until at least 2011 and KATS will have time to make adjustments if the urbanized area boundary changes.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Carol Fricke reported that the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) report will be presented to the Transit Authority Board in the upcoming weeks. They recently heard from MRC Industries thanking Metro Transit for their assistance in getting routing to their new building on 26th Street.

Bill Schomisch reflected on the Kalamazoo Gazette article about the drop in ridership on Metro Transit line haul service. He noted that Kalamazoo is not alone and that the trend is nationwide. It may be due to the economy and a recent fare increase locally. He noted that pass sales are down but token and cash sales are up. He also noted that the demand response system has seen an increase in ridership and productivity. He noted, too, that the Comprehensive Operations Analysis is going through a review and several public input sessions will be held to discuss the short and long term changes to the system.

2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Jon Start informed the committee that staff continues to work with Michigan Department of Transportation on finalizing the model for the 2035 Transportation Plan. Results will need to be tested for air quality conformity with Calhoun and Van Buren counties.

A survey was distributed to the Policy Committee and will be made available online during the month of July. The survey will help staff and the committees gauge the opinions of focus areas for improvements to the transportation system, including roads, transit, and non-motorized. Staff asked the committee to turn in their survey forms in order for staff to gauge the Policy Committee's responses. The survey will be available online at the KATS website: www.KATSmpo.org.

It was asked that staff include a question about income of the survey participant. That will be added to the survey.

GOALS AND VISION COMMITTEE

The Goals and Vision Committee will be meeting again on July 6 at 10:00 a.m.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

David Anderson, Don Ulsh, and Dennis Berkebile offered to be on the Finance and Personnel Committee.

KATS FINANCIALS

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Year to Date Comparison to Budget and the May 2010 Check Registry was provided to the committee. No specific questions were asked regarding the materials.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jon Start reported that Nicole Dalman resigned as part-time secretary at the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study to take a full time position. Her position will be refilled.

Susan Richardson is retiring from Michigan Department of Transportation after 35 years. The committee thanked her for her service to the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study over the years.

Pete Pfeiffer informed the committee of several MDOT project updates:

- The M-96 bridge in Augusta is progressing well.
- M-43 at the pump station downtown will be closing July 6 for construction. He thanked the City of Kalamazoo for the help in determining the detour routing for the highway. Police will be on site at intersections during peak periods to direct traffic.
- Westnedge Avenue at I-94 will be closed in the evenings for beam placement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Swiat adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.