

# KATS News

Focusing on Transportation Planning Activities in Kalamazoo County

Spring 2010

## *Stimulus Money Spent in Kalamazoo County*

As a part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) stimulus packaged passed by Congress in February, 2009, Kalamazoo County received \$73,586,410 in road improvement funds, \$3,156,000 in transit funds and \$2,316,000 in Transportation Enhancement Program funds. The funded projects include:

### **Michigan Department of Transportation**

I-94	East of Oakland Drive to East of Lovers Lane .....	\$67,954,000
I-94	at Norfolk Southern Railroad .....	\$75,000

### **City of Portage**

East Centre Avenue	Portage Road to Westnedge Avenue .....	\$900,000
East Kilgore Road	South Westnedge Avenue to Railroad Tracks .....	\$647,542

### **City of Kalamazoo**

Reed Street	Burdick Street to Portage Street .....	\$194,445
East Cork Street	South Westnedge Avenue to Lovers Lane .....	\$493,398
Lovers Lane	Cork Street to Kilgore Road .....	\$254,334
North Edwards Street	South Street to Kalamazoo Avenue .....	\$330,193
South Burdick Street	Cork Street to Crescent Street .....	\$179,662
West Michigan Avenue	Sprague Street to Field House Drive .....	\$129,441

### **Village of Schoolcraft**

East Eliza Street	West Village limits to 14 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	\$222,339
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### **Kalamazoo County Road Commission**

South 8th Street	R Avenue to Q Avenue .....	\$336,850
East S Avenue	South Sprinkle Road to 29 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	\$940,577
8 <sup>th</sup> Street	at Texas Drive .....	\$288,249
12th Street	D Avenue to C Avenue .....	\$517,985
24th Street/AB Avenue	D Avenue to AB Avenue; 24th Street to M-89 .....	\$47,395
C Avenue	East Gull Lake Drive to 48th Street .....	\$50,000
Mercury Drive	MN Avenue to East County Line .....	\$25,000

### **Metro Transit**

Acquire automatic vehicle locator (AVL) system .....	\$2,359,000
Replace Freon recovery system .....	\$8,000
Staff car replacement (9-9) .....	\$24,000
1/4 Ton pickup truck .....	\$30,000
Installation of Drive On Lift .....	\$125,000
Supervisory/ADA Vehicle .....	\$35,000
Acquire Miscellaneous Bus Parts .....	\$150,000
Bus shelter replacement .....	\$300,000
Facility Renovation .....	\$125,000

***Stimulus Money Spent in Kalamazoo County continued . . .***

**Transportation Enhancements (Non-Motorized Trailways)**

**Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway**

Riverview Drive/Mosel Avenue to D Avenue . . . . . \$1,766,000

**Kal-Haven Trail**

10th Street to CR-665 (Bloomingdale) (18 miles total; 6 miles Kalamazoo County) . . . . . \$350,000

**Angling Road/Constitution Boulevard**

Angling to McGillicuddy; Constitution to Romence . . . . . \$200,000

Many of these projects were constructed in 2009, and several will be completed in 2010. More information on the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) can be found on-line at [www.Recovery.gov](http://www.Recovery.gov).



***Development of FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program to Be Completed in Summer, 2010***

KATS staff is working with the local road and transit agencies to develop the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program. This four-year document will outline projects using federal funds through fiscal year 2014. Proposed federal road improvement projects include:

**FY 2011**

- River Reach Boulevard (funded over 2011 & 2012)
- Douglas Avenue (Kalamazoo Ave to City Limits)
- Balch Street (Park to Burdick)
- Sprinkle Road (S Avenue to 2000' S of Zylman)
- Portage Road (Lakeview to Osterhout)
- Oakland Drive (Katie Court to Shaver Road)
- South Westnedge Avenue (Centre to Melody)
- Up to 4 Demand Response Vehicles

**FY 2013**

- Fulford Street (Cork to Stockbridge)
- North Burdick Street (RR Tracks to N City Limits)
- Sprinkle Road (Cork to Comstock)
- Mall Drive (Westnedge to Constitution)
- Oakland Drive (I-94 to Kilgore)
- Portage Road (Byrd to Milham)
- Forest Drive (Lovers to Portage)
- Up to 6 Demand Response Vehicles

**FY 2012**

- River Reach Boulevard
- Burdick Street (Kilgore to Cork)
- Millcork Street (Cork to Miller)
- 9th Street (KL Avenue to M-43)
- Drake Road (Grand Prairie to Ravine)
- Romence Road (Lovers to Sprinkle)
- Romence Road (Constitution to Westnedge)
- Up to 6 Demand Response Vehicles

**FY 2014**

- Drake Road (West Main to Grand Prairie)
- Howard Street (West Michigan to Kendall)
- Michigan Avenue (Kalamazoo Limits to Sprinkle Road)
- N Avenue (9<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street)
- South Westnedge Avenue (Osterhout to South Shore)
- Portage Road (Lakeview to Centre)
- Up to 3 Demand Response Vehicles and  
1 Community Service Vehicle

### ***Transportation Improvement Program continued . . .***

Maps outlining the location of these listed projects, as well as a description of work proposed, are available online at [www.KATSmpo.org](http://www.KATSmpo.org).

During the development of the TIP, public comment is sought on proposed projects. The KATS Citizen's Advisory Committee will also meet during the development of the Transportation Improvement Program. To be notified of future Citizens Advisory Committee meetings, please email KATS at [info@KATSmpo.org](mailto:info@KATSmpo.org).

Other elements of the FY 2011 - 2014 TIP include the review of any air quality impacts. The projects identified will also need to meet financial constraint per funding amounts provided to KATS by the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration. Without a new transportation bill, projects within the proposed Transportation Improvement Program may be adjusted once new legislation is passed.

A public hearing for the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program is scheduled for May 26. As the Transportation Improvement Program is drafted, copies will be available on the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study website for review and comment as well as more information on the public hearing: [www.KATSmpo.org](http://www.KATSmpo.org).

### **2009 Annual Listing of Projects**

Annually, the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study puts together a list of completed federal aid projects for Kalamazoo County. Thanks to the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) package, Kalamazoo County had an active construction season.

A detailed list of projects completed and the status of those under construction can be found on-line at [www.KATSmpo.org](http://www.KATSmpo.org).

### **KATS Working with Midwest Software Solutions to Improve Traffic Count Information**

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study recently signed a contract with Midwest Software Solutions to assist in providing traffic count information to the local agencies as well as the general public. By using the system, traffic count information will be more readily available for use in the Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program and for traffic modeling purposes. Others who contact KATS for traffic count data can get the data easily on-line using the link at the KATS website: [www.KATSmpo.org](http://www.KATSmpo.org) or directly by going to <http://katsmpo.ms2soft.com>.

### **2035 Transportation Plan Underway**

The Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study is currently working on the 2035 Transportation Plan. The Transportation Plan, last adopted in 2007, is scheduled for adoption in September, 2010. The Transportation Plan includes road, transit, and non-motorized projects planned through 2035 as well as future projections on funding.

KATS will be soliciting comment on the proposed projects over the course of the next few months. As the Transportation Plan progresses, updates will be provided on the KATS website: [www.KATSmpo.org](http://www.KATSmpo.org) and at committee meetings.

Comments or suggestions regarding the document can be directed to staff by email ([info@KATSmpo.org](mailto:info@KATSmpo.org)) or by calling (269) 343-0766.

## We're Going Green!

In today's world, **GREEN** is the word. In order to reduce waste, KATS will be publishing the *KATS News* newsletter online and sending it via e-mail.

Please send Kathy Schultz your email address in order to continue receiving new issues of KATS News.

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### Upcoming Issues:

2035 Transportation Plan  
Transportation Improvement Program

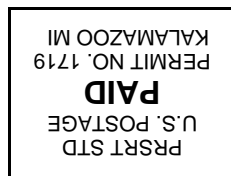
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