



**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2010**

The December meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical 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

John Byrnes (Chair), Muhammad Arif, Andrea Augustine, Chris Barnes, Chris Forth, Rick Fowler, Darrell Harden, Tom Hohm, Carmine Lewis, Dan Lewis, Fred Nagler, Michelle O’Neill, Steve Skalski, Jodi Stefforia, and Frank Szopo.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Durham, Dale Hein, and Lotta Jarnefelt.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathy Schultz, Steve Stepek and Jon Start.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL

MOTION by Barnes, SUPPORT by Stefforia, *“to approve the agenda for the December 2, 2010 meeting.”* Motion approved.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 4, 2010 MEETING

Jodi Stefforia had revision requests to several paragraphs in the November 4th meeting minutes. She requested that the line “with turn lanes planned in front of Kalamazoo Central” and the word “freight” be struck from the discussion under the 2035 Transportation Plan. She requested that the following be added to her comment within the minutes under the 2035 Transportation Plan:

. . . and the City does not restrict the eastern half, therefore a widening is appropriate given existing and future lane uses.

Jodi also requested that the following be added to the Status Reports comment made by her:

. . . with a focus group meeting for transportation agencies at . . .

MOTION by Harden, SUPPORT by Stefforia, *“to approve the November 4, 2010 minutes as corrected.”* Motion approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jon Start reported on the November 17th Policy Committee meeting. The committee approved an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UWP) to add the Comprehensive Operations Analysis to the FY 2011 program and approved routine expenses for FY 2011. They heard status reports on the 2035 Transportation Plan and the Goals and Vision Committee. Jon noted that the subcommittee looking at the Goals and Vision will be meeting on Monday, December 6. The goals and vision determined by the Policy Committee will involve the Technical Committee's input.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

FY 2011 - 2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A number of amendments were submitted to be amended into the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program. They included:

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	KCRC	Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway	Mayor's Riverfront Park to Sprinkle Road	627	STE			627	PRVT	1,255	102073
Description: Construct trailway from Riverfront Park in City of Kalamazoo east to Sprinkle Road at the Kalamazoo River (Segment 3)											
Comments: Addition of project; Moved from FY 2010 12/15/10											
2011	KCRC	12 th Street	C Avenue to north county line	700	STL	290	EDA	318	CNTY	1,215	103658
Description: Reconstruct to all-season; driveway and turn lane improves at company driveways; right turn lane and new north entrance in Allegan County											
Comments: Kalamazoo County Road Commission; \$350,000 STL, \$350,000 EDDF, \$100,000 Econ Dev Funds - D 10/27/10; Additional Funding Added \$190,000 Econ Dev Funds-A; Allegan County Portion: \$132,500 (not listed in Kalamazoo TIP) 12/15/10											
2011	MDOT	US-131	Milham Road north to M-43 in the cities of Portage and Kalamazoo, Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County	2,429	NH	539	M			2,968	111271
Description: Cold Mill and HMA Overlay, One Course (Trunkline Highway CPM/CSM General Program Account)											
Comments: Addition of Project 10/13/10; Update description and limits; Increase Federal funds from \$1,168,603; State funds from \$259,135; Adjust Total Project Cost 12/15/10											

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2013	MDOT	Various	On US-131 and I-94 in the Kalamazoo area, and on I-94 and I-194 in the Battle Creek area	1,891	ST	419	M			2,310	107963
Description: The project includes the installation of 10 devices at the following approximate locations: (1) DMS on northbound US-131 south of I-94, (1) DMS on southbound US-131 north of I-94, (4) DMS on I-94 in Battle Creek area, (1) DMS on I-194 in Battle Creek area											
Comments: Project is within Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties 12/15/10											

The message signs in the illustrative program will be in both Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties. Currently they are programmed for 2013. No local match will be needed to the improvements on US-131 in FY 2011.

It was noted that additional funds were received by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for the 12th Street project and that the project will now involve Allegan County Road Commission.

MOTION by Harden, SUPPORT by Stefforia, *“to approve the amendments to the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program.”* Motion approved.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

A copy of the proposed meeting schedule was provided to the Technical Committee, with the dates being:

January 13	May 12	September 8
February 10	June 9	October 13
March 10	July 7	November 3
April 14	August 11	December 1

MOTION by Nagler, SUPPORT by Arif, *“to approve the meeting schedule for 2011.”* Motion approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were made for Chris Barnes to be Chairperson and Jodi Stefforia for Vice-Chairperson. There positions would be for 2011 and 2012.

MOTION by O’Neill, SUPPORT by Szopo, *“to accept Chris Barnes as Chairperson and Jodi Stefforia as Vice Chairperson for 2011 and 2012 Technical Committee meetings.”* Motion approved.

2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

KATS staff, along with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, met with Oshtemo Township regarding the Drake Road project proposed for the 2035 Transportation Plan. The project was originally planned to be removed from the Plan but after discussion, was recommended to be reinserted in the Plan with an open to traffic date of 2025.

Jon Start noted that staff is finishing the maps and will be testing for air quality and holding a public information meeting in the upcoming months.

GOALS AND VISION DEVELOPMENT

The Policy Committee developed ten factors to be examined during the process for distributing federal funds for projects. The committee members were also encouraged to attend TIP Subcommittee meetings to better understand how projects are selected and put into the Transportation Improvement Program . Some of the factors that are being used include pavement condition, traffic counts, economic development and safety. Staff is currently looking at the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program to see where the projects would fall in the ranking criteria. The next meeting will be held December 16 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Carmine Lewis noted that the Holly Jolly Trolley is running through January 1.

STATUS REPORTS

Tom Hohm reported that the traffic signal at 35th Street and Miller Drive is operational. There are several punchlist items being worked on for the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway. The 2011 project on Sprinkle Road, along with Texas Drive/Milham/12th Street roundabout, are being submitted soon to MDOT.

Michelle O'Neill reported that MDOT has opened I-94 at Westnedge Avenue for the winter. Three ramp movements are open for traffic.

Fred Nagler reported that the leveling course on Portage Road was completed. The CMAQ project on Mills and Rose streets is currently underway with equipment installation planned for January/February. Paving on Pitcher Street has been completed. Engineering is underway for Balch and Douglas Avenue projects for 2011. The double roundabout at Kendall/Solon/Howard won an award through the public works association.

Chris Barnes reported that the Milham Avenue project is finished through leveling. Work will continue in the spring. They are working on engineering the Oakland Drive, Westnedge Avenue, and Portage Road projects for 2011. They received bridge funding for the Kilgore Road bridge in 2013. A diagnostic of the railroad signals at Centre and Shaver is being planned.

Chris Forth reported that there are redevelopment ideas being discussed for the KMart sight on Westnedge Avenue.

Jodi Stefforia reported that a workshop regarding the West Main corridor was held to look at improvements and a possible new local street network.

Andrea Augustine reported that the City of Kalamazoo is finalizing a bike rack ordinance for new developments. The Kalamazoo Farmers Market received a \$25,000 grant, with a total of \$40,000 being planned to look at improving the market and it's location. The City of Kalamazoo is discussing plant maintenance of the street corners along Park and Westnedge Avenue. The People's Food Coop broke ground on a new facility on Harrison Street. Work will be starting soon on the Metropolitan Centre redevelopment on East Michigan Avenue.

AGENCY TIME SHEETS

Kathy Schultz asked that agencies submit their time sheets for October and November as soon as possible.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Muhammad Arif asked that the committee look at the attendance record for 2010. It was also suggested that discussion be made on voting membership for the agencies and the Technical Committee bylaws. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Byrnes adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.