



**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2010**

The May meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Technical Committee was called to order at 9:04 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, Chris Barnes, Michael Bippley, Dennis Durham, Chris Forth, Rick Fowler, Darrell Harden, Keith Hernandez, Tom Hohm, Lotta Jarnefelt, Carmine Lewis, Fred Nagler, Steve Skalski, Jodi Stefforia, Frank Szopo and Dallas Williams.

***MEMBERS ABSENT***

Dale Hein and Cheri Lutz.

***OTHERS PRESENT***

Nicole Dalman, Kathy Schultz, Jon Start and Steve Stepek.

***MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 8, 2010 MEETING***

A correction was noted on page 1 of the April 8<sup>th</sup> minutes and should read “MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 11, 2010 MEETING”.

Motion by the Technical Committee, “*to approve as corrected the April 8, 2010 minutes.*” Motion approved.

***POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT***

Jon Start reported that the Policy Committee had taken action to approve the MDOT amendment for scoping work on I-94 in Kalamazoo County. A Public Hearing will be held at the May Policy Committee meeting to discuss the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan. There will also be discussion about the Jobs for Main Street candidate projects.

The committee supported the Douglas at G Avenue and Oakland Drive at Osterhout Avenue safety projects.

There was a presentation given on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway Partners fundraising efforts. The committee received the KATS 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials, and a Goals and Visioning Subcommittee was established. The committee has met once, will continue meeting, and will involve Technical members.

***CITIZENS' COMMENTS*** - None

**CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None****TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

An updated TIP draft was handed out at the meeting. Jon urged members to review their projects and inform KATS of any corrections. It will then go to the public hearing at the May 26 Policy Committee and adopted at the June Technical and Policy Committee meetings.

It was noted that several projects listed under 2011 for MDOT on page 2 would be moved to illustrative.

**BRIDGE RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT**

The Kalamazoo County Road Commission and the City of Portage are asking for support of their applications to the Local Bridge Program.

The Kalamazoo County Road Commission had five bridge resolutions of support: 8<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over Amtrak Railroad; 40<sup>th</sup> Street bridge over Little Portage Creek; S Avenue bridge over the Portage River; Sprinkle Road bridges over the Kalamazoo River and Norfolk Southern Railroad; and TS Avenue bridge over the Portage River. It was noted that the S Avenue bridge resolution should be corrected after the third *Whereas* to remove “rehabilitate” and put in “replace” since this project involved replacing the bridge.

The City of Portage has one bridge resolution of support for the Kilgore Road Bridge over the Portage Creek.

Motion by the Technical Committee, ***“to support the bridge resolutions for the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and the City of Portage.”*** Motion approved.

**TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (TEDF) APPLICATION RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

The committee was asked to approve the resolution of support for the Kalamazoo County Road Commission’s TEDF project on N Avenue/ON Avenue/11th Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street bringing it to an all season road.

Motion by the Technical Committee, ***“to support the Transportation Economic Development Fund application resolution as presented.”*** Motion approved.

**2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT STATUS**

Jon Start told the group that the MDOT modeler has sent back maps to KATS for review to get more reasonable estimates for some areas. A meeting will be set to review the maps as a group.

***PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE***

Carmin Lewis told the group that the Comprehensive Operations Analysis has been separated into short and long term recommendations. Many of the short term recommendations that are within the budget are being implemented. Route changes are being reviewed by the route committee. Long term recommendations will be considered during future budgets.

***UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)***

A copy of the UPWP was sent to members for their review. Jon Start asked the committee to look over and make changes in time or funding amounts, or add items that they feel should be included in the program. Please contact KATS staff to submit your items. The UPWP will be acted on in June.

***STATUS REPORTS***

Tom Hohm said the Kalamazoo County Road Commission's 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over Portage Creek project, the 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Texas Drive ARRA project, and the Sprinkle Road at G Avenue safety project are under construction. The 35<sup>th</sup> Street project from Miller Drive to the Kalamazoo River and the Stadium Drive project from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Streets are on the June 18<sup>th</sup> bid letting. The Kalamazoo River Valley Trail from Mosel Avenue to G Avenue is under construction.

Fred Nagler spoke about the City of Kalamazoo's projects. The Burdick Street from Cork Street to Crescent Drive ARRA project is beginning construction in May. The Lovers Lane from Kilgore Road to Cork Street ARRA project will start construction in June. The Michigan Avenue from Burrows Road to Western Michigan University ARRA project is on the letting schedule and bids have come in lower than expected. The Portage Street from Kilgore Road to Lakeway Avenue and the North Street from Douglas Avenue to Gull Road projects have had their bid date delayed. The non-motorized bridge has been set in Veteran's Memorial Park. The trail connecting this bridge is being built.

Dallas Williams said that the City of Portage's Milham Road project from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Angling Road is on the May 21<sup>st</sup> bid letting.

Dennis Durham told the group that bid approvals are still coming in for the River Reach project in Parchment.

Lotta Jarnefelt explained that Kalamazoo County did not get another grant for the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. They will resubmit for the next grant available.

Keith Hernandez reported that the City of Kalamazoo has released the draft Master Plan. The last public comment meeting will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The June Planning Commission meeting will be a public hearing. Comments will be taken, and then it will be approved. It can be reviewed at [www.kalamazoocity.org/plankalamazoo](http://www.kalamazoocity.org/plankalamazoo).

Jodi Stefforia said that Oshtemo Township DDA is having a public presentation of their streetscape project on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The H Avenue sanitary sewer project is out for bids with construction to begin in July.

***AGENCY TIME SHEETS***

Kathy Schultz informed the committee that KATS time sheets are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please turn in your timesheets for the previous month at each Technical Committee meeting

***OTHER NEW BUSINESS***

Kathy Schultz and Jon Start mentioned that the KATS Technical Committee meeting day may change in the future. The second Thursday is not working well for all members and it will be looked at further to see if another date works better for the committee. Please let KATS staff know if there is a better day that would work for you so schedules can be compared.

***ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business, Chairperson Byrnes adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.