



**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2010**

The October 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, Chris Barnes, Dennis Durham, Chris Forth, Rick Fowler, Darrell Harden, Keith Hernandez, Tom Hohm, Carmine Lewis, Dan Lewis, Michelle O'Neill, Steve Skalski, Jodi Stefforia, and Frank Szopo.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Hein, Lotta Jarnefelt, and Fred Nagler.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathy Schultz and Jon Start.

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 MEETING

MOTION by Stefforia, SUPPORT by Szopo, "*to approve the September 9, 2010 minutes.*" Motion approved.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Jon Start reported on the October 13th Policy Committee meeting. The committee moved it's October meeting from October 27th to process an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program adding the study of the US-131/US-131 interchange. They also discussed the Goals and Vision Committee and the 2035 Transportation Plan capacity projects.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

An additional Transportation Improvement Program amendment was presented for addition to the agenda. The 12th Street at Texas Drive Roundabout project will be added under FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program as Item 8b.

MOTION by Harden, SUPPORT by Stefforia, "*to approve the agenda for the October 14, 2010 meeting.*" Motion approved.

FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Staff handed out an amended table for the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program. In Table 2, the total budget was amended to \$749,794 to include \$64,000 in High Priority funds for the US-131/US-131 Business Route Study. An additional \$16,000 in cash match was also added to the total program for KATS for FY 2011. Oshtemo and Kalamazoo townships have put up \$5,000 each in cash to help fund a study to look at network configurations for the interchange. This would examine different configurations of the ramps at US-131 and US-131BR, including the connection to G Avenue. The City of Parchment will be the Act 51 agency to pass the High Priority Funds through and will handle the bidding of the consultant contract. The study would take longer to get through the approval process if KATS bids the contract. The study currently is being programmed for \$80,000 based on a draft outline of what will be asked for from the study. The townships have been working with URS Consultants on the study outline. Once the study is completed and KATS has received payment, the consultant would be paid. It was noted that there was no guarantee that the interchange improvements would be built should the study show favorable results. Two studies have already been completed of the interchange, including one funded with High Priority funds. The last study was not finalized by the Policy Committee because it did not show favorable results for the economic benefit of the interchange improvement. The total local match needs to be identified before the study will start.

The Policy Committee approved adding the funding to the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program at their October 13th meeting.

MDOT staff noted that they would abstain from the vote since the department is focusing on preservation of the existing system.

MOTION by Stefforia, SUPPORT by Arif, ***“to approve the amendment to the FY 2011 Unified Work Program to add a study of the US-131/US-131 Business Route using High Priority funds and cash match.”*** Motion approved, two absentions.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A list of FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program amendments were presented to the Technical Committee. The Policy Committee approved the amendments at their October 13th meeting. MDOT removed the M-331 project at this time because funding has not been secured for it to date.

Changes in year of the project included:

Fiscal Year	Responsible Agency	Project Name	Limits	Description	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	I-94	at Portage/ Kilgore Road	Resurface carpool lot	43	ST	10	M			53	104026

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2011	MDOT	I-94	Eastbound only, ML Avenue easterly to 40th Street in Kalamazoo County	Cold mill and HMA resurfacing	1,455	IM	162	M			1,617	110571

The following were additions to the Transportation Improvement Program:

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2011	MDOT	I-94	under Sprinkle Road in Kalamazoo	Bridge removal and replacement, road approaches, interchange improvements (PE Phase)	76	IM	7	M	1	CITY	84	110524
2011	MDOT	I-94	under Sprinkle Road in Kalamazoo	Bridge removal and replacement, road approaches, interchange improvements (SUB Phase)	599	IM	58	M	8	CITY	666	110524
2011	MDOT	I-94	under Cork Street in Kalamazoo	Bridge removal and replacement, approaches, and road work on Cork Street and I-94 (PE Phase)	73	BRI	8	M			81	110581
2011	MDOT	I-94	under Cork Street in Kalamazoo	Bridge removal and replacement, approaches, and road work on Cork Street and I-94 (SUB Phase)	254	BRI	28	M			283	110581

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2011	MDOT	I-94 BL	G01, G02, G12, G13 of 39042, Crossings of Grand Elk Railroad with Highway I-94BL (Kalamazoo St. & Michigan Ave.) in the City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County	Preliminary Engineering services for design of sidewalk ramp upgrades, modification of railroad approach to accommodate Grand Elk cantilever and gates, crossing surface repair, permanent pavement markings and signing and maintenance of traffic plans (PE Phase)	90	STR	10	M			100	111421
2011	MDOT	M-96	Michigan Avenue to 35th Street	Widen at intersections (28th, 30th, and 35th streets) and resurface	3,368	ST	747	M			4,115	48550
2011	MDOT	US-131	Southbound only; Milham Road north to M-43 in the cities of Portage and Kalamazoo, Oshtemo Township, Kalamazoo County	Cold Mill and HMA Overlay, One Course	1,169	NH	259	M			1,428	111271
2012	MDOT	US-131	M-43 (Main Street) over US-131 in Kalamazoo	Concrete deep overlay, Beam repair, Full paint, Railing replacement, P&H replacement, Substructure repair, Approaches	1,784	NH	346	M	49	CITY	2,180	111189

MOTION by Harden, SUPPORT by Fowler, *“to amend the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program to include changes and additions as presented”* Motion approved.

The Road Commission was notified of the approval of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds for the 12th Street/Texas Drive roundabout project. The project was presented and supported by the Policy Committee previously when the application was being sent to MDOT. FHWA has assured KATS that the project is eligible, and the Road Commission is planning for a March bid letting.

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2011	KCRC	12th Street	at Texas Drive/Milham Avenue	Reconstruction of intersection to include roundabout at intersection	500	CMG			100	CNTY	600	112095

MOTION by Barnes, **SUPPORT** by Harden, *“to amend the FY 2011 - 2014 Transportation Improvement Program to include the 12th Street at Texas Drive/Milham Avenue project as presented”*
Motion approved.

2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT STATUS

A public hearing for the 2035 Transportation Plan was established for November 17th at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. It will be part of the November 17th Policy Committee meeting. Chapters of the Plan are going on the KATS website as they are getting drafted. Staff is hoping for a December, 2010 approval of the document.

Jon Start asked the Technical Committee for their guidance in selecting a method for future revenues. MDOT and the Metropolitan Planning Organization directors had adopted a 4.87% revenue increase while the past 10 years of Act 51 data shows a 3% increase. After some discussion, the Technical Committee recommended that the lower 3% figure be used for revenue.

In looking at the capacity projects for the 2035 Transportation Plan, it was noted that only 2 had Volume to Capacity Ratios greater than 1.0. Jon Start asked the committee to go over the list of capacity projects and the list of segments with deficiencies and determine what will remain in the 2035 Transportation Plan and what will be removed or moved to illustrative. Many of the projects that showed deficiencies will be addressed with traffic operations measures and not capacity improvements. The final list will be brought before the Technical Committee members after edits are made.

The Battle Creek Area Transportation Study may be asking for an extension in their approval date for the 2035 Transportation Plan due to a delay in getting data from the Michigan Department of Transportation. If this happens, it would impact the air quality portion of the KATS plan.

GOALS AND VISION COMMITTEE

The Policy Committee is reviewing a list of 10 items for the Goals and Vision Committee. These items relate to the priorities for projects to be selected for federal funds, including economic development, road condition, and environmental impact. The Technical Committee will be invited to join in the discussion of the Goals and Vision Committee at an upcoming date.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPDATE - None***STATUS REPORTS***

Frank Szopo reported that the Lovers Lane project is wrapping up as is the North Street project. The Portage Road mill and resurface project will be starting in the next week. The CMAQ project on Mills Street and Rose Street received favorable bids.

Tom Hohm reported that the 35th Street project is moving along well. The Stadium Drive project is complete. The Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway is almost finished along Westnedge Avenue. The signal at Sprinkle Road and G Avenue is finalized. He also reported that the Kilgore Road bridge for the City of Portage was selected for Local Bridge funds.

Chris Barnes noted that Milham Avenue is finishing up and will be open fully to traffic in November.

Michelle O'Neill reported that I-94 between Oakland Drive and Lovers Lane will be open to traffic in the upcoming days. They will be winding down the project for the winter. In the spring, all traffic will be shifted onto the eastbound portion of I-94. The M-96 bridge in Augusta is nearing completion. The Park/Westnedge Enhancement project is under construction. Bridge repairs on 9th Street are finished.

AGENCY TIME SHEETS

Kathy Schultz stressed the importance of getting time sheets to her through September soon. The time sheets are needed for finishing year end.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Byrnes adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.