

**BYLAWS**  
**KALAMAZOO AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**  
**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

SECTION 1. *Responsibility*

The purpose of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Technical Committee is to provide technical advice, recommendations, assistance, and proposals concerning all aspects of engineering, planning, analysis, operations, development, funding, and implementation of the transportation system or transportation related activities addressed by KATS. This purpose shall specifically include the consideration and development of actions concerning the technical aspects of the development and conduct of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) transportation planning process carried out in accordance with and to implement the provisions of the applicable sections of the Federal Highway Act of 1962, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991, as such Acts have been or may be amended.

This advice and other actions will be provided to, and for consideration by, the Policy Committee on matters of transportation policy, programs, and process and may be provided to the Policy Committee and/or the Director, acting as representative of, or agent for, the Policy Committee on matters of technical process, analysis, or program direction and administration.

These actions will cover all aspects of activity undertaken by KATS. The technical aspects of the process shall include, but not be limited to:

- the development of transportation plans and programs;
- the development of related processes;
- the collection and analysis of data;
- the coordination of transportation facility implementation and operation;
- the review and evaluation of transportation related activities, projects, and programs;
- intergovernmental coordination and cooperation aspects of transportation; and
- all related activities as selected to be addressed by or as defined by the Policy Committee.

**ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. *Voting Members*

The Committee membership shall consist of persons with expertise in the area of transportation from local governmental units and local and state agencies. By nature of its duties, the KATS Technical Committee is intended to have a flexible size, giving it the ability to enlist a wide range of technical expertise. The Technical Committee shall be composed of agency and governmental representatives as listed in Appendix A.

SECTION 2. Non-Voting Members

Non-voting members of the Technical Committee shall be designated by action of the voting membership of the Technical Committee. Designation action shall be by simple majority of voting members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. Non-voting members can and are encouraged to participate in all discussions. Non-voting members can recommend the consideration of motions, however, may not specifically make a motion. Non-voting members of the Technical Committee are listed in Appendix B.

SECTION 3. Alternate Representatives

Members of the Technical Committee may designate by name and in writing an alternate representative. A list of alternate representatives shall be maintained and kept current. Alternates of voting members shall be eligible to vote in the absence of that member. Alternates are encouraged to attend all meetings and fully participate in discussion. The number of alternates designated by each agency or department shall be limited to their total number of representatives.

SECTION 4. Member Attendance

If any voting member or their designated alternate fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, the Technical Committee shall notify their governmental unit or agency and request appropriate action to ensure its representation. A voting member or their designated alternate shall attend at least fifty (50) percent of a calendar year's meetings or the governmental unit or agency shall relinquish that membership on the committee, at the option of the Technical Committee.

SECTION 5. Additional Membership

Additional members may be admitted to the Technical Committee upon approval of a majority of members present at any meeting where such membership is proposed. Addition of a voting member shall follow procedures required for a bylaw amendment, while addition of a non-voting member shall not be considered to constitute a change in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE III - OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. Officers

The Technical Committee shall have a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson.

SECTION 2. Duties of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary, appoint standing committees with the approval of the voting membership, represent the Technical Committee at Policy Committee meetings, and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the membership. The Chairperson shall have the full right to propose motions and to vote on all motions and resolutions. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member on all committees.

SECTION 3. Duties of the Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the Chairperson or the membership.

SECTION 4. Election of Officers

Election of officers of the Technical Committee shall be every other year at the January meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter.

SECTION 5. Vacancy of Office

If a vacancy occurs in any office during the term of office, the membership may fill the vacancy at any regular meeting by a simple majority vote of those present, with at least a quorum of the voting membership present at such meeting.

SECTION 6. Terms of Office

The term of office shall be for two (2) calendar years or until a successor is elected.

SECTION 7. Nomination of Officers

The Chairperson shall at the November meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter, appoint a Nominating Committee to present nominations for the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (at the January meeting). Nominations for each office may be presented from the floor with the consent of the nominees.

**ARTICLE IV - MINUTES AND RECORDS**

SECTION 1. Director

The Director shall be responsible for developing a record of all meetings of the Technical Committee including all plans, programs, and other materials presented to the Committee. The Director shall also notify the Technical Committee of all meetings and provide an agenda for each meeting. The Director may assign KATS staff to assist.

**ARTICLE V - SUBCOMMITTEES/ADVISORY COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES**

SECTION 1. Establishing Subcommittees/Advisory Committees/Task Forces

The Technical Committee may establish such Subcommittees, Advisory Committees, and/or Task Forces as it deems necessary or appropriate. Membership on such Subcommittees, Advisory Committees, and/or Task Forces is not limited to members of the Technical Committee.

SECTION 2. Standing Subcommittees/Advisory Committees/Task Forces

Standing Subcommittees, Advisory Committees, and/or Task Forces shall be established by the approval of the voting membership. Standing Subcommittees, Advisory Committees, and/or Task Forces may develop their own bylaws; such bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the Technical Committee and Policy Committee. The Chair of a Standing Subcommittee, Advisory Committee, and/or Task Force will periodically present a report to the Technical Committee as merited and appropriate.

**ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings

The schedule of regular meetings of the Technical Committee shall be established at the December Technical Committee meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter. Meetings shall take place at a time and location established by the Technical Committee. The schedule for and development of materials may merit changes in meetings and such changes shall be communicated by the Director in accordance with *Article VI, Section 3, Changes in Meetings*, and Noticed in accordance with *Article VI, Section 5, Notice of Meetings*.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Director or Chairperson, by a majority vote of the membership, or by request to the Director or Chairperson by three (3) or more voting members of the Technical Committee.

SECTION 3. Changes in Meetings

In the event a regular meeting falls on a holiday, a substitute meeting shall be set by the Technical Committee. Cancellation or changes in the date of scheduled meetings, or special meetings of the Technical Committee shall be communicated to the members as promptly as practical.

SECTION 4. Open Meetings

All meeting shall be open to the public.

SECTION 5. Notices of Meetings

Notices of all regular meetings (including agenda) shall be mailed to the members no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting. Notices of special meetings may be communicated to members by telephone.

SECTION 6. Agendas

An agenda shall be mailed to the membership no later than five (5) days prior to a meeting. The Director has the responsibility of determining the Technical Committee agenda. Any voting member of the Technical Committee may contact the Director and request the inclusion of a specific agenda item.

## ARTICLE VII - RULES

### SECTION 1. General

Except where specific rules and procedures are set forth herein, as may be or otherwise promulgated, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the conduct of all meetings. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to assure proper meeting procedures.

### SECTION 2. Quorum

A quorum must be present before any formal action can be taken on agenda items. A simple majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting business. If a quorum is present at any time during the meeting, a quorum shall be considered to exist throughout the meeting.

### SECTION 3. Actions by the Technical Committee

Except where otherwise specifically stated, formal adoption of a motion, resolution, or other action shall be with the assent of a simple majority of those present at the meeting, with at least a quorum of the voting membership present at such meeting. Any item not included on the agenda, as mailed, requires a two-thirds majority of those present at the meeting. A roll call vote may be requested by any voting member present, or by the Director to assure the accurate tabulation of votes. There shall be no absentee or proxy votes, except by a present Alternate Representative qualified under *Article II, Section 3, Alternate Representatives*.

### SECTION 4. Advisory Actions

The Technical Committee may be polled by post card or by telephone on advisory matters. If such a poll is taken, a detailed record of the results shall be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT

### SECTION 1. Procedure of Amendment

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or replaced at any regular or special meeting of the Technical Committee by a two-thirds vote of the voting members. A copy of the proposed change(s) shall be filed with the Director at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting where such action is proposed to be taken, and the Director shall send a copy of the proposed change(s) to each member so they are aware of the proposals at least five (5) days prior to the meeting, together with written notice as to the date, time, and place of such meeting. Amendments to the Technical Committee bylaws shall require Policy Committee approval.

SECTION 2. Continuation and/or Conflict

The bylaws will remain in full force and effect until such time as amendments are made and approved or if the bylaws are in conflict with the laws or regulations of the State of Michigan or the United States of America.

These bylaws were adopted by the KATS Technical Committee on August 26, 1993.

These bylaws were approved by the KATS Policy Committee on December 15, 1993.

Revised: February 16, 1995

Revised: July 7, 1995

Revised: June 11, 1998

## APPENDIX A

Individuals representing the following positions or areas of activity shall be voting members of the Technical Committee.

### Michigan Department of Transportation

- Assignee of the Bureau of Transportation Planning
- District Engineer
- District Traffic Engineer (moved to non-voting June 11, 1998)

### City of Kalamazoo

- ~~Principal of Public Works~~ *Senior Construction Engineer*
- ~~Principal of Traffic Engineering~~ *City Engineer*
- *Traffic Engineer*
- Principal of Planning
- Principal of Metro Transit

### City of Portage

- Principal of Public Services
- Principal of Transportation Systems Engineering (moved to non-voting June 11, 1998)
- ~~Principal of Traffic Engineering~~ *Transportation System Engineer*
- Principal of Planning

### Kalamazoo County Road Commission

- Principal of Agency
- Principal of Traffic Engineering
- Principal of Environmental Review

### Kalamazoo County

- Principal of Planning
- Principal of Airport (moved to non-voting June 11, 1998)
- Principal of Care-A-Van

Oshtemo Township

- Principal of Planning

City of Parchment

- Principal of Administration

Village of Vicksburg

- Principal of Administration

Village of Schoolcraft

- Principal of Administration

Regional

- Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (moved to non-voting June 11, 1998)

## APPENDIX B

The following interest groups will be contacted to evaluate their interest in participation on the Technical Committee as a non-voting member. The letter of inquiry will provide them the alternative to:

- participate as a non-voting member
- receive meeting notices and agendas only
- decline interest in participation or mailing

The list of non-voting members or groups covers a diverse range of transportation related interest.

- Trucking Industry Representative
- Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department
- Western Michigan University
- Citizens Committee Representative
- Chair, Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
- Representative(s) of Taxicab Service
- Representative(s) of Rail Freight
- Representative(s) of Passenger Rail
- Representative(s) of Environmental Concerns Council
- Representative(s) of Neighborhood Association
- Representative of Farm Bureau
- Representative of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Other groups with transportation interest that may surface subsequent to the formation of the committee