

**Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)
Of the
Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS)**

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023 at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Paul Sotherland at 9:33 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kay Chase
Marc Irwin
Paul Sotherland
Craig Williams

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Fitzgerald
Megan Mickelson
Ryan Minkus
Ali Townsend

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Williams, SECOND by Chase; to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION APPROVED.

MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2023, MEETING

MOTION by Chase, SECOND by Williams; to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Minkus announced that construction for the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County has begun. Reminder to all to check the road commission's website for up-to-date information and detours.

GENERAL KATS WORK ELEMENTS UPDATE

Mickelson reported that KATS staff is picking back up on sidewalk data collection for the summer season. Location data that is collected will be used to update the existing sidewalk data layer that is used for planning purposes.

Mickelson announced that KATS staff has acquired two pedestrian counters for data collection this summer. The counters are currently being tested and will later be used on trails and bike lanes to collect usage. Sotherland inquired if the counters will be used on well-established facilities as well as newer facilities. Minkus suggested bringing the equipment to KATS Technical Committee to give a brief

demonstration on how the counters work. Minkus also suggested that the counters be tested on facilities that already have counts to test the accuracy of the equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fitzgerald provided an update on Metro Transit; buses are on detour routes during construction season and Metro staff recommends visiting their website and social media sites for information on where buses will be stopping.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chase inquired about micro-transit that came from the Comprehensive Operations Analysis that was done for Metro transit. An explanation was given by Fitzgerald; micro transit may come in 2024. Chase also inquired about traffic changes on Michigan Avenue. Mickelson responded by sending out construction information to the committee.

Williams gave an update at what is new at the airport in Kalamazoo. The airport is building a storage facility and an apron on the south side for expansion. Currently, there are not enough seats to accommodate the amount of passengers using the airport.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.