

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Paul Sotherland at 9:02 AM

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made by those present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marc Irwin
Jim Justice
Paul Sotherland

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Fitzgerald
Megan Mickelson
Ali Townsend

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kay Chase
Craig Williams

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes or additions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda by Sotherland, Support by Irwin. Motion Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2022 MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 20, 2022 meeting minutes by Irwin, Support by Justice. Motion Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fitzgerald from Metro gave an update on Transit for the area. The Comprehensive Operations Analysis is almost complete and contains short- and long-term recommendations. Final recommendations are set to be published in February. Possible Micro-Transit Zones are to solve the first and last mile connection.

Irwin inquired about the scheduling for the potential Micro-Transit; would there be an app to schedule the ride for a quicker response than the current scheduling system for Metro Connect?

Fitzgerald mentioned the scheduling service for Micro-Transit may be similar to the current app for fixed routes. The cost for Micro-Transit would be more costly than regular service charges.

GENERAL KATS WORK ELEMENTS UPDATES

Mickelson reported that staff is starting work on a Complete Streets Implementation plan that will supplement the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The Complete Streets Subcommittee will have its first meeting January 19th to discuss a direction for the plan.

The Census Bureau released data for the Urbanized Census Areas which is used in determining funding for MPO's. This release showed a minimal change for KATS MPO which will result in a minor change in funding. Maps for the new Urbanized Census Areas are set to be released the end of January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Justice reported on a new sidewalk being constructed this spring on W. Main in front of the Kalsec office. It will be a 6-foot-wide concrete facility. Being his first CAC meeting, Justice asked several questions regarding KATS operations, which were all discussed during this time.

Irwin mentioned the recent road diet on Kilgore Road that has a tremendous effect on slowing down traffic with the now narrow travel lanes and wide bike lane.

Sotherland inquired about the Non-Motorized Update on the January Technical Committee meeting agenda. Mickelson mentioned it was in regards to the data sharing agreement with Google to display bicycle facilities in the KATS MPO area.

Townsend reported that the sidewalk data that was collected in 2022 is now included on the interactive online non-motorized map, which can be found on KATS website.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM