

Southcentral Michigan Planning Council

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Annual Meeting

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
4400 S 26th St
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Call to Order

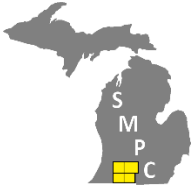
1. Representative Attendance
2. Approval of the Agenda [ACTION]
3. Approval of the Minutes [ACTION]
4. Public Comment
5. Transportation
6. Administrative
 - a. County outreach
 - i. Branch – April 16
 - ii. Calhoun – May 7
 - iii. St. Joseph – April 14
7. Economic Development Administration
 - a. Managing Entity Application
 - b. CEDS Application
8. Other Contracted Work
 - a. Michigan Association of Regions
 - b. Kalamazoo County Materials Management
 - c. Branch/St. Joseph Materials Management
9. Staff Report/Other
 - a. Update on Planning Work
 - i. Village of White Pigeon
 - ii. St. Joseph Desk reviews
 - b. Planning for data centers
 - c. Political Advocacy
 - i. Michigan Association of Regions
10. Correspondence
11. Representative Comments
12. Adjournment

Upcoming Schedule:

April 22nd, 2026 – Virtual Working Session

May 27th, 2026 – Virtual Working Session

June 24th, 2026 – In Person, Road Commission of Kalamazoo



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Annual Meeting

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025
MEETING TIME: 11:30 am
MEETING LOCATION: Road Commission of Kalamazoo County
4400 S 26th St
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Call to Order

- I. Representative Attendance
 - a. Present
 - i. Bomba
 - ii. Conklin
 - iii. Gisler
 - iv. Gleesing
 - v. Mingus
 - vi. Zwick
 - b. Absent
 - i. Coney
 - ii. Hazelbaker
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion by Gleesing to approve agenda. Seconded by Hazelbaker. **Motion carried.**
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Motion by Coney to approve minutes. Seconded by Bomba. **Motion carried.**
4. Public Comment
 - a. None
5. Transportation
 - a. KATS staff submitted a memo and discussed transportation plans for the upcoming year
6. Administrative
 - a. Executive Director evaluation/compensation
 - b. Motion by Bomba to approve 3% raise to Brian Pittelko, no change to retirement funding, and to discuss an updated employment agreement at the annual meeting in September 2026. Second by Conklin. **Motion carried.**
7. Economic Development Administration
 - a. Managing Entity Application
 - i. Staff discussed application status, no updated from the EDA
 - b. CEDS Application
 - i. Staff discussed application status, no updated from the EDA
8. Other Contracted Work
 - a. Michigan Association of Regions
 - i. Staff discussed administrative services contract and discussed plans for MAR to hire a full-time director
 - b. Kalamazoo County Materials Management
 - i. Lee Adams gave update on work done for Kalamazoo County

9. Staff Report/Other

a. Update on Planning Work

i. Village of Homer

1) Village of Homer master plan is still in review, final approval hearing rescheduled for January

ii. Township of White Pigeon

1) Staff has started work on master plan for White Pigeon Township.

b. Update on the Materials Management work

i. Lee Adams updated on Branch/St. Joseph materials management plan

10. Correspondence

a. None

11. Representative Comments

12. Adjournment

Upcoming Schedule:

January 21st 2026 – Virtual Working Session

February 25th 2026 – Virtual Working Session

March 25th 2026 – In Person, Road Commission of Kalamazoo



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TO: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Board
FROM: Steven Stepek, KATS Executive Director
DATE: March 19, 2026
SUBJECT: Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Report

During the month of February 2025, KATS staff worked on the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Planning Activities for the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC). Work was concentrated in the following activities:

- Continued to work with Rural Task Force (RTF) and Small Urban eligible agencies to resolve programming issues and answer questions on procedures
- Continued work on the 2025 Federal Aid Road Condition Reports for each county in the Region
- Updated the SMPC website's Transportation Page with the latest information
- Installed updates and removed unneeded items from laptop and desktop computers used for PASER data collection, Roadsoft and GIS mapping
- Met with MDOT Planning staff to discuss plans for facilitating the Byways Work Program for 2026
- Attended online PASER data collection training
- Worked on scheduling a meeting of the Rural Task Force #3 to address the use of funding made available by significant bid savings. The meeting was scheduled for March 10
- Contacted local road agencies in the SMPC to solicit requests for reimbursement of non-federal aid road PASER data collection for FY 2026

Anticipated future activities include:

- Continuing updating and entering project data in JobNet for 2026 - 2029 Transportation Improvement Programs as project data sheets are submitted or as otherwise needed
- Scheduling and facilitating public meetings for consideration and approval of Rural Task Force changes to the 2026 - 2029 Transportation Improvement Programs as needed
- Continuing to work with MDOT Planning to revive the Pure Michigan Byways program for routes in Region 3. Committees for the US-12, I-69, Marshall Territorial and Chief Noontday byways are being reconstituted after extended periods of inactivity. The Region will be responsible for facilitating public meetings and coordination of grant applications as the programs become active again
- Create and distribute 2025 Federal Aid Road Condition Reports for the five Region 3 counties
- Work on scheduling of PASER data collection with local agencies