

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2013

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Dykstra	Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Dr. Gingerich	Representing Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Nugent, Manteno; Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County, and Mr. Koning, METRO

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schore called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Dykstra moved approval of the December 18, 2012 minutes. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2013 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated there were no amendments.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the METRO Board had requested voting status for the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District on the MPO committees, and that he represent METRO on the Policy Committee, and that Mr. Koning represent METRO on the Technical Advisory Committee. Mayor Schore stated that he had no problem with METRO designating who they wanted to attend, much the same as any other member agency. Chairman Bossert stated that the desire is for policy personnel to be on the Policy Committee, and that the Chairman of the METRO Board would be that person.

There was a question on what language was in the Intergovernmental Agreement that is being

considered, and Mr. Lammey stated that the language was adopted by the Policy Committee at their October 24, 2012 meeting. Chairman Bossert moved adoption of the Intergovernmental Agreement, as presented, and Mayor Dykstra seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Chairman Schore asked that the adopted Intergovernmental Agreement be sent to each of the individual jurisdictions for their approval for signature.

BY LAWS

Mayor Dykstra moved that the Policy Committee authorize the Policy Committee Chairman to sign the By Laws as presented, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous vote.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Lammey invited members to the Safety presentation on January 31, 2013. He stated that the State Safety Engineer will be presenting at 10 AM in the Weber Center on the ONU campus. He stated that invitations have gone to the engineering, enforcement and emergency response community, and that response has been favorable. He stated that the education community is being invited, but that it has been difficult to find the appropriate personnel. Mayor Nugent suggested someone from the school bus community.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey explained the desire to apply for funding to hire a consultant for the next Long-Range Transportation Plan, to assure continuity of the planning process through the retirement of the current staff. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had suggested the earlier hiring of a replacement staff person with the funding, so that the amount of the consultant contract could be reduced. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee endorse the concept of requesting funding to hire such a consultant. Chairman Bossert moved endorsement, and Mayor Dykstra seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

FHWA REVIEW

Mr. Lammey stated that FHWA had requested a delay in the review, due to a conflict, and that the review had been rescheduled to February 20, 2013. He invited Policy Committee members to attend the review.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Hoffmann stated that ridership continues to increase, and that the Manteno Transfer Centre is scheduled for completion on March 1.

IDOT DISTRICT 3

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes. He further stated that a meeting with the City of Kankakee on the Exit 312 plans is scheduled for February 21, and that Gallagher Asphalt won the bid for the Route 50 and Larry Power project.

IDOT URBAN PLANNING

Mr. Caldwell stated that there would be a meeting to discuss the Performance Measures issue

from MAP-21 with the Kankakee Area MPO on February 27 at 1 PM.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that funding sources are being reviewed.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that construction on the project is underway, and is scheduled for an early summer completion.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that half of the right-of-way has been obtained.

ILLIANA

Mr. Lammey distributed a press release on the Record of Decision on the B3 alternative and the no-build alternative being forwarded for the Tier 2 Illiana Study.

IDOT ISSUES

Mr. Paukovitz stated that the next step after the Urbanized Area and Metropolitan Planning Area is the functional classification issue. He stated that each jurisdiction should look at their existing and future functional classification. He stated that there is a January 2014 deadline for this issue.

Mr. Paukovitz further stated that the STPU funding issue for Manteno as an independent recipient has been settled by how CMAP handled a similar issue in DeKalb County. He stated that Manteno would receive their allocation for the current fiscal year, and that they would be permitted to carry over any funding balance that they currently have, based on the method used by CMAP.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Schore stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on March 27, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paukovitz moved adjournment, and Mayor Dykstra seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Schore adjourned the meeting at 4:07 P.M.

IDOT PROJECT STATUS - KANKAKEE URBAN AREA

NOTE:

Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are
Contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation
Of funds by the General Assembly

1. Proposed I-57 Interchange at 6000 N Road

Phase II design engineering continues. IDOT District 3 has begun appraisals of properties. The project remains on schedule for the tentative FY 2014 construction.

2. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:

Contract letting has been moved to back to FY 2016.

3. Illinois 17: from 4 lane pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone

Based on meetings with local officials and a June 21, 2011 public hearing, phase I engineering is proceeding with design of a bidirectional turn lane. Appraisals and negotiations for land acquisition continue.

4. Interstate 57 at Illinois 17 (Court St.) Interchange in Kankakee

Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement continues. Approximately 70 persons attended IDOT's open house public meeting on July 19, 2012. Generally, most comments favored the proposed work. Concerns centered on the closing of a local street, flooding along I-57 and the need of traffic signals at IL 17 (Court St.) at St. Joseph Ave. IDOT plans to meet with city officials on February 21, 2013.

5. I-57 & Illinois 50 Interchange Reconstruction:

Reconstruction of the southbound lanes of I-57 has begun. The newly constructed four access ramps are nearly completed and are now in use. Southbound I-57 traffic has been or will soon be placed onto the new pavement concrete and northbound traffic onto the temporary median. Work on Route 50 itself and water main work expected to continue through the summer.

6. Illinois 50 and Larry Power Road Intersection:

This project was on a November 2012 contract letting. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2013 at the IDOT District 3 office. The awarded contract goes to Gallagher Asphalt.

7. I-57 Overhead at North St.:

Tentatively scheduled for FY 2014.

8. I-57 Overhead at St. George Rd. /C.H. 8

Phase II engineering underway. Preliminary plans will be provided to County when they become available. Tentatively scheduled for FY 2013.