

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Rogers	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mayor Dykstra, Aroma Park; Mayor Nugent, Manteno; Mr. Koning, METRO, and Mayor Schore

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. McBurney moved approval of the October 24, 2012 minutes. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Lammey stated that items 6 and 7 have been pulled from the Technical Advisory Committee Agenda and will be discussed by the Policy Committee/ Mr. Piggush moved approval of the amended Agenda. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2013 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Lammey stated that everyone on the Technical Advisory Committee mailing list should have received an invitation to the Safety Presentation on January 31 at the Weber Center on the ONU campus. He stated that all will need to display a parking pass, and that if extras were needed to contact the Planning Department. Mr. Hoffmann asked who should attend this presentation, and

Mr. Lammey replied that in the case of METRO, the route supervisor might be an appropriate person to attend, since these persons were on the road more than any others.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Lammey stated that the next Long-Range Transportation Plan is due by May 12, 2015, and that all of the personnel in the Transportation Planning Department will have retired by that time. He stated his desire for continuity in the preparation of the next plan, and that the hiring of a consultant to perform this task would achieve that continuity through the hiring of the next staff. Mr. Lammey stated that he had approached IDOT for SPR funding for the hiring of a consultant, and that IDOT had been very receptive.

Mr. Lammey stated that a number of the rules for performing Long-Range Transportation Plans is changing as a result of MAP-21, and that the performance measures issue is one of the most uncertain of these changing rules. Mr. Caldwell stated that IDOT will be meeting with all MPOs in Illinois to discuss the issue of performance measures, and that the meeting in the Kankakee area will occur on February 27, 2013.

Mr. Hoffmann asked if it might not be better to hire the new full time staff person earlier with the funds so that more time with the existing staff might be possible. Mr. Lammey stated that he would discuss this issue with IDOT in the coming month. Mr. Tyson stated that he favored the hiring of full-time staff earlier, as well.

Dr. Gingerich moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend endorsement of the concept of the application for funding to hire consultants to perform the next Long-Range Transportation Plan to the Policy Committee. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FHWA PLANNING REVIEW

Mr. Lammey stated that Mr. Donovan had requested changing the date of the review, due to a conflict, and that the review is now scheduled for February 20, 2013. He asked those that could attend to please do so.

ILLIANA

Mr. Lammey distributed a press release which announced that the Record of Decision had been announced and that alternative B3 and the No-Build alternative were moving forward into Tier 2 of the Study.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Rogers stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on March 27, 2013 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piggush moved adjournment, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:28 P.M.