

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2007

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Kruse	Kankakee County
Mr. Hinderliter	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Rayman and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. Lang, Mr. Reed, Mr. Videgar and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA, Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, Mr. Morgan, Journal, Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park, Mr. Wheeler, FTA, Dr. Gingerich, Bradley and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Green moved approval of the October 25, 2006 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments at this time.

SUMMARY OF FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey referred to a memo showing the contractual deadlines for work products during FY 2007, including the Unified Work Program and the Transportation Improvement Program. He stated that FY 2007 will be different than past years, in that the federal transportation bill required that the Long-Range Plan for the area had to be compliant with the federal legislation. Mr. Lammey detailed a number of areas where work needed to be accomplished to reach that compliance, and stated that the Policy Committee would be kept up to date on those work activities and deadlines.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Ms. Biladeau gave a report on the Safe Routes to Schools program, and the kinds of projects that were eligible for funding under the program. She stated that the kickoff meeting for the project would be held on January 31, 2007, in the 4th floor conference room of the County Administration Building, at 4:30 P.M. She further stated that IDOT was holding a workshop on the program on February 28, and encouraged all member agencies to attend the meetings.

UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD

Mr. Brooks reported: Final Project Development Report was approved. Storm sewer layout and calculations are 100% complete. Plan and profiles are 100% complete. Specifications are complete. Right-of-way plats are complete. Right-of-way acquisition is 50% signed. We are aggressively targeting the April, 2007 letting.

UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney reported: Storm sewer layout and calculations are 95% complete. Profile is 95% complete. The intersection design study was approved. The final Environmental Class of Action Document (ECAD) is submitted for signatures. The final Project Development Report will be submitted to IDOT after sign off on the ECAD. Plans including lighting and signals will be submitted to IDOT this week. We are aggressively targeting the June, 2007 letting.

UPDATE ON CARDINAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich reported: A revised timeline for the project was prepared based on discussions held with IDOT. The revised timeline was handed out at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Dr. Gingerich stated that regular meetings are scheduled with IDOT on the project, and that future modifications may be made to the timeline based on actual progress. He stated that the target letting date of November 2007 leaves six months leeway to still make the FY 08 target.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes. Mayor Latham asked Mr. Paukovitz to check on the repair work on the CNIC Bridge on Armour Road, to make sure that it did not occur during the time of the Bear Training Camp.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Hinderliter stated that he was attending for Mr. Best, and reported that the system continues to have a 20% increase in ridership, compared to a nationwide increase in the 3% range. He stated his endorsement for the system, and in the Managing Director.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that

UPDATE ON 6000 N ROAD INTERCHANGE

Mr. Lammey stated that the comments of Mr. Paukovitz on this subject covered everything, and wanted to remind everyone of the public meeting on the subject to be held on January 30, 2007, from 4 to 7 P.M. at the Community Room of the Bourbonnais Village Hall.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA COLLECTION

Mr. Lammey stated that this is a joint effort of the Planning and Highway Departments, and that the data is being collected from area Police Departments by the Planning Department. He stated that excellent cooperation has been given from all of those Policy Departments. He stated that the Highway Department will then be involved in a GIS effort to locate the crash data, and thanked Mr. Piekarczyk and his staff.

Mr. DiPalma asked if the resulting crash data would be available for public viewing, and Mr. Piekarczyk stated that some form of the data will be available to the public.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2007 at 11:00 A.M., and is to be held at the Highway Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:33 A.M.

October 2006

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

The FHWA found the Access Justification Report satisfactory and thereby on April 19, 2006 granted concept approval for an interchange. Concept approval constitutes the FHWA's determination that the proposal is operationally acceptable. The FHWA's final approval of the access revision will be considered after approval of the Phase I engineering report and completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The firm T.Y. Lin International is the consultant selected to begin the phase I engineering study. Phase I engineering will take an estimated 18 to 24 months to complete. As an initial process to the study, IDOT and T.Y. Lin will hold a public information meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

2. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge

The Phase II study for this project has been completed. This project cannot proceed until funding for the acquisition and construction becomes available.

3. US 45/52: 1.2 mile south of I-57 @ Minnie Creek & 1.6 mile south of I-57 at tributary

Scheduled for this coming summer, both structures are to be replaced. The highway will be open to traffic at all times as construction work will be staged.