

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 2012

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Ms. Harper, Kankakee County; Mr. Blakley and Mr. Caldwell, IDOT; Mayor Adams, Bradley; Mayor Dykstra, Aroma Park; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mayor Epstein, Kankakee; Mayor Schore, Bourbonnais and Mr. Koning

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman McBurney called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Lammey introduced Mr. Rogers, Acting County Engineer to the Committee as a new member.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the October 26, 2011 minutes. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

VACANCY IN CHAIRMAN POSITION

Mr. Lammey stated that the retirement of Mr. Piekarczyk had created a vacancy in the Chairman position. Mr. Tyson moved that Mr. Rogers be elected Chairman, and Mr. Piggush seconded the motion. Dr. Gingerich moved that the nominations be closed, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote on both motions. Chairman Rogers assumed the Chair.

FY 2012 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO has received funding to support the Manteno Transfer Centre and to construct a parts facility. Dr. Gingerich moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of the amendment for the METRO projects to the Policy Committee, and Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AUDIT

Mr. Lammey stated that presentations had been made on the recommendations for the 81 intersections in question to the engineers for the City of Kankakee, the Villages of Bradley, Bourbonnais and Manteno, and to the staff at IDOT District 3. He stated that follow ups will be conducted with those groups. He stated that meetings were being held with the Police agencies for those groups this week, and that discussions would also be held with Public Works personnel.

Mr. Lammey stated that a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant will be sought to perform the recommendations of the study, and that the deadline for the application is April 2, 2012. He stated that the application would be brought to the March MPO meeting for concurrence.

ILLIANA STUDY

Mr. Lammey reviewed the alternative routings for the Illiana Study, and stated that Kankakee County will take a position on the alternatives during February and March.

BROCHURE

Mr. Lammey stated that members of the MPO committees had been mailed the new brochure, and that copies had been furnished for the Councils to a couple of agencies. He stated that additional copies were available for distribution. He further stated that he was available for presentations on the brochure to service groups.

REAUTHORIZATION IMPACT ON MPO

Mr. Lammey stated that one of the early drafts of legislation for the Reauthorization shows the elimination of MPOs under 200,000 population, and distributed a letter from the Springfield MPO in response to that draft. He asked Mr. Donovan to give the latest information on the Reauthorization process.

Mr. Donovan stated that the draft Mr. Lammey referred to is from a Senate committee, which is only one of a number of committees involved in the process. He stated that various proposals have different number of years for the bill, funded at roughly the same level as current levels, but none have specified a funding source for the bill. He stated that the number of programs is reduced in all drafts, and that MPOs of less than 200,000 population can apply for special status to be retained. Mr. Hoffmann stated his belief that no bill will be passed until after the presidential election of 2012.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that plans have been submitted to IDOT.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project report is being finalized.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the engineering agreement has been approved, and is on pace for a June letting.

SMALL BUSINESS ISSUE

Mr. Hoffmann stated that a new requirement for a Small Business Element to the DBE Plan has been issued, and that the deadline is the end of February. He asked if any other member of the MPO has an issue with this requirement, and did it make sense to have the MPO develop such an element. Other members stated that their requirements were project specific, and that they did not believe the requirements applied to their projects.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Rogers stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on March 28, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paukovitz moved adjournment, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:31 P.M.