

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2010

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Simone, Kankakee County; Mr. Sherman, Ms. Stitt, Mr. Lang, Ms. Pillion and Mr. Blakely, IDOT; Dr. Gingerich and Officer Trudeau, Bradley; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. McBurney and Ms. Cyr, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering; Mr. Hinderliter, METRO; Ms. Dick, SHOWBUS and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schore called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Adams moved approval of the October 21, 2009 minutes. Mayor Dykstra seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Epstein seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

METRO – BRADLEY TRANSFER CENTER

Mr. Hoffmann presented artists sketches of the proposed Bradley transfer center, at Lion's Park at the end of Broadway Street.

REPONSE TO FHWA PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW AND LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Lammey reviewed the issues that need to be decided relating to the Intergovernmental Agreements and Bylaws, and reviewed the possible choices open to the Policy Committee on each issue. Mayor Schore stated that the Committee would review each issue, and have a motion and vote on each issue. Mr. Lammey stated that the resulting choices would be formulated into Bylaws which would be given to the attorneys for each member agency for their review.

Corrective Action – Transit Operator as Signatory Party

Mayor Epstein moved that the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District be a signatory party to the Intergovernmental Agreement and Bylaws. Mayor Adams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Corrective Action – Responsibilities Clearly Explained in the Bylaws for Responsibilities on the LRTP and the Listing of Obligated Projects

Mr. Paukovitz moved that the language in the Bylaws clearly explain the responsibilities of the member agencies for the LRTP and the Listing of Obligated Projects. Mayor Dykstra seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Corrective Action – Clear Language Explaining the Roles and Responsibilities of All Signatories in Developing the Listing of Obligated Projects

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO could not give access to the TEAM report to anyone other than their staff. Mr. Lammey stated that the language would not require access, but that a written report would suffice. Mayor Adams moved that the language in the Bylaws clearly explain the responsibilities of the member agencies for the Listing of Obligated Projects. Mr. Bossert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Recommendation – Make Transit Operator a Voting Member of the Policy Committee

Mayor Adams stated that his appointee on the METRO Transit Board shares the information he needs, and that he saw no need for a voting status on the Policy Committee for METRO. He made the motion that METRO not be made a voting member of the Policy Committee. Mayor Epstein seconded the motion. Chairman Schore asked for a roll call vote:

- Mayor Dykstra – yes
- Mayor Schore – yes
- Mayor Epstein – yes
- Mayor Adams – yes
- Mr. Bossert – yes
- Mr. Paukovitz – yes

Recommendation – Chief Elected Officials Should be “Active” Members of the Policy Committee

Chairman Schore stated his opinion that this was not an issue, since all of the Policy Committee members are “active” members. Mayor Dykstra moved that the chief elected officers should be “active” members of the Policy Committee. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion, and it passed

unanimously.

Recommendation – Policy Committee Proxy Issue

Mayor Adams moved that proxy votes for Policy Committee members should be registered with the Transportation Planner in advance of the meeting in which they serve, and that the proxy is required to be agency staff. Mayor Epstein seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Recommendation – Technical Advisory Committee Members

Mayor Adams moved that the Technical Advisory Committee members can be staff of engineers (consultant or otherwise) of the member agencies, and that there is no limit on what Technical Advisory Committee members can vote upon, and no limit on the number of representatives that are selected from any one consultant firm. He further moved that MPO funds cannot be used to support representatives from any non-voting member agency. Mr. Bossert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Recommendation – Technical Advisory and Policy Committee Meetings

Mayor Dykstra moved that Technical Advisory and Policy Committee meetings be held on the same day, except where necessary. Mayor Adams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Schore thanked the members of the Policy Committee for their hard work on this issue.

Mr. Sherman from IDOT stated that they will give whatever help they can in the effort to develop the Long – Range Transportation Plan for the area, and Mr. Donovan from FHWA agreed. Mr. Hoffmann asked about the approval process for the Long – Range Transportation Plan, and Mr. Donovan stated that FHWA does not approve Long – Range Transportation Plans.

Mr. Sherman stated that the approval of the TIP is the important step after the submittal of a Long – Range Transportation Plan.

METRO UPDATE

Mr. Hoffmann stated that riders are being notified that flag stops will be eliminated on February 1, and that all stops will be made at designated bus stops. He stated that Policy Committee members will probably receive some comments from the public about this change in policy at METRO. He stated that ridership continues to increase around 24%.

IDOT UPDATE

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the agreements are being processed.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project report will be submitted later this week.

BRADLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS

Dr. Gingerich stated that the ramp project is almost ready for bid and that the intersection design for Broadway and Schuyler will be let in mid to late summer.

AROMA PARK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS

Mr. McBurney stated that the project has been let.

ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS (IPAG)

Ms. Cyr made a presentation on the Economic Development report for the area around the proposed 6000 N. Road Interchange, a project funded under IPAG grants administered by the Policy Committee. Mr. Lammey stated that the report shows for the first time an alignment for 1000 E. Road, which will become an important transportation artery between Manteno and Bourbonnais.

Mr. Paukovitz asked about the Tri-Village Committee. Chairman Schore stated that the Tri-Village report is now in the hands of each of the individual jurisdictions, and that the individual member agencies should be contacted directly from now on.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Lammey stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be at 2:30 P.M. on March 31, and that the Policy Committee would follow at 3:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Schore adjourned the meeting at 4:44 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 ; and/or the ARRA**

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. Lyn International is the consultant selected for phase I engineering. A draft of the Environmental Assessment was submitted to the IDOT's Springfield Central Office on May 7, 2009 for review. The Phase I consultant is currently making revisions to the EA following comments and recommended made by IDOT & FHWA's review. This being a "Jobs Now!" capital bill project, approximately \$58 million has been identified for this project, as part of the 2010-2015 multi-year program. In October, 2009 Hansen Engineering was selected to conduct a phase II engineering study, programmed in FY 2010 at \$800,000. A public meeting on the project will not occur until the environmental assessment and phase I engineering are fully completed and approved by the FHWA.

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

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act project. A formal agreement has been jointly approved by Bourbonnais and the State regarding the transfer jurisdictional of Armour Road,(from US 45/52 to the west end of Structure #046-0063 spanning the CN RR. Utility work continues. Roadway construction is expected to begin this spring when utility work has been completed and weather becomes more favorable.

3. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:

Replacement of this structure remains on the multiyear program.