

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chairman Bossert, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Sherman, Ms. Stitt, Mr. Lang, Mr. Blakely and Ms. Pillion, IDOT; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Ms. Dick, SHOWBUS; Mayor Adams and Officer Trudeau, Bradley; Mayor Dykstra, Aroma Park; Mayor Schore and Ms. Cyr, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk 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 21, 2009 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Dr. Gingerich moved approval, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

RESPONSE TO FHWA PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW AND LONG – RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN ISSUES

Mr. Lammey explained the process that will be undertaken by the Policy Committee to determine the Bylaws issues. Chairman Piekarczyk asked the members of the Technical Advisory Committee if they believed that the method for arriving at the new Bylaws was agreeable with them. A consensus of the Technical Advisory Committee agreed that this was a Policy Committee issue.

Mr. Sherman, Acting Bureau Chief of Urban Program Planning for IDOT in Springfield introduced himself, and stated the concern of IDOT on this issue. He mentioned the lack of an

Urban HSTP, and Mr. Hoffmann stated that the hiring of a consultant to deal with this issue was in progress. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that this was a particularly difficult time to perform a Financial Plan for the Long – Range Transportation Plan, as the \$500 million Capitol Bill passed by the State of Illinois had not been funded, and there is no federal transportation bill. Mr. Sherman stated that he would relay those comments to Springfield.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that there is no capital program for transit in Illinois, and that it is impossible to state with certainty what funding will be available for transit capital expenditures. He stated that METRO received \$126,000 from IDOT for capital purchases last year, about one third of one bus. Ms. Stitt asked how other MPOs are dealing with this issue, and stated that she would research the issue.

Mr. Paukovitz stated that District 3 is making the changes suggested by Mr. Donovan in his comments on the Financial Plan. Mr. Lamme stated that the draft Long – Range Transportation Plan will be posted on-line on February 11, so that the required 45 day public comment period can be accomplished prior to the March 31 MPO meetings. Mr. Sherman stated that he wanted to have a meeting to discuss the comments to the Financial Plan and the Long – Range Transportation Plan process. After discussion, a meeting was arranged between IDOT Springfield, FHWA, METRO, and Kankakee County Planning Department staff on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 10 AM in the offices of the Kankakee County Planning Department.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the agreements are being processed.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

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

BRADLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Dr. Gingerich stated that the ramp project will be out for bids soon, and that the intersection and signal design for Broadway and Schuyler will be out for bids this summer.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be determined at the Policy Committee meeting today.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Gingerich moved adjournment, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M.