

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 28, 2009**

**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:**

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Nunes, Mr. Stack, and Mr. Lang, IDOT; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. Morgan, Journal; Mr. Joe Ligas; Mr. J.D. Stevenson, Mr. Donovan, and Mr. Kohler, FHWA; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mr. Spathis, Bourbonnais; Ms. Dugan-Roof, METRO

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the October 22, 2008 minutes. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

**AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Cardinal Drive amendment to the **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program** had passed through an email vote. Mr. Hoffmann stated his belief that a number of amendments would be generated in the upcoming Economic Stimulus process, and wondered if those amendments would also be handled through email votes. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that this will be a busy year for amendments. Mr. Lammey stated his intent

that the amendments can be accommodated through an increased schedule of meetings by the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees.

## **LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Lammey gave a progress report on the status of the contract with Mr. Ligas for the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and stated that Task Orders 3.0 and 4.0 had been approved and signed. Mr. Ligas reviewed the December 9, 2008 Public Meeting for the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the comments received.

Mr. Ligas reviewed the Goals section, based on comments received by reviews by the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee and the Technical Advisory Committee, and on comments received from the public at the December 9 Public Meeting. Mr. Tyson moved that the Goals section be approved for inclusion into the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Ligas reviewed the Outline for the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and asked for some indication from the Technical Advisory Committee that they were in general favor of the Outline. Chairman Piekarczyk asked for general affirmation and endorsement from the Technical Advisory Committee of the Outline, and it was received.

## **PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW**

Mr. Stevenson gave the general overview of the "Planning Process Review", stating that FHWA and IDOT have decided to review the MPOs under the 200,000 population threshold, and that the Kankakee Area Transportation Study came up as the first smaller MPO to be reviewed. He stated that the review would begin at 1:30 P.M. today, and would continue the morning of January 29. He stated that the general purpose of the review was to examine:

- What the requirements are.
- To determine if the activities are in accordance with the requirements.
- To determine if a 3c process was in place.
- To examine noteworthy practices.
- To see if there were chances for enhancements of the process.

Mr. Stevenson stated that their intent was to prepare a presentation to bring back to the MPO and discuss the results of the review, possibly at the March 25 meeting.

## **STPU TIMELINES**

Dr. Gingerich reported that the bid prices for the Cardinal Drive project was \$2.1 million, and that he anticipated an award within 30 to 60 days. Mr. McBurney stated that an informational meeting would be held in February, and that the project report would be prepared after that meeting. Mr. McBurney stated that railroad coordination with the Brookmont Boulevard project remains an issue, but that a project report is expected before July. Mr. McBurney stated that the project report for the Riverfront Trail has been submitted, and that plans have been submitted, and that construction is expected this summer. Mr. McBurney stated that the plans for the Burns Road project had previously been approved, but must now be changed, due to changes in IDOT

standards and specifications.

### **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS TIMELINES**

Dr. Gingerich stated that the Engineering Services Agreement on the Bradley SRTS projects had been approved, and that an Intersection Design Study (IDS) was in progress. Mr. McBurney stated that the plans for the Aroma Park SRTS project are being done, and that no project report was necessary. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the Kankakee County SRTS portable radar units were delivered this week.

### **2004 CRASH DATA**

Mr. Lammey reported that the 2004 crash data is completely coded, and that the scanning of the 2004 crash reports was also complete. He stated that the materials had been delivered to the Highway and GIS Departments for their efforts.

### **LETTER FROM MAYOR SCHORE**

Mr. Lammey read a portion of a letter from Mayor Schore stating his approval of the Cardinal Drive amendment to the **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program**, and that “The Village of Bourbonnais requests the same consideration on any upcoming projects that involves funds from the Transportation Improvement Program.” Chairman Piekarczyk stated his belief that the Cardinal Drive amendment had indicated a willingness to fund valid projects (those with logical termini and that had demonstrated need) at the 80% level.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on March 25, 2009, but that a meeting during the last week of February might be necessary.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Paukovitz moved adjournment, and Mr. Piggush seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:56 A.M.