

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2015

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Dr. Gingerich	Representing Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Allen	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, METRO; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Donovan, FHWA, and Mr. Meyer and Mr. Huebner, URS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Adams moved approval of the December 10, 2014 minutes. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mayor Schore moved that the Agenda be approved, and Mayor Negent seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS

There were no amendments.

HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (HSTP) TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Allen stated that the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District Board approved the

formation of a Technical Advisory Committee for the Human Services Transportation Plan activities, and that the committee consisted of the following:

- Mike Van Mill, Kankakee County Planning Department
- John Edmondson, Illinois Department of Transportation
- Jennifer Cappellano, Options
- Mike Roof, Kankakee County Veterans Assistance Commission
- Kevin Hack, Riverside Medical Center
- Carol Franke, METRO Board Member
- Ken Munjoy, METRO

Mr. Allen requested that the Policy Committee ratify this Technical Advisory Committee. Mayor Schore moved approval of the membership, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

METRO VOTING STATUS

Mr. Allen stated that he and Mr. Hoffmann had been to see the members of the Policy Committee about the issue of voting status for METRO on the Policy Committee. He stated the desire of METRO to become a full partner in the planning process. Mayor Schore stated his opinion that the Board Chairman should be the voting member on the Policy Committee, and Chairman Epstein agreed. Mayor Adams moved that METRO should be added to the voting membership of the MPO, and stated that the Board Chairman should be the designated voting member. Mayor Schore seconded the motion, and Chairman Epstein asked for a roll call vote.

- Mayor Fowler - aye
- Mayor Schore - aye
- Mayor Epstein - aye
- Mayor Adams - aye
- Chairman Bossert - aye
- Mayor Nugent - aye

The motion passed. Mr. Lammey stated that a new Intergovernmental Agreement and Bylaws will be drafted and brought back to the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees for adoption at the next MPO meeting.

IDOT UPDATES

Mr. Paukovitz was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the attached handout about the current status of state road projects in the MPO. Mayor Nugent wanted to make sure that the remainder of the milling and resurfacing projects would be started in the spring, and Mr. Lammey stated that was his understanding.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that there was no change.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Meyer stated that there will be a Public Hearing process on the document on February 19, 2015, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., and invited the members to the Public Hearing.

Mr. Meyer stated that MPO staff and URS staff have grouped transportation projects into three groups, Tiers 1, 2 and 3. Tier 1 projects are priority projects that address immediate transportation needs and identify fiscally constrained projects. Tier 2 projects are secondary projects that are important elements of a comprehensive transportation vision. They are not necessarily immediately needed and are likely to be mid to long range projects. Tier 3 projects are the unsponsored projects. These projects would have benefit to the region, are planned for further in the future, and need additional study. Mr. Meyer reminded the committee that even though Tier 3 projects are conceptual, there is always the possibility if transportation demands change, that they can be moved up in priority by amending the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**.

Mr. Meyer asked if there were potential additional projects for the list. Chairman Bossert requested that 1500 N Road and 2000 N Road (County Highway 6) near Limestone be added to the list.

Mr. Lammey explained that this is the first time that the MPO has suggested an order of importance to IDOT about projects on roads with IDOT jurisdiction. One of those suggested projects is the extension of 4 lane roadway on U.S. Route 45/52 from just north of Larry Power Road to 6000 N. Road, particularly with the expected additional traffic from the interchange at 6000 N. Road, and the future Illiana traffic. This project has previously been listed by IDOT, but has been removed.

Chairman Epstein asked if a segment of the Career Center Road projects were to be upgraded, would that spur future funding to be used on Career Center Road for the entire project. Mr. Lammey stated that those decisions would be up to the Policy Committee. Chairman Bossert asked if the cost estimate for project 33, the I-57 Exit 312 project, was for work beyond what the description said. Mr. Meyer stated that the estimate needed to be changed to reflect the entire project.

Mr. Meyer discussed transit projects for the area, including the strategic investment scenario, proposed by METRO with a focus on vehicle replacement. The Plan also addresses the possibility of the expansion of commuter rail service into Kankakee County. Some highlights for non-motorized transportation include the continuing development of multi-use paths and enhanced local connections. The Plan also addresses the continued support for the Illiana Expressway as a means to shift freight traffic off the local network.

Mr. Meyer informed everyone that during February a public opinion survey will be available for about three weeks. This is a follow-up survey to the one available last year. Mr. Meyer

reminded everyone of the public open house and Public Hearing on February 19, as well. He stated that the draft Plan will be completed by February 27 for MPO review, and will be presented to the Policy Committee at the March 18, 2015 meeting to be placed in the 45 day public comment period. The Plan is scheduled for adoption at the May 6 Policy Committee meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEND DRAFT LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN INTO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Lammey stated that the timetable shown by Mr. Meyer showed a draft document being ready on February 27, 2015, and asked the Policy Committee for authorization to send the draft into a Public Comment phase at that point. Chairman Epstein moved approval, and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS

Mr. Lammey stated that a public hearing on the Long-Range Transportation Plan has been scheduled for February 19, 2015 in the 4th floor of the Kankakee Public Library. He stated that display materials will be available for public perusal from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., and that a formal Public Hearing (with a presentation) will be held at 5:00 P.M. He also stated that this would be a good session to acquaint someone with the process and recommendations, and invited Policy Committee members to encourage their various board members to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on March 18, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Mayor Nugent seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:43 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.

1. **Proposed I-57 Interchange at Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road** – Agreements with Bourbonnais and Bradley are completed. An initial ICC ruling was given in July. This project remains on the State's January 30, 2015 contract letting. Meantime, the village of Bourbonnais and the railroad have been reviewing drafts of a maintenance agreement relevant to the proposed crossing of Bourbonnais Parkway over the C/N railroad tracks. IDOT has petitioned the ICC to urge the railroad to move forward with this issue in a more timely matter.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – Roadside ditch and culvert work has continued through the winter months. Utility relocation with Aqua Illinois Inc. also continues. Construction of the 3 lane pavement section will occur this summer.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) – Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue through summer 2015. Approximately \$3 million has been added to the IDOT's 2020 multiyear program for Phase II engineering.
4. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – Work has been suspended due to high water and ice.
5. **Road Maintenance/Repair Involving Intermittent Milling and Resurfacing and Joint Patching at Various Locations:** – Pre-construction meetings have been held at the IDOT District 3 office. Presented at the KATS meeting of June 25, 2014, status of these milling & resurfacing projects are as follows:
 - US 45/52 (Portion of Washington St., East St. & Schuyler Ave.): Mill & resurface from IL 17 southerly to just north of the I-57 interchange south of Kankakee. A preconstruction meeting will be held in February & work will begin as soon as weather allows this coming spring.
 - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks (N5000 Rd.) northerly to 5th Street in Manteno. A preconstruction meeting will be held in February and work will begin as soon as weather allows this coming spring.
 - U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): Mill & resurface from Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais. Intermittent/temporary patching & resurfacing of the worst areas was completed last fall. A more complete milling & resurfacing of roadway, and ADA ramp construction will begin as soon as weather allows this coming spring..
 - IL 1/17: Mill & resurface from IL 114 in Momence southwesterly to the IL 1& 17 (south) junction near Sun River Terrace. A preconstruction meeting will be held in February and work will begin as soon as weather allows this coming spring.