

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 29, 2014**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz (by phone)	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Dr. Gingerich	Representing Bradley
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mr. Pearce	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Ms. Taetsch, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blakley (by phone) Ms. Pillion (by phone), IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Mr. Hoffmann, Ms. Franke and Mr. Koning, METRO; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Ms. Dick, SHOW BUS; Mr. Meyer, URS, and Ms. McElroy, Herald

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Schore moved approval of the November 20, 2013 minutes. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

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

**FY 2014 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were two amendments to be considered. He stated that the first amendment was a Rail Safety project for the crossing of Main Avenue and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. He stated that the project was for \$250,000 in federal rail safety funding, with no local

share. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee approved the amendment. Mayor Schore moved approval of the amendment, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Paukovitz stated that the second amendment dealt with federal High Priority Project funding to be applied to the Interstate 57/Bourbonnais Parkway project. He stated that the federal High Priority Project funding was \$406,800, and that a 20% share of \$249,905 was coming from the Village of Bourbonnais. He further stated that all federal funding needs to be listed in the TIP from any funding source. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee approved the amendment. Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the amendment, and Mayor Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **METRO UPDATE**

Mr. Hoffmann stated that despite the horrible weather this month, METRO had missed only one run, and that was because a vehicle blocked the roadway to Momence. He stated that the service to Midway was going well, and Mayor Schore and Mayor Epstein stated that they had heard excellent reviews of the service to Midway.

### **IDOT DISTRICT 3**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

### **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD**

Mr. McBurney stated that there was no change.

### **BURNS ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that the project was completed.

### **INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

### **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Meyer discussed the progress to date on the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**. He discussed the schedule, the current data collection effort, summarized the last Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee meeting where an exercise showed Economic Vitality and Freight Movement as the two most important transportation issues. He discussed the work program, and the preliminary population projections.

Mr. Meyer discussed roadway issues from the last **Long-Range Transportation Plan**, and asked for comments. Chairman Epstein asked about the 6000 N./7000 N. Road corridor, and the importance of the entire corridor. Chairman Bossert stated the importance of those roadways that would connect the Kankakee County area with the proposed Illiana.

Mayor Schore asked about the 45 corridor from Bourbonnais to the Illiana, and the need for a four lane facility for that length. Mr. Meyer stated that one of the important exercises of the

**Long-Range Transportation Plan** would be the comparison of projected traffic volumes with the capacities of the existing roadways. Mayor Epstein stated that a map of the area being displayed during discussions would be very helpful, and Mr. Lammey stated that would be taken care of in future meetings. Chairman Bossert stated that the connection from Warner Bridge Road north to the Illiana corridor will be important in the future.

Mr. Meyer asked about the public transportation issues that were discussed in the most recent **Long-Range Transportation Plan**, including the headways on existing routes. Chairman Epstein stated that the headways should be appropriate, and should not be made less desirable than now existing. Mr. Meyer stated that the urban and rural systems have different mandates, and different rules, and that this would be recognized.

Chairman Epstein asked about the publicizing of reverse commuting on the routes that serve Midway and University Park, and Mr. Hoffmann stated that we do receive reverse commuting now, and advertising has been undertaken in the past to highlight that possibility. Mayor Schore stated that the service to Midway connects to transit service in Chicago, and can be used for reverse commuting now. Mr. Hoffmann stated that having our transit system on "Google Transit" makes it easier for persons to utilize our system.

Chairman Bossert asked about service to Peotone and Monee now on the University Park service, and Mr. Hoffmann stated that there has been interest, but that the current service runs closed door from Kankakee County to and from University Park.

Mr. Meyer discussed non-motorized transportation, and stated that coordinated bikeway planning between Kankakee County communities is an important part of the next planning effort. He stated that planning efforts with Will County were also desirable. Mr. Hoffmann stated that any future transit service to and from the north will include the discussion of right of way for future kinds of service.

Mr. Meyer discussed the issue of freight, and stated that the Illiana study has concentrated on this issue as never before, and that the added connectivity to I-57 will make this issue even more important in the future. He discussed the possibility of intermodal facilities and what that might mean to Kankakee County. Mayor Schore stated that the issue is how much employment can actually be expected from an intermodal facility, and Chairman Bossert agreed, stating what kind of employment is a critical factor. Chairman Epstein stated her belief that the negatives associated with an intermodal outweigh the positives. Mayor Schore stated that manufacturing employment would be his priority.

Mr. Meyer discussed the performance measure issue that is raised by the MAP-21 legislation, and discussed the seven (7) performance measures. Mr. Lammey stated that members of the Policy Committee should be considering those areas of their communities that suffer congestion, so that measurement of that congestion can be documented in some fashion. Chairman Epstein stated that Brookmont Boulevard should be part of that discussion, and Mayor Schore stated that the Dairy Queen corner in Bourbonnais should be considered, as well.

Chairman Epstein stated her concern that the freight issue needs to have the participation of the local railroads, and how difficult it has been in the past to obtain that participation. Mr. Meyer acknowledged the concern, and stated that some success had been obtained in getting the participation of the railroads in a recent study in Decatur. Chairman Bossert asked about the inclusion of High Speed Rail in the study, and Mr. Meyer stated that his company was involved in that study, and that would be possible.

### **ILLIANA**

Chairman Bossert stated that a public hearing has been scheduled for February 19 from 5 PM to 8 PM, at the Local 150 Training Facilities in Wilmington. He stated that this would likely be the last opportunity to have support for the project formally addressed, and asked members of the Policy Committee to do so.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on March 26, 2014.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

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## 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** – IDOT, District 3 continues with land acquisitions. The project is tentatively scheduled for an April 2014 contract letting. Concern remains regarding an agreement with the CN RR and ICC over various issues with the proposed reconstructed Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road crossing the CN tracks. Agreements with Bourbonnais and Bradley are required.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – Was on the January 17, 2014 contract letting.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) – Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue through calendar year 2014.
4. **I-57 and IL 50 Interchange Reconstruction** – Minor cleanup, electrical, and landscape work remain.
5. **I-57 Overhead at North Street** – As indicated in the present KATS TIP, this project is tentatively scheduled for 2015.
6. **I-57 Overhead at St. George Road/CH 8** – Phase II engineering underway. Preliminary plans will be provided to county when they become available. As indicated in the current KATS TIP, this project is tentatively scheduled for FY 2016.
7. **I-57 Just north and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – Construction of crossover pavement is completed. Work on southbound bridge targeted to begin in March depending on weather and river conditions.