

MINUTES

COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY TASK FORCE

FEBRUARY 21, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE:

TASK FORCE MEMBER AGENCIES

Aroma Park – Mike Grimsley

Bourbonnais – Frank Koehler

Bradley – no attendee

Illinois Department of Transportation – Sharon Durbin, Chuck Kadlec, Sheng Chen,
Chuck Abraham

Kankakee – Tim Schmidt

Kankakee County – Sam Nicholos

Manteno – Craig Blanchette

Monee – Henry May

Peotone – George Gray

Will County – Colin Duesing

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Van Mill, Mike Lammey and Dave Bergdahl, Kankakee County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nicholos called the meeting to order at 1:37 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Koehler moved that the Minutes of the December 20, 2005 meeting be approved, and Mr. Schmidt seconded. Unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION OF INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

Mr. Lammey stated that two interview sessions were scheduled for the meeting, and that the format would be one hour for each, with approximately a 20 minute presentation, and 30 minutes for questions. He stated that each of the consultants would have a 10 minute time period for closing remarks.

Mr. Lammey stated that it was the custom of the Kankakee County Planning Department to prepare a staff recommendation after the interview session, and distribute that to Task Force members for action at the March 7 meeting. He further stated that it was also the custom to have only those Task Force members who had been present at all interviews to be involved in the choice of consultant.

Mr. Lammey stated that the March 7 meeting will also include a presentation by Mr. Steve Ernst, from the City of Rockford, who are beginning the Alternatives Analysis phase of their Commuter Rail Study process. He stated that Rockford faces some of the same institutional problems, and that an opportunity to discuss these issues with Mr. Ernst could be valuable at this point in the process.

INTERVIEW WITH PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF

Chairman Nicholos introduced Mr. Rich Juvinal from Parsons Brinckerhoff. Mr. Juvinal made a presentation and was questioned by members of the Task Force.

INTERVIEW WITH EARTH TECH

Chairman Nicholos introduced Mr. Dennis Gary from Earth Tech. Mr. Gary made a presentation and was questioned by members of the Task Force.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Nicholos stated that the next meeting would be on March 7, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schmidt moved adjournment, and Mr. Gray seconded. Chairman Nicholos adjourned the meeting at 4:35 P.M.