

**MINUTES**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

February 23, 2012

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Members:

Chairman Chad Miller, Jeff Jarvis, Loretto Cowhig, Craig Bayston, Rich Howell, Ralph Paarlberg, George Washington, Dave Bergdahl and Bill Bukowski.

Others:

Mike Bossert, County Board Chairman; Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting as submitted, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

**ILLIANA UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey displayed Illiana maps showing the B3 proposed route and the proposed A1 route to the far north. The Illiana consultants have presented the B3 route as the most advantageous to the region. This 47 mile route is with-in the corridor first recommended to the Illiana Study by the Kankakee County representatives. It is expected to run about a mile and a half north of the Kankakee County line, in Will County. It maintains a straight line crossing from east to west, instead of having large diagonal north-south segments. This routing also goes through less densely populated areas, and as such, presents more opportunity for economic development along the route. There will be a public meeting tonight, February 23rd from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Matteson Hotel and Conference Center, Rt.30 @ I-57.

Discussion was held on the potential locations for the connection at I-55 and the problems in that area. Also, interchanges along the Illiana may lead to infrastructure improvements along certain State highways, such as IL Routes 1 and 394. With the State budget situation, it is doubtful there will be any State funds for economic development in the area in the near future.

The County Highway Committee on February 16<sup>th</sup> recommended the County Board approve a Resolution of support for the B3 recommended alignment to be sent to the Illiana Study. It will be presented to the PZA Committee for approval as well. Mr. Lammey asked this Subcommittee to approve recommendation for the County Board to pass the resolution. Mr. Washington made a motion to forward the proposed Resolution to the County Board with a recommendation to pass the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergdahl. Motion carried.

## **PROGRESS REPORT ON TRAFFIC SAFETY AUDIT**

Mr. Lammey reported on meetings held on the Traffic Safety Audit with local engineers, IDOT District 3 (Ottawa), IDOT Safety Engineering (Springfield) and Police Departments. The local engineers were very receptive to the ideas and suggestions for intersection improvements with sign and markings. The County Highway Department has decided to implement most of the suggestions on the County highway system without waiting for a grant to do so. They also will assist the townships on the few intersections that are township responsibility, since they would have to be involved with the work on the township roadways. The City of Kankakee and the Villages of Bourbonnais and Bradley would be included on a Highway Safety Improvement grant, which would be applied for in April of 2013. We will be meeting with the local street departments in March. The State system may need to be on a separate grant application.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The status of the present work on I-57 at IL Rte 50 was discussed, with the belief that the work is ahead of schedule. Difficulty was noted for traffic to merge south bound I-57 with the short entrance area from the ramp. This project is expected to be completed at the end of this summer's construction season (correction – end of 2013 construction season). Construction on 5000N Road overpass is planned for FY 2013. The new interchange at 6000N Road is planned to begin in FY 2014, as are the replacement of the I-57 Kankakee River bridges and replacement of the North Street overpass. The 4000N Road overpass will be replaced in FY 2015.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Skimerhorn stated he is working on a Comprehensive Plan Update for the Village of Grant Park.

Mr. Howell stated work is being done to incorporate a recently completed soil survey into the LESA program in an effort to improve preservation of prime farmland. Mr. Howell asked if there were people willing to help work on this project.

Mr. Howell informed the Subcommittee that House Bill 5800 has been introduced that would allow Kankakee County amongst others to form a Stormwater Utility which could collect fees to improve and update stormwater structures. Mr. Howell said it might be possible that these funds could be used to remove material from the six mile pool of the Kankakee River to improve stormwater holding capacity and to allow better stormwater movement. Mr. Bergdahl suggested having this as the topic for an upcoming full RPC meeting or an educational opportunity for local elected and appointed officials. Mr. Howell mentioned that Will County has a stormwater department and Chairman Bossert informed the group that Lake County staff had come to

Kankakee County to educate and inform how their ordinance operates. Chairman Miller said that Farm Bureau has not taken a position on this bill.

Mr. Lammey announced a new requirement for all members of the Subcommittee to complete Open Meetings Act training on-line. They will need to provide a copy of their completion certificate to the Planning Department. The handout presented to all explains the requirements and has the website address to perform the training.

### **MEETING DATE CHANGE**

Mr. Lammey requested the August meeting date be changed to August 16, 2012 at 10:30 AM, due to a conflict. This was approved.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Howell moved for adjournment, and Mr. Bayston seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:33 AM.