

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2009

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lang	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Mayes	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. Spathis	Representing Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Van Mill and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso and Ms. Pillion, IDOT; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. Morgan, Journal; Mr. J.D. Stevenson, FHWA; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mayor Green, Kankakee; Ms. Dugan-Roof, METRO, Ms. O'Neill, Economic Alliance, and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the January 28, 2009 minutes. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Mayes moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS UPDATE

Chairman Piekarczyk explained that the funding coming from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to the State of Illinois went through a split between local and state jurisdictions, then between rural and urban areas, and a further amount was given to urban areas above 200,000 in population. He stated that the remaining funding was further split between urban areas above 50,000 in population and those above 5,000 in population, and that this amount was then distributed to the individual MPOs in the state. He stated that the dollar amount to be allocated to the Kankakee Urbanized Area has not yet finalized, although figures between \$1

million and \$1.5 million have been discussed. He expressed his frustration over the length of time it has taken, and stated that the final number was not yet released.

Mr. Stevenson from FHWA stated that there was general agreement that \$60 million is available to MPOs in Illinois between 50,000 and 200,000 in population, but that the split between those MPO areas has not been finalized.

Mr. Lammey stated that he would distribute the final funding number to the members of the Technical Advisory and Policy Committee as soon as they were available.

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that two agencies of the MPO had submitted amendments to the **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program**. He asked Mr. Hoffmann to explain the proposed amendments for the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District, those being the following:

Project	Funding Amount and Source
Parking Lot Lighting and Security	\$194,400 in ARRA funding
Fuel Island	\$189,000 in ARRA funding
HVAC System, New Roof on Administrative Building, Emergency Generator	\$1,220,400 in ARRA funding

Mr. Lang from IDOT explained the proposed amendments for the Illinois Department of Transportation, those being the following:

Project	Funding Amount and Source
Illinois 17: from just east of Lowe Road east 4.3 miles to Illinois 1 (S) – Milling and Resurfacing	\$1,700,000 in ARRA funding
Illinois 115: from Village of Irwin east and north 6.9 miles to Koerner Airport – Milling and Resurfacing	\$1,550,000 in ARRA funding
Various Locations: End terminal/Guardrail Replacement	\$60,000 in ARRA funding
Various Locations on Interstate: Pavement Marking	\$30,000 in ARRA funding

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee adoption of the two proposed amendments. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW

Mr. Stevenson stated that a Planning Process Review was held on January 28-29, and stated that the results of that Review would be given to the Kankakee Urbanized Area, probably in May. Mr. Lammey thanked Mayor Kent and Mr. Tyson for their participation in the Review.

DRAFT FY 2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the draft **FY 2010 Unified Work Program** was available for action by the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Lammey stated that the only new element in the plan

for next year was the inclusion of funding for a consultant to perform road safety audits for local jurisdictions. Chairman Piekarczyk wanted to make sure that the local jurisdiction was involved in the decisions to designate areas for concern, and on whether to bring the consultant into the area or not. Mr. Lammey stated that was the intent.

Mr. Mayes moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee the adoption of the **FY 2010 Unified Work Program**. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Tyson stated his concern that he was being contacted for potential projects, all of which needed to be added to the TIP, and that the addition of these projects would move the TIP out of its fiscally constrained status. Mr. Stevenson stated that the TIP projects have to be fiscally constrained, based on reasonable assumptions for a dollar figure resulting from the ARRA funding being available. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the issue will be on the programming side, when IDOT is able to match funding with projects that are ready to go.

Mr. Lammey stated that some of the confusion is that three different sets of projects are being requested at the same time. He stated that projects are being requested for the ARRA Economic Stimulus package, while projects are also being requested for the next reauthorization of the federal transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU being the current bill). He stated that requests are also coming in for a potential capital bill at the state level. He voiced his concern about the level of confusion generated by these three different requests.

Mr. Lammey stated that he had been informed that all projects that were to be funded with ARRA funding had to be labeled as "ARRA" projects. Mr. Hoffmann asked for verification on that request, and asked about the amendment process if funding sources were to be changed. Mr. Lammey responded that current rules allowed administrative changing of funding types without amendment, and without any public comment issues.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on March 25, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mayes moved adjournment, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 11:34 A.M.