

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2004**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Gingerich	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mayor Balthazor, Mr. Mayes	Bradley
Mr. Lammey	Representing Kankakee County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Marty, URS; Ms. McElroy, Herald; Mr. Morgan, Journal; and Mr. Evers, IDOT.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Gingerich called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the October 22, 2003 and November 19, 2003 minutes. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

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

**WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Marty stated that the Public Meeting was held on January 22, 2004, and that 33 were in attendance, eight of whom were not general public. He stated that five responses were received, one in favor, one requesting map copies, one stating that Schuyler Avenue should be the corridor under study, one who wished to state that trees should hide the junkyard along Washington Avenue, and one which stated that the plan "looks workable".

Mr. Marty stated that the next step in the process is to proceed with the corridor presented at the Public Meeting, and to refine and advance the draft Corridor Report. He stated that a second Public Meeting would be held, and after some discussion, it was suggested that the timing for this meeting would be after the first full week of April, when most of the spring breaks for schools would be over. The Village of Bradley volunteered to host the Second Public Meeting.

Mr. Marty stated that the High Speed Rail Station layout and intermodal plan was under development, and that he would be presenting a statement of the status of the High Speed Rail project at the time of the Corridor Report, as a final disposition was not available. The Committee agreed with that assessment.

Mr. Marty also stated that the Rail Crossing layout for the Norfolk Southern crossing would be completed, along with an attorney fee estimate for the ICC petition process. Mr. Evers stated that the ICC process was being brought into IDOT, and that there may be some advantage to approaching the ICC before that event. Mr. Tyson gave the history of the crossing of Washington Avenue with the Norfolk Southern tracks. Mr. Marty stated that a T&M estimate for consultant support through the ICC process would also be prepared.

Mr. Marty stated that the final step in the process would be the development of a funding plan for the project and a plan for advancing the project to the next study level. He stated that the final time for a Corridor Report would be in June.

### **BICYCLE PLANNING**

Mr. Lammey presented a letter from Mr. Koehler, Chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission, suggesting that Mr. Barsotti of the League of Illinois Bicyclists be invited to make a presentation to the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Committee agreed to invite him for that presentation to the April 28, 2004 Technical Advisory Committee work session.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Acting Chairman Gingerich stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held on March 24, 2004 at 2:30, with a Policy Committee meeting to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Mayes seconded. Acting Chairman Gingerich declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.