

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2006

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mr. McBurney	Representing Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Piekarczyk	Representing Kankakee County
Mr. Best	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. McLaren and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin and Mr. Weise, IDOT; Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Hoffmann, METRO, and Mr. DiPalma, FHWA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:07 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the January 25, 2006 minutes. Mayor Kent seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

DRAFT FY 2007 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed the draft **FY 2007 Unified Work** Program, and has recommended it for Policy Committee approval. Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD

Mr. Brooks reported: Final Project Development Report was submitted to IDOT and was approved in January. Storm sewer layout and calculations are 95% complete. Plan and profiles are 85% complete. Right-of-way plats are begun. The acquisition process will begin shortly. We will attempt to have final plans ready by July 2006. This project will require a full

construction season. Construction should begin in spring 2007 to avoid a winter shut down.

UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney reported: Storm sewer layout and calculations are 80% complete. Profile is 70% complete. The draft Project Development Report was submitted to IDOT at the end of January. A coordination meeting was held with IDOT and FHWA in February. A public open house was held on March 20, 2006. The final Project Development Report will be submitted to IDOT by mid April. FHWA approval of the Project Development Report will be approximately 3 months after submittal to IDOT. It would be very aggressive to have plans ready by July 2006. We will attempt to have plans ready by September 2006.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Best reported that METRO currently was experiencing some vehicle safety issues, and that replacement vehicles had been found to allow pulling several vehicles out of service. He reported that ridership is up 70% over last year. He stated that the Village of Manteno had requested membership in METRO, and that the legal issues to allow that to happen are being resolved. He stated that the METRO route that provides service to University Park would be modified to allow a stop in Manteno in each direction.

Mr. Best reported that several METRO Board members had traveled to Washington, D.C. to confer with Representative Weller and Senators Durbin and Obama, and that Representative Weller's office had advised that a request for an administrative and maintenance facility might be in order. Mayor Grimsley suggested that the Area Jobs facility be examined as a possible location.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey reported that the funding for the Phase II Study had been approved by IDOT. He stated that the selection of the consultant for the project was ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS – STPU FUNDING ISSUE

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee passed a motion recommending that member agencies be able to program for two years' STPU allocation for one full round of communities. He stated that the recommendation was not a unanimous decision.

Mayor Kent asked how many STPU projects under consideration would be delayed by this decision, and was informed that only the Village of Bradley project would be delayed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kent moved adjournment, and Mr. Brooks seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the

meeting at 11:33 A.M.

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 6000 N Road

A revised report was submitted to the FHWA in mid December 2005 for additional review. To date, no response has been received from the FHWA. If access is found to be justified, preliminary engineering I would follow.

2. Illinois Route 113: Route 17 to Riverside Hospital

All pavement work is completed. Some miscellaneous sidewalk work and landscaping is still pending.

3. Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road

This project involves curve correction to existing highway alignment. Vehicles are now utilizing the new alignment. Pavement surface work, removal of old pavement and landscaping will continue in the spring.

4. Illinois Route 17 at Lowe Road – Speed limits on Route 17 has been lowered to 50 mph. The advance flashing beacons are now operating. This project is completed.

5. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge

Preliminary engineering I has been completed. Chamlin & Associates was selected to begin Phase II engineering in June 2005. This work continues.