

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Mr. James Earleywine	Representing Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin, IDOT; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA; Mr. Weise, IDOT; and Mr. Best, METRO.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the January 25, 2006 minutes. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments at this time.

DRAFT FY 2007 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that an additional work element was being added to the work program for FY 2007 – Intelligent Transportation Systems, and that a new position was budgeted for a Transportation Planner. He stated that a number of activities were being added as work activities for the year, including accident statistics, Safe Routes to Schools, and an update of the Segment Analysis activity. He further stated that the contract with IDOT requires Policy Committee action on the draft UWP in March. Mr. Brooks moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the Draft **FY 2007 Unified Work Program** to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

Chairman Piekarczyk asked that member agencies contact Mr. Lammey if they had suggestions for additional work activities that would be important to the local jurisdictions, for inclusion into the final **FY 2007 Unified Work Program**.

MANTENO REQUEST TO JOIN METRO

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the Village of Manteno had expressed interest in becoming a member agency of the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District. He stated that the legal actions necessary to accomplish this were taking place. Chairman Piekarczyk asked about the implications of the Urbanized Area for the MPO and the service area for METRO, and Mr. Hoffmann responded to those issues. Mr. Best discussed the potential service area for METRO, and the potential immediate service to Manteno.

Mr. DiPalma asked if METRO had consulted with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) about this change, and Mr. Hoffmann indicated that they had.

STPU FUNDING DISCUSSION

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that at the end of the January 25, 2006 Policy Committee meeting, Mr. Lang of IDOT distributed a revised STPU funding table that indicated a reduction in the amount of STPU funding that could be expected by the Kankakee Area Transportation Study in the years after FY 2005. Chairman Piekarczyk further stated that Mr. Lammey had asked Mr. Lang for clarification on the reduction, and that a letter from Mr. Lang dated February 21, 2006 had been received.

Mr. DiPalma asked to speak to that letter. He stated that the Authorization level is generally reduced by the Appropriation acts, through establishment of an annual Obligation Limit. In the current case, IDOT is instituting the federal obligation limit to local programs for the first time. Federal rescissions of authorized funds further reduce the amount of money available for programming. He stated that the Safety Program, formally a set-aside of the Surface Transportation Program (DTP), has been made into its own core funding program.

Chairman Piekarczyk thanked Mr. DiPalma for his explanations and stated that the end result is that there is a lower amount of annual STPU funding for the years FY 2006 through FY 2010 than was available in FY 2005. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that when IDOT asked the local area to develop projects to “spend down” the STPU balance levels, the FY 2005 STPU figure of \$618,133.43 was used to develop project spending limits. He stated that the lower annual funding level of \$432,833.69 now causes a problem with the previous timing of projects.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the communities had completed a considerable amount of work based on the two years’ STPU funding for projects at the FY 2005 funding level, and that it would be his recommendation that one complete round of projects be allowed at that funding level. Mayor Kent asked the impact on the Cardinal Drive project for Bradley, and Mr. Weise estimated that the project would likely not be funded until at least one or two years later than was previously assumed. Mayor Kent suggested that all current projects might be reduced in scope to allow the project timetable to be kept. Mr. Tyson stated that considerable effort had already been expended based on the project limits of the higher funding level, and he would be opposed to reducing that funding level.

Mayor Kent asked how the current project rotation pattern was developed, and Mr. Tyson reviewed the federally funded projects that had been done in the Kankakee Urbanized Area since the inception of the program, and how communities had lined up for those projects. Mr. Earleywine asked if it would be possible for IDOT to fund projects into negative fund balances, and Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the program is a statewide program, and that on occasion projects have not been ready in one area of the state, and that IDOT has advanced other projects to make sure that the funding was allocated.

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the current two year limit on projects of \$1,236,266.86 (2 times the annual allocation limit of \$618,133.43, except for the Aroma Park project which was allowed \$100,000 extra) be continued for one full round of member communities. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was passed, with the Village of Bradley dissenting.

CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the TIP was in development, and that member agencies should confirm that the information he has on file for projects is accurate.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Lammey stated that the Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for April 26 is cancelled. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. He further stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee is now scheduled for May 24, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:58 A.M.