

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2004

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. Gingerich	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Evers	Illinois Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County, and Ms. McElroy, Herald

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the February 25, 2004 minutes. Mr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Lammey reported that there are six potential dates for the second Public Meeting, April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22, and asked that the Technical Advisory Committee check their calendars for conflicts, in preparation for the Policy Committee meeting.

6000 N ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Lammey reported that presentations have been made to all of the Planning Commissions in Kankakee County, and that the study would now move forward to the Planning, Zoning and Agriculture Committee during April, and would go to the full Kankakee County Board after the PZA meeting.

CORRIDOR PRESERVATION

Mr. Lammey reported that presentations on this subject have also been made to all of the Planning Commissions in Kankakee County, and that the next step would be the preparation of a document. Mr. Van Mill stated that this subject would go through the PZA Committee as well, but later in the year.

Referring to an earlier letter from Frank Koehler, Chairman of the Transportation Sub-

Committee of the RPC, regarding bicycle paths, Chairman Piekarczyk stated that at the beginning of the Corridor Preservation process, he was under the impression that bicycle path designation would be part of the study, so that if bicycle paths were recommended, planning could take place and right-of-way could be preserved. Mr. Lammey agreed that the focus of the study changed early in the process when it became clear that the urban areas did not wish to have the elements within the corridor dictated to them. Mr. Lammey also stated that the width of corridor preserved under the rural standards would be more than sufficient to add bicycle paths under the urban, curb and gutter standards.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Van Mill stated that the consultant had begun work on the study, which will be an update of the Comprehensive Plan for Kankakee County. He stated that a number of interviews of local officials had occurred, and that the next significant activity would be a joint meeting of the County Board, the Regional Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 29.

COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported that the consultant was under contract, and had made presentations on both the engineering and planning aspects of the study. He stated that the next meeting of the Commuter Rail Feasibility Task Force would be on May 18, 2004, at the Will County Highway Department offices.

DRAFT FY 2005 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the due date for an adopted draft **FY 2005 Unified Work Program** was in March, and that a draft had been mailed to each Committee member. Mr. Lammey distributed a revised draft, stating that comments by the FHWA representative (John Donovan) had led to modifications in the draft.

Mr. Lammey went through the modifications in the report resulting from Mr. Donovan's comments, and asked Mr. Evers if the changes would satisfy the comments. Mr. Evers indicated that a conversation between himself and Mr. Donovan indicated that the modifications did address the comments.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a motion recommending approval of the revised draft **FY 2005 Unified Work Program** to the Policy Committee for approval would be in order. Mr. Gingerich made the motion, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that following Policy Committee action, the document would undergo a 30 day public comment period.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that the staff is beginning work on the update to the **Long-Range Plan**, which has a deadline of October 2004. He stated that a timetable has been established to accomplish that goal. Mr. Evers stated that all of the MPOs in the state are on a similar deadline, and that IDOT is working toward that goal. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the negative result of not having the update completed by the deadline date is the suspension of federal funding for transportation projects in the area.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held on April 28, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Gingerich moved adjournment, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk declared the meeting adjourned at 3:03 P.M.