

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

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mr. Piekarczyk	Representing Kankakee County
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Balthazor	Bradley
Ms. Clarita Lao	Representing the Illinois Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Billingsley, Mr. Skimerhorn, and Mr. Sadler, Kankakee County; Mr. Evers, IDOT; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; and Ms. McElroy, Herald.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Latham called the meeting to order at 3:33 P.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Balthazor moved that the October 22, 2003 Minutes be approved, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mayor Green moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Balthazor seconded. Unanimous vote.

LARRY POWER ROAD UPDATE

Mayor Latham stated that the Village of Bourbonnais is negotiating with IDOT on the Larry Power Road project from the railroad tracks to Illinois Route 50. He stated that the Village is waiting for Burns Road to be officially added to the Classified System for that segment to be eligible for funding, and Mr. Lammey informed him that the Classified System amendments had not yet been approved by FHWA and IDOT in Springfield.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Piekarczyk introduced Ms. Clarita Lao, Program Development Engineer for IDOT, District 3 in Ottawa. Ms. Lao stated that she has been involved in the planning process with the Chicago Area Transportation Study, and looks forward to working with the MPO in Kankakee. Ms. Lao gave the report attached to these Minutes.

CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY (6000 N ROAD/WARNER BRIDGE ROAD)

Mr. Lammey stated that the Corridor Study had been presented to all Planning Commissions in Kankakee County, and that the report would now move to the Planning, Zoning and Agriculture Committee of the Kankakee County Board for action.

CORRIDOR PRESERVATION UPDATE

Mr. Lammey stated that this concept had also been presented to each of the local Planning Commissions in the County. He stated that Planning Commissions had been asked for letters of support for the concept, and that a document was being prepared for the concept.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Van Mill stated that the study has begun, and that a number of the member agencies of the Policy Committee had already been interviewed by the consultant (HNTB). He stated that the next action of the study would be a joint meeting of the County Board, the Regional Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 29, 2004.

COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that the consultant on the project (Parsons Brinckerhoff) has given presentations to the Feasibility Study Task Force on the engineering and planning aspects of the study, and that the next meeting of the Task Force will be on May 18, 2004, at the Will County Highway Department, at 2:00 P.M.

WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that the consultant (URS) has proposed six potential dates for the second Public Meeting on this study. The Policy Committee members decided that April 14, 2004 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Bradley Village Hall would be the time and place for the second Public Meeting.

DRAFT FY 2005 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve the draft **FY 2005 Unified Work Program**. He stated that the document details the work program for the transportation planning process. Mayor Grimsley moved approval, and Mayor Balthazor seconded. The vote was unanimous.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that an update to the **Long-Range Transportation Plan** was scheduled for approval in October of 2004. Mr. Lammey stated that the process was underway, and that a timetable had been drawn up to accomplish approval by that date.

TRANSIT MATERIAL

Mr. Van Mill stated that a request had been made by Mr. Vincent Skibins for the Policy Committee to consider material on transit. He stated that Mr. Skibins had a family emergency and could not attend the meeting, but had left material behind. Mayor Green indicated that he had seen the material previously, and moved acceptance of the material and placing it on file.

Mr. Piekarczyk seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The Policy Committee discussed returning to the schedule of meetings that had the Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 10:00 A.M., and the Policy Committee meet at 11:00 A.M. Mayor Green moved that the Committees go back to the 10 and 11 A.M. schedule, and Mayor Balthazor seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Latham stated that the next meeting meeting of the Policy Committee will be May 26, 2004, at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Piekarczyk moved adjournment, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Latham adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.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 Road

Preliminary Engineering I in FY 2005

2. Illinois Route 50 (Kinzie Ave. Brookmont to Liberty, including Soldiers Cr. Bridge

The widening of Kinzie Avenue to 5 lanes and replacement of Soldiers Creek Bridge is completed.

3. Illinois Route 113 Route 17 to Riverside Hospital

The awarded contract for the railroad bridge has encountered some utility delays. Land acquisition issues are being resolved in an effort to meet a November 7, 2003 contract letting for the related reconstruction of Illinois Route 113 to a five lane pavement section.

4. Illinois Route 17 (Court St.), Replacement of Bridge over CNIC RR

This project is on schedule for a December 2003 completion.

5. Illinois Route 50 @ St. George Rd.

Realignment of Route 50 roadway is completed.

6. Illinois Route 50 (Kinzie Ave.) at North & Broadway Streets

This traffic signals modernization project has been completed.

7. Illinois Route 113 – From Tower Road northwesterly to Will County Line

This milling and resurfacing project is completed.

8. Armour Road – US Route 45/52 to CNIC Bridge

Preliminary Engineering I to study widening to five lanes in progress.

9. Illinois Route 102 – From US Route 45/52 northwesterly to the Will County Line

Milling and resurfacing is tentatively scheduled for the November 7, 2003 contract letting

10. Illinois Route 102 at Davis Creek Located 2.2 miles NW of US Route 45/52

Replacement of the bridge is scheduled for the November 7, 2003 letting