

MINUTES

**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

March 24, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Jeff Jarvis, Ralph Paarlberg, Rich Howell, Mel Blanchette, Craig Bayston, George Washington, Bill Bukowski, Dave Bergdahl, Loretto Cowhig, Samuel Payton, Chris Tholen and David Stejkowski.

Others:

Dennis Gary, AECOM; Mike Bossert, Todd Arseneau, Glenn Nixon, Ken Nelson, Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet, and Lindsey Harper, Kankakee County; Mayor Nina Epstein, Kankakee; Leigh Marcotte; Laura McElroy, The Herald, and Dimitrios Kalantzis, The Daily Journal

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Washington called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Vice-Chairman Washington asked that the minutes for the December 9, 2010 meeting be presented for approval. Mr. Howell made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Mr. Lammey introduced Mr. Dennis Gary from AECOM to present current and future transportation issues for concern and discussion. Mr. Gary showed a power point presentation highlighting five major areas of interest for Kankakee County, during which discussion ensued:

1. HSR: High Speed Rail Coordination
2. SSA: South Suburban Airport Impacts
3. Transit Supported Land Use (Travel Oriented Development)
4. Court St & CN/NS: Court Street and Canadian National and Norfolk Southern Railroads Interchange Yard Constraints
5. MED-X: Metra Electric District Extension to SSA/Peotone

ILLIANA STUDY SCOPE OF WORK

Mr. Lammey announced the contract for the next phase of the Illinois project study has not yet been signed, but was anticipated to occur in April. He stated that Stakeholder meetings are supposed to occur in May.

6000 N ROAD INTERCHANGE PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

Mr. Lammey discussed the public meeting on March 3, 2011 at Bourbonnais Village Hall. Photographs with drawings of the road improvements were shown and discussed. Concerns were expressed about US Hwy 45-52 not being widened to four lanes south to where it is four lanes already, and safety concerns for the railroad crossing on 6000 N Road west of St Hwy 50 not being built as a grade-separation.

NEXT MEETING

April 21, 2011 10:30 AM is scheduled to be the next Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howell moved for adjournment, and Mr. Tholen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.