

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2009

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso, Ms. Pillion and Mr. Lang, IDOT; Mr. Morgan, Journal; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mr. Spathis, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering; Mr. Baisden, Laborer's Local 751; Ms. Loy, R&R, Inc. and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the March 17, 2009 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Piggush moved approval of the proposed Agenda, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2009 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey discussed three proposed amendments, first an amendment for Kankakee County for the rural transit program, using funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as detailed below:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND SOURCE	COST
4 Medium Duty Buses (2 for replacement, 2 for expansion)	ARRA	\$260,000
Radios	ARRA	\$15,300

Mr. Lammey stated that the next requested amendment was for the City of Kankakee for the

Brookmont Boulevard project as detailed below:

FY 2009			
LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	FUND SOURCE	COST
Brookmont Boulevard Viaduct, from Washington Avenue to Schuyler Avenue	Urban construction with replacement of Canadian National RR Overpass – PE I	HPP Local (City of Kankakee)	\$220,000 \$55,000
FY 2010			
LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	FUND SOURCE	COST
Brookmont Boulevard Viaduct, from Washington Avenue to Schuyler Avenue	Urban construction with replacement of CN RR Overpass – PE II	HPP Local (City of Kankakee)	\$360,000 \$190,000
FY 2011			
LOCATION	TYPE OF WORK	FUND SOURCE	COST
Brookmont Boulevard Viaduct, from Washington Avenue to Schuyler Avenue	Urban construction with replacement of CN RR Overpass – Construction	State – Grade Crossing Protection Fund Local (City of Kankakee)	\$10,140,000 \$6,760,000

Mr. Lammey stated that the next proposed amendment was for an Illinois Department of Transportation project using funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as detailed below:

PROJECT	FUNDING AMOUNT AND SOURCE
Illinois Route 17: from just east of Lowe Road east 4.3 miles to Illinois Route 1 (S) – Milling and Resurfacing	\$2,800,000 in ARRA Funding

Chairman Piekarczyk reminded the Technical Advisory Committee that the Illinois Route 17 project carried with it the proviso that the public comment period be shortened to 7 days, as the project had previously gone through a 15 day comment period, but at a lower estimated project cost.

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend passage to the Policy Committee of the above three amendments in one motion. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Lammey informed the Technical Advisory Committee that the Armour Road project (using funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) as detailed below was moved to the **FY 2009 TIP** as an administrative modification allowed to staff under powers granted by the Policy Committee:

PROJECT	TYPE OF WORK	FUNDING AMOUNT AND SOURCE
Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to Illinois Route 50	Widening, Resurfacing, Traffic Signal Modernization – Land Acquisition, Construction	\$3,900,000 in ARRA Funding

Mr. Lammey distributed three communications dealing with ARRA projects: (1) a memo dealing with certification requirements with the Office of Management and Budget for ARRA projects; (2) communication on reporting requirements for ARRA projects; and (3) a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation advising local governments that the deadline date for the submission date of ARRA projects is now May 1, 2009. In response to the certification requirements, Chairman Piekarczyk asked staff to check this issue and return to the Technical Advisory Committee with some resolution.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE – RECOMMENDATION TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the two scenarios developed at the March 17, 2009 Technical Advisory Committee were the following: (1) recommend a single project to use all of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding on; or (2) recommend that the ARRA funding be split according to a population based formula, and have each member agency develop projects on their classified roadway systems to utilize the funding. He stated that it was his intention to give the two options to the Policy Committee and let them make their choice.

Mr. Lang stated that the 20% overage issue discussed at the March 17, 2009 meeting was not meant to apply to each individual project, but for the overall ARRA submission for local projects for the State of Illinois, for a total amount of \$50,000,000. Mr. Lang encouraged ARRA fund recipients to contact him if they had further questions.

Dr. Gingerich stated two issues that he had with the single project option: (1) allowing one project to be funded at 100% federal funding, when all previous federal projects had been funded at most at 80% federal funding; and (2) allowing engineering costs to be funded out of the federal funding for a project.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated his opinion that it was up to the Policy Committee to resolve the issue raised on the percentage of federal funding for a project. A discussion was held on the engineering cost issue, with no clear consensus of opinion.

Mr. Tyson stated that Mayor Green had discussed the options with him, and given him a proxy to vote for the one project submission. He stated that Mayor Green had discussed that the Economic Stimulus bill had a goal of increased infrastructure, which was why he favored the one project option.

Mr. Lang stated that the issue of logical termini for the Burns Road project had not yet been resolved, but would be before the end of the week, and that he would forward the resolution of that issue to Mr. Lammey for distribution.

Mr. Lammey stated that the Burns Road project had been placed in public comment on March 20, and that the 15 day public comment period would be completed by the April 8, 2009 MPO meetings, so that action could be taken. He stated that if the option of multiple projects is chosen, then the public comment period for each of those projects could not begin until those projects were submitted to him. He stated that if the multiple project option were chosen, the MPO meeting to ratify that choice could not happen until 15 days after those projects were placed in public comment.

Mr. Tyson asked questions about how the submittal sheets were to be completed for the multiple project option, and Mr. Lang stated that his staff would have to give guidance for each project to each member agency of the MPO.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated his intention to give the Policy Committee the choice of the two options at their meeting. The Technical Advisory Committee gave concurrence with his intention.

STPU TIMELINES

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that he would only ask for those projects which have had significant changes to be discussed, and none were brought up for discussion.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that the Economic Stimulus issue and the work associated with it has prevented any action on the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – CALL FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Greenstreet stated that a call for projects for the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program** would be issued soon, with a deadline date of April 17, 2009. He stated that submissions need to be made for all projects intended to be listed for years FY 2010 through FY 2013, with cover letters included. He stated that the draft **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program** would require action at the May 6, 2009 MPO meetings.

GRATITUDE FOR RETIRING POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Piekarczyk expressed his appreciation for the members of the Policy Committee who will be retiring from the Policy Committee in May. He stated that these members, Mayor Grimsley, Mayor Green and Mayor Kent had all served as Chairman of the Policy Committee, had been involved in the process, and that he was appreciative of their service. The members of the Technical Advisory Committee also expressed their gratitude.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on April 8, 2009. Mr. Lammey informed the members that the April 8 meeting would be held on the 4th Floor of the County Administrative Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:41 A.M.