

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2008

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Mayes	Representing Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Washington, Mr. Yates, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso and Mr. Lang, IDOT; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. Morgan, Journal, and Ms. Clumpner and Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Brooks moved approval of the January 23, 2008 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that there were two issues for the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District for which an amendment was being sought. He stated that the first issue was increased rolling stock, and stated that the current TIP carries a line item for a 6 bus purchase in FY 2009. He stated that potential increased funding will require an infusion of buses, and that METRO is requesting a 4 bus purchase line item in FY 08, and a 4 bus purchase line item in FY 09.

Mr. Lammey stated that the second issue for METRO were two earmarks in federal legislation for FY 08, and that the two line items were included, with the language specified in the federal

legislation in quotations in the amendment. Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the amendment to the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Mayes seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lammey stated that the FY 08 amendment passed at the January 23, 2008 MPO meetings had received approval from the FHWA, and based on prior understanding, that approval also meant that the SAFETEA-LU Compliance Amendment submitted last year had been approved.

DRAFT FY 2009 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation required that a draft **FY 2009 Unified Work Program** be submitted to the MPO in March. He stated that the draft distributed to members was the same as in past years with one exception. He stated that the Long-Range Plan for the area was due to be rewritten in October, 2009, and that significant time had been programmed for MPO staff to work on that Plan in the **FY 2009 UWP**. He stated that an additional line item had been added to hire consultant assistance in writing the Long-Range Plan. Mr. Brooks moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the draft **FY 2009 Unified Work Program** to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation calls for a draft **FY 2009 TIP** to be presented to the MPO at their May meetings, which will be on May 7, 2008. He stated that letters requesting projects will be mailed on March 27, and that phone calls will begin in mid-April.

STPU TIMELINES

Mr. Mayes stated that the Cardinal Drive project is on schedule for a June, 2008 letting. Mr. McBurney stated that the 6000 N. Road project is on schedule for a June, 2009 letting. Mr. McBurney indicated that the consultant on the Brookmont Boulevard project is contacting the Canadian National Railroad for a meeting. Mr. McBurney stated that a coordination meeting with IDOT District 3 is being arranged for April 10.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS AWARDS

Mr. Lammey congratulated those who received awards in the Safe Routes to Schools programs, and stated that Kankakee County did very well in receiving awards. He stated that there would be implications of those awards in amendments to the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program**, and asked that members who received awards please be present at a Safe Routes to Schools meeting on April 15, at 10:00 A.M. in the 2nd floor conference room, where Megan Holt, the IDOT person in charge of the program, will discuss how to handle the awarded projects, and details for applications for next year. Mr. Lang confirmed that these projects can be let on the state lettings.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on May 7, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:18 A.M.