

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 28, 2007**

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Kruse	Kankakee County
Mr. Best	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Rogers and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. Lang, Mr. Videgar and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA, Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park, Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:04 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kent moved approval of the January 24, 2007 minutes. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments at this time.

**SUMMARY OF FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. DiPalma stated that the federal government cannot take action on any Transportation Improvement Program or Long-Range Plan after July 1, 2007, unless the planning process for the MPO area is found to be SAFETEA-LU Compliant. Mr. Lammey stated that the local process would be in compliance by July 1, except for the Human Services Transportation Plan.

**DRAFT FY 08 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Brooks stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve the draft **FY 08 Unified Work Program**. Mayor Kent moved approval, and Mr. Kruse seconded. Unanimous vote.

## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

Ms. Biladeau stated that a local Safe Routes to Schools Task Force has been formed and is meeting monthly, and that the next meeting would be on April 17, at 10:00 A.M. in the second floor conference room of the County Administration building. She invited all Mayors to attend, and thanked Mayor Kent for his attendance and participation. She stated that the School Travel Plan from each of the School Districts was due on March 30, and that the School Travel Plan for Kankakee County would be submitted by Kankakee County Planning Department staff.

Mayor Kent asked about endorsements for the applications, and it was agreed that all of the applications in the MPO area would come back to the MPO Policy Committee for endorsement prior to submission to IDOT. Mayor Kent asked about IDOT endorsement, and Mr. Paukovitz stated he would research this area.

## **UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD**

Mr. Brooks reported that the project planning is complete, and the project is scheduled for an April letting.

## **UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD**

Mr. McBurney reported that the project is still on schedule for a June letting, and that one more parcel of land needed to be acquired.

## **UPDATE ON CARDINAL DRIVE**

Dr. Gingerich reported that the project is still pursuing a November 2007 letting, but that events may push that to April of 2008.

## **6000 N. ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that the project, from Career Center to Route 45 was under discussion with the Village currently.

## **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT**

Mr. Tyson stated that the contract with the consultant has been forwarded by District 3 to Springfield for approval.

## **RIVERFRONT TRAIL**

Mr. McBurney stated that the location of part of the trail is still being decided, and that the Committee will meet to make that final decision soon.

## **IDOT REPORT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

## **UPDATE ON METRO**

Mr. Best reported that the system ridership continues to be 20% above the previous year, with a slight decrease in February due to the snowstorm in the middle of the month. He stated that METRO is moving its facility to the Village of Bourbonnais, and approved the construction of a

maintenance facility at the new location at their last Board meeting.

### **UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that the next meeting of the Commuter Transit Task Force would be on April 17 at 2:30 P.M. in the second floor conference room of the County Administration Building. He asked the members of the Policy Committee to reserve May 31 on their calendars for a 5 – 7 P.M. town meeting on the subject of Commuter Transit.

### **UPDATE ON 6000 N ROAD INTERCHANGE**

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT has been scheduled to address the April 19 10:00 A.M. meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee, and that members of the Policy Committee are invited to that discussion. The meeting will be held in the second floor conference room of the County Administration Building.

### **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA COLLECTION**

Mr. Lammey stated that all of the accident records from the jurisdictions in Kankakee County for the years 2004-2006 have been collected. He stated that these records would be coded for GIS in the near future.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Mayor Green moved that the Policy Committee gives authority to the Technical Advisory Committee at their April 25, 2007 meeting to discuss a Draft Public Participation Plan, and to place that draft plan for a 45 day public comment period. Mayor Kent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2007 at 11:00 A.M., and is to be held at the Highway Department.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

March, 2007

### **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**