

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

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA; Mr. Kelso, Mr. Lang and Mr. Videgar, IDOT; Mr. Best, METRO; Mayor Grimsley, Mayor Green, Mayor Kent, Chairman Kruse and Mayor Latham

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and asked that all participants introduce themselves.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the January 24, 2007 minutes. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

LOWE ROAD TIMELINE

Mr. Brooks discussed the timeline for the Lowe Road STPU project, and stated that the project will be on the April letting.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney discussed the timeline for the Burns Road STPU project, and Mr. Videgar stated that a June letting was possible. He stated that IDOT was waiting on a soils report.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich discussed the timeline for the Cardinal Drive project. Mr. Videgar stated that there were a number of issues that would make a November letting very difficult, and stated that spring of 2008 was realistic. Dr. Gingerich stated that the soils report would be delayed to mid-June. He stated that the timeline for the design variance would be delayed to April/May. He stated that the intersection design timeline should be delayed to April/May. Dr. Gingerich stated that he still wants to carry the November 2007 target date for the project.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. Tyson reported that the Engineering Agreement has been reviewed by District 3 and has been sent to IDOT Central Office for approval. Mr. Paukovitz asked about the budget for the project, and Mr. Tyson stated that the current estimate is \$13.5 million. Mr. Tyson stated that funding is being sought for the project from the ICC and from Congressman Weller's office.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project under discussion was from Career Center Road to Route 45, and that the project was just beginning.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the Riverfront Trail Committee was meeting in the near future to determine the location of part of the trail, and that a timeline for the project would be drawn up after that meeting.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey updated the Committee on the progress thus far to develop a SAFETEA-LU Compliant plan, and Mr. DiPalma outlined the consequences of such a plan not being approved. He stated that no action can be taken by the Federal government on any TIP or Long-Range Plan issue unless a SAFETEA-LU Compliant planning process was in place. After considerable discussion and comment, Mr. Lammey stated that it was the intent of Kankakee County staff to have such a plan submitted before the July 1, 2007 deadline.

DRAFT FY 08 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey presented the draft **FY08 Unified Work Program** to the Technical Advisory Committee for action. Mr. DiPalma asked that the Non-Personnel expenses be budgeted by each of the categories.

Mr. Paukovitz moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the draft **FY 08 Unified Work Program** be approved. Mr. Tyson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS

Ms. Billadeau gave an update on the program, and stated that school districts with potential projects inside the MPO area have been advised to contact their local government for joint submissions of projects. The Technical Advisory Committee stated that MPO endorsement of the project submissions would be requested at either the May or June meetings.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Lammey stated that the April 25, 2007 Technical Advisory Committee meeting would now be scheduled at 11:00 A.M. He stated that the draft Public Participation Plan would be presented to the Committee for action, and would then be placed for a 45 day public comment phase. Mr. DiPalma suggested that the Policy Committee authorize the Technical Advisory Committee releasing the document for public comment at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:58 A.M.