

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2005

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mr. Threadgill	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. McLaren	Kankakee County
Mr. Best	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Van Mill and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin, IDOT; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; and Mr. Morgan, Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. McLaren moved approval of the January 26, 2005 minutes. Mayor Latham seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Green moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. McLaren seconded. Unanimous vote.

TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Best advised the Policy Committee that the State of Illinois had historically funded the 20% local share for capital projects for transit, but that this was not the current practice. He stated that the Architecture and Engineering design work for the new transfer center is being held up by this lack of local share, and that the METRO Board was offering to pay this local share (\$15,000) from their local funds to move the project along. Chairman Grimsley asked Mr. Best to draft letters for each of the Policy Committee members to assist in the process.

DRAFT FY 2006 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that this document was one required by the MPO planning process, and that action by the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees would place the document into a public comment phase, after which the final document would be brought back to the two groups for action. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the **FY 2006 Unified Work Program** to the Policy Committee. Mayor Green moved approval, and Mr.

McLaren seconded. Unanimous vote.

CLASSIFIED SYSTEM CHANGES

Mr. Threadgill stated that in early spring 2004, the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study approved an updated map of the federal aid highway system for the entire Kankakee urbanized area. In their preparation of developing a new federal aid route map, the IDOT Springfield office noted two locations that would require minor modification due to realignment of one street and conflict of functional classification on the other. He stated that IDOT requests Kankakee's MPO Technical Advisory and Policy Committees' approval of the following revisions:

- Career Center Road (FAU 6203) from Illinois Route 102 northerly to Bethel Drive in Bourbonnais – This portion of highway is currently identified as a federal-aid urban collector. In the latest update of the FA system, Career Center Road is identified as an urban minor arterial from Bethel Drive northerly to St. George Road (5000 N. Road). For continuity purposes and to meet federal aid route guidelines, Career Center Road between Illinois Route 102 and Bethel Drive needs to be revised from an urban collector to an urban minor arterial similar to that portion of Career Center Road between Bethel Drive and St. George Road (5000 N. Road).
- Cardinal Drive (FAU 6208) at North Street in Bradley – Cardinal Drive is classified as a federal-aid urban collector. Approximately 750 feet of the southernmost portion of Cardinal Drive has been realigned to the east. As a result, Cardinal Drive now intersects North Street approximately 500 feet further east of the former intersection of the two streets. Committee approvals are required for the deletion of approximately 550 feet of the old alignment of Cardinal Drive from the Federal aid system and the addition of approximately 750 feet of the newly realigned Cardinal Drive to the federal aid system.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of both revisions to the Policy Committee. Mr. McLaren moved adoption, and Mayor Latham seconded. Unanimous vote.

UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD

Mr. Tyson reported that the project was on schedule, and that a wetland issue was being resolved.

UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD

Mayor Latham stated that there was no report.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Best reported that the first month of the night service had a record ridership of over 20,000 riders, and that the system will exceed 200,000 riders this year. He stated that METRO will serve passenger #1,000,000 sometime this summer.

UPDATE ON SHOWBUS

Mr. Van Mill stated that there was no report.

UPDATE ON IDOT PROJECTS

Mr. Threadgill gave the attached report.

UPDATE ON LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Van Mill stated that many town hall meetings have been held in the past month for the study, and that a Public Meeting Open House on the study will be held the evening of April 13, from 5 to 8 PM at the Quality Inn.

UPDATE ON COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Van Mill stated that the Task Force had approved the final report, that the PZA Committee had approved it, and that it would see action by the County Board on April 12. He stated that the staff was looking into the next step in the process.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McLaren moved adjournment, and Mayor Latham seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:26 A.M.

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**

- 1. Proposed I-57 interchange at 6000 N Road**
Access Justification Report targeted to be completed by Fall 2005. If access is found to be justified, preliminary engineering I would follow.
- 2. Illinois Route 113: Route 17 to Riverside Hospital**
Railroad viaduct work and west side retaining wall have been completed. Widening of roadway to a five lane pavement section to proceed into the spring and through next summer's construction season.
- 3. Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road**
Curve correction to existing highway alignment. Project was on the March letting. Award of the contract is likely.
- 4. Illinois Route 17: Traffic signal modernization at I-57, Eastridge Drive and Eastgate Road** – Traffic signal work has been completed.
- 5. Illinois Route 17 at Lowe Road** – Turn lanes to be added on Route 17 and traffic signals installed. Was on January letting. Work to begin in late spring.
- 6. Armour Road: US 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge**
Preliminary engineering I has been completed. Chamlin & Associates has been selected to begin Phase II engineering.
- 7. Illinois Route 102: Bridge replacement at Davis Creek** – Pouring of bridge deck is proceeding.
- 8. Northbound Illinois Route 50 (Harrison Ave.) at Soldiers Creek** – Contamination issues delaying letting of project.