

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
APRIL 25, 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
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso, Mr. Lang and Mr. Videgar, IDOT

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:57 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the March 28, 2007 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments, but that amendments would be submitted by METRO at the May 23, 2007 Technical Advisory and Policy Committee meetings.

LOWE ROAD TIMELINE

Mr. Brooks stated that the Lowe Road STPU project is on the April 27 IDOT letting.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. Videgar stated that the project plans were approved by District 3 personnel on April 24, and forwarded to IDOT Central Bureau for action. He stated that there are still Right of Way issues. He stated that the Soils Report is being reviewed. Mr. Tyson stated that the ROW issues were being resolved during the current week.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Mr. Videgar stated that questions have been asked of IDOT on the Intersection Design by a subconsultant. He stated that a project report is needed in the next few weeks.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the first phase of the Riverfront Trail project is being changed.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey updated the Committee on the progress thus far to develop a SAFETEA-LU Compliant plan. He stated that the consultant to IDOT on the project has arranged a conference call on April 27, and that he would know more after that call.

FY 08 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that some Planning Department personnel issues have arisen in the past two weeks that will require amendments to the **FY08 UWP**. He stated that those amendments would be brought to the Technical Advisory Committee as soon as the facts are known.

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT is offering \$10,000 to each Illinois County to perform traffic crash reporting activity. He stated that discussions were underway between the Planning and Highway Departments to determine the best way to pursue this funding.

DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey presented the draft Public Participation Plan and the Technical Advisory Committee discussed the Plan. Mr. Hoffmann asked about Section A.(1.)(b.), specifically about the public hearing on TIP amendments. He stated that at least twice during the past two years IDOT has informed his office of the need for an amendment within a two week time frame, and that a public hearing in these cases would have meant the loss of critical funding. Mr. Lammey stated that he would check with the FHWA on the practicality of the requirement.

Questions were raised about Section A.(7), specifically about the “limited English proficiency” provision. It was suggested that language be added “(by special arrangement)” to the end of this section.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Lammey stated that the May 23 Technical Advisory and Policy Committee meetings would now be scheduled at the County Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Vice-Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.