

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**APRIL 28, 2004**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey	Kankakee County
Mr. Gingerich	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Evers	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Noble	Aroma Park
Mr. Best	River Valley <i>METRO</i> Mass Transit District

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Barsotti, League of Illinois Bicyclists; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. Marty, URS, and Mr. Morgan, Daily Journal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Noble called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Gingerich moved approval of the March 24, 2004 minutes. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Lammey stated that he had two items to add to the Agenda, those being website and the **FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program**. Mr. Lammey moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

**WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Marty reported on the results of the second Public Meeting on the Washington Avenue Corridor Study. He stated that 28 people attended the session, and that two comments were filed, both containing generally positive comments. He distributed the sign-in sheet for the meeting, and the two comments filed.

Mr. Marty asked about the level of detail which was required under the "Funding Plan" section of the report. Mr. Tyson suggested that the potential funding sources should be identified, and the Committee agreed with this view.

Mr. Tyson asked when the final report would be available, and Mr. Marty stated that it was due in June. After some discussion, the Committee asked Mr. Marty to have the final report available for distribution to the Technical Advisory Committee prior to the May 26, 2004

meeting.

Vice-Chairman Noble asked if the current thinking was that the suggested alignment through Kankakee, Bradley and Bourbonnais was viable. Mr. Lammey stated that the lack of negative public comments suggested that the alignment was viable. Mr. Tyson agreed and Mr. Gingerich agreed, both stating that available funding was the major issue.

Mr. Marty stated that there was an issue regarding the train station design requested in the study. Mr. Lammey stated that the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study had found a Metra design standard for end of line stations that required 2,500 parking spaces, and between 10 and 20 acres of land. After some discussion, the Committee asked that the Washington Avenue Corridor Study attempt to design for this size station at a point north of the confluence of the Norfolk Southern and Canadian National railroads.

### **BICYCLE PLANNING PRESENTATION**

Mr. Barsotti from the League of Illinois Bicyclists made a presentation on the market for bicycling in urban and rural areas, and some of the design issues to be considered. He introduced the Bicycle Level of Service concept, and asked that this be considered as input on future roadway projects in the Kankakee Urbanized Area. He further offered the assistance of his group in this effort.

### **WEBSITE**

Mr. Lammey stated that the updated website for the Kankakee County Planning Department is online and available, and passed out cards with the information for the Planning Department site, as well as for the update to the County Comprehensive Plan.

### **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the request for information for the draft **FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program** had been issued, and that information on the next two local projects using federal funding had been received. Mr. Tyson asked which projects needed to be listed, and the answer was that all federally funded and state funded projects needed to be listed.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Noble stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held on May 26, 2004 at 10:00 A.M., followed by a Policy Committee meeting at 11:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Gingerich seconded. Vice-Chairman Noble declared the meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M.