

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**MAY 6, 2009**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Mr. Spathis	Bourbonnais
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Hoffmann	Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Jones and Ms. Pillion, IDOT; Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mayor Elect Dykstra and Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Ms. Clumpner, Robinson Engineering and Ms. Marcotte

**CALL TO ORDER**

Technical Advisory Committee Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. He introduced all of the attendees, and spoke of the background and challenges of the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Grimsley moved approval of the April 8, 2009 minutes. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Lammey stated that the "Meeting Time" Agenda Item would be moved from 12.c. to 4.a. Mayor Adams moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mayor Grimsley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**MEETING TIMES**

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the historical times for the Policy Committee have been at 11:00 A.M. He stated that there is a request by Mayor Schore to move the meetings to 3:30 P.M. so that he can attend. Mr. Spathis moved that the meeting times be changed to 3:30 P.M., and Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the IDOT and FHWA

personnel who attend our meetings from Springfield and Ottawa might have issues with such a change. Mr. Paukovitz stated that IDOT personnel would attempt to attend meetings whatever time was established for them, but that some meetings might be missed. Each of the Policy Committee members gave their preferences for meeting times.

A roll call vote had four yes votes (Bourbonnais, Kankakee, Bradley, and Kankakee County) and two no votes (Aroma Park and IDOT). Motion passed.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Lammey stated that it was past practice to have the Chairman of the Policy Committee be the representative of the community with the next federal aid project for the area. Mayor Adams nominated Mayor Schore as Chairman, and Mayor Grimsley seconded the motion. Mayor Grimsley moved that the nominations be closed, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. The vote on the closure of nominations was unanimous, as was the vote for Mayor Schore as Chairman of the Policy Committee.

Mr. Lammey stated that it was past practice to have the Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee be the representative of the community with the second federal aid project in line, but stated that no such project has been identified. Mayor Grimsley nominated Mayor Epstein as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Spathis second the motion. Mayor Adams moved that the nominations be closed, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. The vote on the closure of nominations was unanimous, as was the vote for Mayor Epstein as Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee.

In the absence of Mayor Schore, Mayor Epstein proceeded to conduct the meeting in her new role as Vice-Chairman.

## **FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**

Mr. Lammey stated that two changes to the Public Participation Policy are in public comment at the present time (changing the public comment period for amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program from 15 days to 7 days, and changing the public comment period for amendments to the Public Participation Policy from 45 days to 7 days), and that they would be brought to the Policy Committee for action at their June 24, 2009 meeting.

## **FINAL FY 2010 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with IDOT requires Policy Committee action on a final **FY 2010 Unified Work Program** at the May meeting, and that the final was ready for that action. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the **FY 2010 Unified Work Program**. Mr. Spathis moved approval, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous approval.

## **DRAFT FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with IDOT requires Policy Committee action on a draft **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program** at the May meeting, and that the draft was ready for that action. He stated that the state program had not been released at the time of the preparation of the draft document, but would be added in time for the final action in June. He reviewed each section of the draft document. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program**. Mayor Grimsley moved approval, and Mr. Spathis seconded. Unanimous approval.

## **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Lammey stated that Long-Range Transportation Plans are required on a five year cycle, and that the current plan was adopted in October 2004, and amended in 2007. He stated that a draft Plan will be presented in some form to the Policy Committee at their June 24, 2009 meeting, and that a final Plan will be presented at their October 21, 2009 meeting.

## **6000 N. ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that this project is on schedule, that an Intersection Design Study is in progress, and that the project is High Priority Project (HPP) funding.

## **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD**

Mr. McBurney stated that this project is on schedule, and that the project is HPP funding.

## **RIVERFRONT TRAIL**

Mr. McBurney stated that the letting for this project is scheduled for June 12, and that the project is HPP funding.

## **BURNS ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that this project is American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding, and that it is on schedule for a July 31 letting.

## **METRO**

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO continues to have ridership increases around 22% over the previous year. He stated that bids for the ARRA work have been received and are awaiting Federal Transit Administration action.

## **IDOT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

## **BRADLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

Dr. Gingerich stated that the two projects (the intersection of Broadway and Schuyler, and the ramp west of the railroad tracks on Broadway) were on schedule for a summer 2010 letting.

## **AROMA PARK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS**

Mr. McBurney stated that the flashing signals are on schedule for a July letting. Mayor Epstein asked if the signals would be in place prior to the beginning of the school year, and Mr. McBurney stated that it is possible that they would be in place after the beginning of the school

year.

### **ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS (IPAG)**

Mr. Lammey stated the approximately \$50,000 each year had been awarded to the MPO in the Kankakee Urbanized Area for fiscal years FY 2008 and FY 2009. The oversight committee for the funds is the Policy Committee, and the program set in place was for communities to request funds for land use, transportation and economic development studies, with a 50% local match. Mr. Lammey identified the projects that have already been funded, and stated that \$25,000 funding was remaining. He stated that the new State budget does not include this item.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE TRAINING (MPO 101)**

Mr. Lammey stated that the new members on the Policy Committee will have training on the MPO planning process conducted by the Federal Highway Administration. He stated that the current date for that training is on June 24, before or after the next Policy Committee. Mr. Spathis volunteered the Community Center in Bourbonnais for that training.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2009. Mr. Lammey stated that the time for that meeting would be in the afternoon, but that he needed to coordinate with FHWA to set the exact time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Spathis moved adjournment, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous approval. Vice-Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 11:39 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 ; and/or the ARRA**

**1. Proposed I-57 interchange at 6000 N Road**

The FHWA found the Access Justification Report satisfactory and thereby on April 19, 2006 granted concept approval for an interchange. Concept approval constitutes the FHWA's determination that the proposal is operationally acceptable. The FHWA's final approval of the access revision will be considered after approval of the Phase I engineering report and completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The firm T.Y. Lyn International is the consultant selected to begin the phase I engineering study. Phase I engineering will take an estimated 18 to 24 months to complete. IDOT held a public information meeting on January 30, 2007. IDOT met with local planners and public officials on May 28, 2008 to review and discuss the three different at-grade railroad crossing designs that were presented to the ICC last spring. Work on the Environmental Assessment continues. EA needs to be done before public hearing can be held.

**2. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge**

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act project. A formal agreement has been jointly approved by Bourbonnais and the State regarding the transfer jurisdictional of Armour Road,(from US 45/52 to the west end of Structure #046-0063 spanning the CN RR).

**3. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:**

Replacement of this structure remains on the multiyear program.

**4. IL. 17: From just east of Lowe Road East 4.3 miles to IL 1 (S)**

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an ARRA project. Scope of work includes the milling and resurfacing of pavement and improvement to shoulders.

**5. IL. 115: From Village of Irwin E & N. 6.9 Miles to Koerner Airport**

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA project. Scope of work includes milling and resurfacing of pavement.

**6. Various Locations: End Terminal/Guardrail Replacement**

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations including some locales within the MPO area.

**7. Various Locations: Pavement Markings**

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations including some locales within the MPO.