

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**MAY 7, 2008**

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Kruse	Kankakee County
Mr. Hinderliter	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Mr. McBurney	Representing Bourbonnais

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso and Mr. Lang, IDOT; Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, and Mr. Hoffmann, METRO

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Grimsley moved approval of the March 26, 2008 minutes. Mr. Kruse seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Lammey added an item to the Agenda under Other Business "6000 N. Road Interchange Meeting". Mayor Grimsley moved approval of the amended Agenda. Mr. Kruse seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Vice-Chairman position was open with the retirement of Mayor Latham. Mayor Grimsley moved that Mayor Schore be Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee, and Mayor Green seconded. Mayor Green moved that the nominations be closed, and Mr. Kruse seconded. The vote was unanimous on both motions.

## **AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments under consideration at the current time, but that the last time to amend the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** would be at the June 25, 2008 meeting of the Policy Committee. He stated that the latest date to get such amendments to staff would be June 13.

## **FINAL FY 2009 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation requires that a final **FY 2009 UWP** be presented to the Policy Committee at their May meeting. He stated that a minor change has been made since the draft document was approved at the March Policy Committee meeting, the addition of an intern to perform traffic crash coding. Dr. Gingerich stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the **FY 2009 Unified Work Program**. Mayor Green moved approval, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote.

## **DRAFT FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with the Illinois Department of Transportation requires that a draft **FY 2009 TIP** be presented to the Policy Committee at their May meeting. He stated that all federally funded transportation projects for the next four years inside the MPO Urbanized Area were required to be listed in the **FY 2009 TIP**. He referred the Committee to page 83 of the draft document, which stated that there is no State of Illinois program at the current time, and that there would be a State program only after the passage of the same by the General Assembly.

Mr. Lammey reviewed the local programs for transit, highway and bicycle and pedestrian projects, and stated that the Cardinal Drive project would be listed in FY 2009, and that the Burns Road project would be listed in FY 2012.

Chairman Kent stated that there was some controversy on this issue in the Technical Advisory Committee, and that he would welcome a motion, so that further discussion could be held.

Mayor Grimsley moved approval of the draft **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program**, subject to conditions discussed by the Technical Advisory Committee. Dr. Gingerich stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval by the Policy Committee, contingent on explanations of dollar figures on two line items in the Annual Element of the Transit Portion of the draft. Mayor Green seconded the motion.

Mayor Kent stated that the items under consideration will require greater understanding from Policy Committee members before a vote on the final **FY 2009 TIP** is taken in June. A suggestion was made that a meeting be held to discuss the funding issue, and that the meeting needed to occur as soon as possible. Mayor Green moved that METRO arrange for a meeting of the Policy Committee to resolve this issue as soon as possible, and Mr. Kruse seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The vote on the original motion to approve the draft **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program** was unanimous.

## **CARDINAL DRIVE**

Dr. Gingerich stated that the project is on schedule for an August, 2008 letting.

## **6000 N. ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that a meeting with the FHWA on the project has been held, and that there had been no change in the original schedule.

## **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT**

Mr. McBurney stated that the consultant has forwarded reports to IDOT.

## **RIVERFRONT TRAIL**

Mr. McBurney stated that a coordination meeting with IDOT District 3 has been held.

## **IDOT REPORT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

## **UPDATE ON METRO**

Mr. Hinderliter stated that a letter writing campaign has been initiated to obtain the release of funding from the Governor's Office, and that a sample letter is available on the METRO website for local officials and the public to endorse and send to Springfield. A general discussion among Policy Committee members was held on methods of obtaining an allocation of funding believed authorized in the legislation, including legal action. The need for an immediate meeting of the Policy Committee strictly on the funding issue was again emphasized.

## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – BRADLEY (BROADWAY & SCHUYLER AND BROADWAY UNDERPASS)**

Dr. Gingerich stated the staff of the Village of Bradley met with IDOT and discussed the requirements of the SRTS program.

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

Mr. McBurney stated that the engineering agreement for the project has been forwarded to IDOT.

## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – KANKAKEE COUNTY**

Mr. Lang stated that his office has been in conversations with Kankakee County about their project.

## **ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that three projects have been approved for the current fiscal year, and that \$4,200 remain to be committed. He stated that he had received no applications for projects in FY 2009.

Mr. Lammey stated that the Airport Study Task Force has recommended a consultant for the project, and that the recommendation will be acted upon by the County Board at their May 13 meeting.

## **BROCHURE**

Mr. Lammey reviewed a draft Transportation Brochure with the Policy Committee.

## **6000 N. ROAD INTERCHANGE**

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT had asked him to arrange a meeting date for a meeting on the 6000 N. Road Interchange, and gave four potential dates. The Policy Committee agreed on two possible dates for the meeting.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Kent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. Mr. Lammey stated that a Public Hearing would be held on the **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program** at 9:30 A.M. on June 5, 2008 at the METRO Centre, and that members of the Policy Committee who wished to speak in favor of projects could make their statements heard at that time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Grimsley moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Kent adjourned the meeting at 11:58 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**

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. Two or three different at-grade railroad crossing designs will be presented to the ICC this spring.

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

The Phase II study for this project has been completed. This project cannot proceed until funding for land acquisition and construction becomes available. The village of Bourbonnais has given consideration in assuming jurisdiction of the road upon its improvement.

**3. IL 17 & US 45/52:**

Was on the August letting, traffic signals are to be improved at 17 different locations along state routes in the city of Kankakee. The modernization of signals includes new fiber optic, controllers, LED lighting, emergency pre-emption units, etc. Signal hardware has been ordered. Actual signal work will begin this spring.