

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 7, 2014

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trustee Schneider	Representing Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Pearce	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Mr. Hoffmann and Ms. Franke, METRO; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Ms. Dick, SHOW BUS, and Mr. Meyer, URS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Adams moved approval of the March 26, 2014 minutes. Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Chairman Epstein asked that the project updates be moved on the Agenda after the Technical Advisory Committee appointments. Mayor Schore moved that the amended Agenda be approved, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous vote.

POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Chairman Bossert moved that Mayor Epstein be elected Chairman of the Policy Committee, and Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Unanimous approval. Mayor Schore moved that Mayor

Nugent be elected Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee. Mayor Adams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated the Technical Advisory Committee members needed to be appointed for the coming year, and asked Policy Committee members to make their appointments:

- Kankakee - no change - Mr. Tyson
- Manteno - no change - Mr. O'Keefe
- Bourbonnais - no change - Mr. McBurney
- Bradley - no change - Dr. Gingerich
- Aroma Park - no change - Mr. Mulholland
- Kankakee County - no change - Mr. Rogers
- METRO - no change - Mr. Koning
- IDOT - no change - Mr. Paukovitz
- Kankakee Valley Airport Authority - no change - Ms. Ruble

METRO UPDATES

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the joint project for the parking lot with the Village of Manteno for commuter parking is in progress.

IDOT UPDATES

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that an application has been made for Tiger VI funding for the project.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

FY 2014 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the proposed amendment was for funding for the commuter parking lot at the Manteno Transfer Center in Manteno. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval to the Policy Committee. Mr. Paukovitz moved approval, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Lammey stated that a request had been made to move the 6000 N. Road from Stonebridge to U.S. Route 45/52 project from FY 2016 to FY 2014. Mr. Lammey stated that staff had been authorized by the Policy Committee to make administrative amendments to move projects from one year to another, and that this had been done. He stated that staff was required to inform the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees when such action had been taken.

Mr. Paukovitz and Ms. Baxter stated that there was an issue of which fiscal year both the Bourbonnais Parkway interchange project and the 6000 N. Road Stonebridge to U.S. Route

45/52 project needed to be in the **FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program**. Mr. Lammey asked that a letter requesting changes for both projects be sent to staff, so that changes could be made in the final **FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program**.

FY 2014 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that amendments are required at this time every program year to shift funds between work elements. He stated that the amendment is revenue neutral. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval to the Policy Committee. Chairman Bossert moved approval of the amendment, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

FINAL FY 2015 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with IDOT requires that a final **FY 2015 Unified Work Program** be submitted to the MPO Policy Committee in May. He explained the three areas of work in the document, being: (1) the regular transportation planning program; (2) the Long-Range Transportation Plan program, and (3) the Traffic Safety Audit program.

Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval to the Policy Committee. Mayor Schore moved approval, and Mayor Nugent seconded. Unanimous vote.

DRAFT FY 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with IDOT requires that a draft **FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program** be submitted to the MPO Policy Committee in May. He reviewed the sections of the document. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the draft **FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program** for accuracy, and passed the document to the Policy Committee for action. Mayor Schore moved approval, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Meyer discussed the progress on the study, including the timeline for the study, and significant events in the future. He discussed preliminary results from the survey that was distributed, including infrastructure and access, traffic congestion, potential improvements, and non-motorized facilities.

Mr. Paukovitz asked a question about the meaning of the survey questions in the non-motorized section of the survey. Mayor Nugent asked that the survey be sent out through the Economic Alliance to get a broader base for the survey. Chairman Epstein asked that the survey be sent out through the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Ruble asked about getting the survey published in the local papers. Mr. Lammey stated that he had sent requests to each paper, without success. Mr. Hoffmann stated that he might have an inside source that could assist with that effort.

Mr. Meyer showed comments that had been made to the survey, and stated that those comments followed broad themes that had been expressed in personal interviews with each of the members of the Policy Committee.

Mr. Meyer displayed an existing Land Use map for Kankakee County, and a future Land Use map, and stated that the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee had been asked if those assumptions still held true. He was told by that Subcommittee that those were still current assumptions. Mayor Nugent stated that the Illiana had to change some of the assumptions, particularly at the north county line.

Mr. Meyer showed traffic volume information at various locations and time periods around the Urbanized Area, and asked for comments. Mayor Adams stated his concern over the increasing traffic volumes on Armour Road, and believed that some of the traffic that had been on Illinois Route 17 had been diverted to Armour Road. Mr. Hoffmann agreed, citing the tenant in his building that does business with intermodals in Will County, and wanted to be located in the northern area of the Kankakee Urbanized Area.

Mr. Meyer discussed the addition of the Kankakee Urbanized Area to a statewide study on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), which could assist in making funds available for signal coordination projects within the Kankakee Urbanized Area.

Mr. Meyer discussed the roadway connectivity issue, leading to the same discussion as the last Policy Committee meeting on north-south connectors, and on east-west connectors. Mayor Nugent and Mayor Schore stated that Career Center Road exhibits many of the same issues that Cardinal Drive does for north-south traffic movement.

Mayor Nugent stated his belief that an additional river crossing was critical, stating that it was the job of the Policy Committee to seek solutions to potentially dangerous traffic situations. Mr. Paukovitz stated that if the Urbanized Area could get behind one project and have community support, it certainly would help the possibility of that project being completed.

Mr. Meyer stated that evaluation criteria for potential projects was part of the work to be done for this study, and suggested some of the criteria that had worked in other areas. Mr. Lammey stated that this was one of the more serious deficiencies pointed out in the FHWA Review, and that this is a good time to visit this issue.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on June 25, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:51 P.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 Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road** – IDOT, District 3 continues with land acquisitions. The project is tentatively scheduled for a August 2014 contract letting. Concern remains regarding an agreement with the CN RR and ICC over various issues with the proposed reconstructed Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road crossing the CN tracks. Agreement with Bourbonnais is completed. Agreement with Bradley is pending.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – Utility work to be accelerated to allow IDOT to begin culvert extensions work. Railroad agreement has been approved, so material for new rail crossing can be ordered.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) – Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue through summer 2015.
4. **I-57 and IL 50 Interchange Reconstruction** – Minor cleanup, electrical, and landscape work has begun. May 28th is target date to complete all work.
5. **I-57 Overhead at North Street** – This project is moved back to FY 2017.
6. **I-57 Overhead at St. George Road/CH 8** – Phase II engineering underway. Preliminary plans will be provided to county when they become available. This project is moved back to FY 2018.
7. **I-57 Overhead at Larry Power Road** – Land acquisition is programmed in FY 2018
8. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – The Southbound bridge has been removed & work has begun building the substructure of new future southbound bridge. Meantime, two way traffic will utilize the northbound bridge.
9. **Spring Maintenance Road Repair Involving Intermittent Milling and Resurfacing and Joint Patching at Various Locations:** – Three locations within the urbanized area are included in IDOT's Spring Repair program. They are as follows:
 - Illinois 50 (Kinzie Ave.): From just south of I-57 southerly to Grinnel Rd.
 - U.S. 45/52: Between Armour Road and St. George Road
 - US 45/52: Between Manteno Road and the Will County Line

Being that all work is at 100% state funding and placement on the TIP of action by KATS is not required. This road work is considered by the administration as maintenance work in kind. Citing of locations is for information purposes. Work is to occur this summer and into the fall, via area wide contracts. Letters have been sent to the affected municipalities.