

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 9, 2012

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Rogers	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Ms. Skimerhorn, Kankakee County; Ms. Pillion, Ms. Baxter and Mr. Caldwell, IDOT; Mayor Adams, Bradley; Mayor Dykstra, Aroma Park; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. Cross, Kankakee; Mayor Schore, Bourbonnais; Ms. Dick, SHOW BUS, Ms. Wilson, Greater Kankakee Airport; Ms. Franke, METRO; Mr. O'Keefe, Manteno; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering and Ms. McElroy, Herald

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. McBurney moved approval of the March 28, 2012 minutes. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2012 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that the FHWA review of the MPO discussed the issue of conflict of interest, and he thought it was a good time to have some idea of how this issue would be handled. He posed a number of alternative ways to deal with the issue. Dr. Gingerich stated that he did not believe a conflict of interest existed, as the communities chose the projects, and each community's engineer would do the engineering work on the project regardless. Mr. Hoffmann

stated his belief that a conflict did not exist, due to the large amount of time between a project reaching the Multi-Year program and actually being constructed. Mr. Donovan stated that the placing of a project in the TIP, regardless of how far out in the future, is the action that moves a project forward for consideration. Mr. Piggush stated that the Technical Advisory Committee does not make the final decision, rather the Policy Committee, so he did not see a conflict, either. Mr. Paukovitz stated his belief that the issue is of objectivity, not conflict.

Mr. Lammey stated his desire to protect the consulting engineers who serve on the Technical Advisory Committee from ever facing a charge of conflict of interest. After general discussion on the issue, the consensus was that the easiest way to address the issue was the forwarding of documents without a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Dr. Gingerich stated his belief that the Technical Advisory Committee review was for accuracy of the documents, and that this should be the comment that was forwarded to the Policy Committee.

FY 2013 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reviewed the **FY 2013 Unified Work Program**, including all funding sources and all projects needing approval in the State Metro Planning area. He reviewed the local share required to match the federal funding, and stated that Kankakee County would be responsible for this local share, as they have been since 1983.

Dr. Gingerich offered a motion stating that the document was reviewed for accuracy and was being forwarded to the Policy Committee for their consideration. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

DRAFT FY 2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reviewed the sections of the report, detailing the annual element and multi-year elements of each modal section. Mr. Paukovitz stated that the commitment for the IDOT program is for the annual element only. Mr. Piggush moved that the document was reviewed for accuracy and that the document be forwarded to the Policy Committee for their consideration. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

URBANIZED AREA

Mr. Lammey gave a presentation detailing the current Urbanized Area the new Urbanized Area as defined by the Census Bureau. He stated that the population of the current Urbanized Area is 65,073, and that the population of the Census Bureau new Urbanized Area is 81,926. He stated that this population number will stay the same regardless of how the MPO altered the boundaries of the Urbanized Area.

Mr. Lammey briefed the committee on the implications of the Census Bureau on Manteno and Sun River Terrace, and on transit issues in general. Mr. Hoffmann asked a question on why we would extend the boundaries of the Urbanized Area beyond the Census Bureau definitions, and Mr. Donovan stated that there are implications on a number of highway issues that also need to be considered. Mr. Lammey stated that a staff proposal would be submitted to the MPO in June, and the current plan is for action on the issue from the MPO Committees no later than the August meetings.

ILLIANA STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that there are now three alternatives in consideration for the Illiana Expressway. He detailed the three alternatives. Mr. Bossert stated his belief that the B3 alternative will still be the best alternative of those presented. Mr. Lammey stated that the next meeting of the Illiana Study would be on June 6, 2012.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project was in a holding pattern, based on the revised timing of the state projects in the area.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project had been submitted for TIGER 4 funding, and that a decision is forthcoming.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that final plans have been approved for a June letting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Rogers stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on June 27, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McBurney moved adjournment, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:46 P.M.