

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MAY 19, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Frank Koehler, Dave Bergdahl, Ralph Paarlberg, Dennis Peters and Chad Miller

Others:

Mike Van Mill and Mike Lammey, Kankakee County; Steve Husak, EDC; and Linda Armbruster, Canadian National Railroad

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Koehler introduced Linda Armbruster from the Canadian National Railroad to the Subcommittee, and stated that a meeting had been held prior to the Subcommittee meeting to discuss projects of joint significance. He thanked Ms. Armbruster for her assistance, and assured future cooperation from the Subcommittee.

MINUTES

Mr. Bergdahl moved approval of the March 17, 2005 Minutes, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Unanimous vote.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Chairman Koehler reported that Congressman Jackson has inserted a project into the tentative federal transportation bill that would provide rail service to the new airport. General discussion was held about the progress on the project.

6000 N. ROAD INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported that he had a meeting with IDOT staff on the project on May 10, and was informed that the schedule was being kept, and that the next deadline of significance was a consultant report due to IDOT and FHWA on May 27. He stated that he will monitor the project, especially since most of the major personnel who started the project have since left either IDOT or the consultant.

UPDATE OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Van Mill stated that the consultant provided a draft of the Plan that was reviewed by staff. The comments involved in the review were so significant that extra time was given to HNTB to reply, and the next meeting of the Land Use Subcommittee was rescheduled for June 23. He stated that the intent was to give Subcommittee members extra time to review the revised draft prior to that meeting. A number of school related growth issues were discussed by the Subcommittee.

COMMUTER RAIL

Mr. Lammey stated that the Final Report on the Feasibility Study was distributed on May 17 and that the next step in the process is to begin application for a Phase II Feasibility Study. He stated that it would likely be a joint application with Will County.

MPO ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that a number of MPO issues were being approved at this time of year, and reviewed the **FY 2006 Unified Work Program** and the draft **FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program**. Mr. Koehler asked about the Armour Road project in Bourbonnais.

ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY

Mr. Lammey stated some progress had been made on this issue, through a joint meeting with Will County. Chairman Koehler suggested that a meeting be arranged with Congressman Weller's office to discuss this and the 6000 N. Interchange issue.

KANKAKEE COUNTY/WILL COUNTY JOINT ROADWAY ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that a meeting was held with Will County, during which a number of issues were raised. He stated that Will County is receptive to an Illinois Tomorrow grant request for the area centered around the joint county border, and including three miles into each county. He stated that an east-west roadway on the county border was of interest to Will County staff.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Koehler stated that the next meeting date would be July 21, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paarlberg moved adjournment, Mr. Bergdahl seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Koehler adjourned the meeting at 11:11 A.M.