

**MINUTES**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**MAY 20, 2004**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Members:

Dave Bergdahl, Rich Howell, and Ralph Paarlberg

Others:

Mike Lammey, Kankakee County

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Howell moved approval of the March 18, 2004 Minutes, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Unanimous vote.

**CORRIDOR STUDY – 6000 N ROAD/WARNER BRIDGE ROAD**

Mr. Lammey reported that the PZA approved the study at their April 19 meeting, and that the County Board adopted the study at their May 11, 2004 meeting. Subcommittee members asked about the practical application of implementing the study plans, and a general discussion about these issues, including ownership and timing of improvements was held by members.

**CORRIDOR PRESERVATION STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that this study is being rewritten and the plan at present is for action by PZA and County Board in the fall.

**EXTENSION OF CORRIDOR STUDY CONTRACT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PRESERVATION**

Mr. Lammey stated that the State's Attorney office is reviewing the right-of-way provision power granted to Regional Planning Commission, and a new issue has surfaced. The law appears to read that the power exists if the right-of-way preservation is reported through the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, and there is some hesitation locally to acknowledge the power of NIPC over Kankakee County.

A discussion ensued among Subcommittee members about impact fees, service fees, and other

related fee structures that would be of significant help to local governments.

## **AIRPORT UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT would be holding a meeting on May 24 at Governor's State University, at which time local governments would have a chance to discuss local issues relating to the airport, and invited Subcommittee members to attend. He stated that the Transportation Subcommittee had discussed a number of issues relating to the South Suburban Airport in the past, and wanted to get a fix on these issues, in case there was an opportunity to bring them to the table in the meeting.

Mr. Paarlberg and Vice-Chairman Bergdahl both stated that the water runoff problem from the Airport southwest to Manteno was a major issue in their minds. Mr. Paarlberg stated that the eastern access to the airport for general aviation and cargo is a critical point. Mr. Howell stated that he believed the access from the eastern portion of the airport would only be to general aviation and cargo, not to the terminal portion of the airport.

The Subcommittee also stated that the source of water for the airport was an issue, given that the Kankakee River would be the source of that water. Mr. Howell stated that the Kankakee Area is at present a net zero user of water, meaning that the amount of water taken out equals the amount of water that flows or is placed back into the Kankakee River.

## **LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey reported that the study is being delayed by the delivery of GIS data. The current belief is that the last township GIS data will be delivered in the next week, and will be shipped to HNTB in advance of the June 17 Land Use Subcommittee meeting. When that delivery is complete, the intent is to meet with HNTB and redefine the project schedule.

## **COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey reported that the study is well ahead of schedule, and that potential station sites were revealed at a meeting on May 18. Mr. Lammey showed the consultant map of the potential station sites that appear to make sense. He also explained potential rail service to the South Suburban Airport, through High Speed Rail, electric service through University Park, and diesel service from the east and the south.

Mr. Bergdahl asked about general station design, and Mr. Lammey reviewed the standard features, including a station on the inbound station and access to both sides of the tracks either through existing railroad crossings, or a pedestrian tunnel. Further design features include platforms on each side, stairs and ramps on each side, bus service and kiss and ride service on each side. The size and length of all amenities is based on the number of potential passengers.

Mr. Lammey reviewed each of the potential station sites, showing potential parking areas and pedestrian access points to both sides of the tracks. Subcommittee members asked questions about each of the potential sites. Mr. Lammey stated that the next step in the process is that of ridership and cost estimates for the line in total and through each of the potential stations.

## **WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Lammey reported that the consultant is supposed to present the final study to the Technical Advisory Committee at their May 26 meeting.

## **LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS BICYCLISTS PRESENTATION**

Mr. Lammey reported that the presentation was made to the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and that it was well received. He stated that the Mr. Barsotti made the request that each project from now on consider the before and after condition for bicyclists and pedestrians.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl stated that the next meeting date will be July 15, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Howell moved adjournment, Mr. Paarlberg seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Vice-Chairman Bergdahl adjourned the meeting at 11:42 A.M.