

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 23, 2007

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Videgar, Mr. Nunes, Ms. McNeill and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the April 25, 2007 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. McBurney moved approval of the Agenda, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that METRO proposed an amendment to the **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program**. Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO has researched past FTA grants and has found open grants with funds remaining. He stated that those open funds from past grants were being proposed as an amendment to the current TIP for the new METRO facility. Mr. DiPalma stated that knowing the year of the past grants would be valuable information. Dr. Gingerich moved approval, and Mr. Piekarczyk seconded. Unanimous approval.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. Videgar stated that the project has been forwarded to Springfield for approval, and that he expects that approval to be given very soon.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Mr. Videgar stated that the project submissions on the timeline for the month of May have not been received. Dr. Gingerich stated that those submissions would be made before the end of May. He stated that he understands that the Informational Meeting needs to be moved back in the schedule, and that a new timeline would reflect this fact. Dr. Gingerich stated that the project will meet the stated overall deadline.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey updated the Committee on the progress thus far to develop a SAFETEA-LU Compliant plan. He stated that IDOT, FHWA, and the consultant have a meeting after the Policy Committee meeting to discuss the details of the work that needs to be done.

DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that two questions were raised by the Technical Advisory Committee at the last meeting, and that following discussions with Mr. DiPalma, resolution had been reached on those two issues. Mr. Lammey stated that the first issue was that of a public hearing on TIP amendments, and that Mr. DiPalma had stated that a public “meeting” could be substituted. Mr. Lammey stated that the second issue had been on how to accommodate someone with limited English proficiency, and that the phrase “by special arrangement” should be added.

Mr. DiPalma stated that some translation of the phrase dealing with “special arrangement” should be added to the beginning of the Public Participation Plan and the website to allow those who would read only that language to know they needed to ask for the “special arrangement”. After considerable discussion on the languages to add this translated phrase into, Mr. Lammey stated that he would handle the issue for the June meeting.

Mr. Lammey stated that the Public Participation Plan would be brought back for approval at the June 27 MPO meetings.

FINAL FY 2008 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey asked if there were any questions about the final **FY 2008 Unified Work Program**. Mr. Piekarczyk moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the **FY 2008 Unified Work Program** to the Policy Committee. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

DRAFT FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the draft document has a number of holes where additional material will be added, and detailed those areas of the document. Mr. DiPalma stated that visualization needs to be added to the document, and Mr. Lammey stated that each project will be mapped in the document.

Dr. Gingerich asked that the project description for the Cardinal Drive project be changed to reflect a 3-4 lane cross section for the project. Mr. Lammey stated that this would be done, and asked Dr. Gingerich to make sure that a new TIP sheet for the project is filed.

Mr. Lammey stated that there is an issue with the Burns Road project that is not ready for

submission as an FY 07 project. He stated that the STPU funding allocation and expenditure table would need to be revised, and that a new fiscal year for the Burns Road project needed to be determined. After considerable discussion, Mr. Piekarczyk suggested that the project be slated for FY 11, with an asterisk stating “this is the Kankakee Area Transportation Study project preferred for substitution in an earlier fiscal year, if funding is available.” Mr. McBurney moved that the draft **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** be amended with the language proposed by Mr. Piekarczyk for the Burns Road project. Mr. Tyson seconded. A roll call vote on the motion followed:

- Mr. Piekarczyk – yes
- Mr. Brooks – yes
- Mr. Tyson – yes
- Mr. McBurney – yes
- Dr. Gingerich – yes
- Mr. Paukovitz – abstain

Mr. Piekarczyk moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the draft **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** to the Policy Committee, and Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Vice-Chairman Brooks stated that the next meeting of the Policy Committee would follow this meeting, and that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on June 27, 2007. Mr. Lammey stated that the meeting would be located in the new offices of METRO, and that directions will be sent with the mailing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Vice-Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:10 A.M.