

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 24, 2006

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Mr. Don Mayes	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Mr. Smith, IDOT; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; and Mr. Morgan

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Brooks moved approval of the March 22, 2006 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments at this time.

SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANT LONG-RANGE PLAN AND FINAL FY 2007 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Donovan of the FHWA explained that the passage of the SAFETEA-LU federal transportation bill may mean that existing Long – Range Plans (such as for the Kankakee Area Transportation Study) may have to be revised in order to be compliant with the legislation. He stated that rulemaking will be taking place between now and the July 1, 2007 target date. He stated that the FHWA is being proactive on this issue, and that there are two broad categories of revisions that may be required for the Long – Range Plan adopted by the Kankakee Area Transportation Study in October of 2004.

Mr. Donovan stated that the two areas of possible revision for the Kankakee Area would be in

the Environmental Mitigation area, and in the Public Involvement area. Mr. Lammey stated that the final **FY 2007 Unified Work Program** had been reworked to include extra hours in the Long-Range Plan area, to address this concern.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated his concern that limited resources will be expended in an effort to meet currently unstated rulemaking, and that this might be a useless exercise, since no one knows what the proposed rulemaking might be at this point.

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the final **FY 2007 Unified Work Program**. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LETTER TO IDOT – STPU FUNDING DISCUSSION

Chairman Piekarczyk stated his concern that no issue had been so potentially divisive for the MPO group as has been this issue. He stated that a number of questions had been raised at the March 22 MPO meetings, and that he had written a letter to IDOT District 3 to attempt to obtain answers to those questions. He stated that District 3 had forwarded the letter to the Central Bureau of IDOT for resolution. He stated his hope that a response to these issues could be received prior to the next MPO meetings.

DRAFT FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reviewed that draft document and received a number of comments about revisions that need to be made. Mr. Hoffmann asked if the Public Notice for the TIP included the language that was required by the recent FTA review, and Mr. Lammey stated that this would be taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. McBurney asked if other federal projects should be included in the document. Mr. Lammey stated that any federally funded transportation project must be in the TIP to be funded, and that any such project should be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

Mr. Brooks moved that the draft **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program** be approved, as amended, and moved to its public comment phase. Mr. McBurney seconded. The motion was approved, with a dissenting vote from Mr. Tyson.

EXIT 312

Mr. Tyson stated that this subject would be discussed at the Policy Committee meeting.

METRO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Hoffmann stated that it was time for a new five year Intergovernmental Agreement among the member communities of the MPO for the next five years of the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District. He stated that the same amount of local share (10% of the current budget) had been calculated as the local share for the next five years. He stated that the only meaningful change was that the Village of Manteno was a member agency of the new agreement. Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval to the Policy Committee. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Mr. Hoffmann stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement would be distributed at the Policy Committee meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. He further stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee is now scheduled for June 28, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:43 A.M.