

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**MAY 26, 2004**

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mr. Mike Grimsley	Representing Aroma Park
Mr. Gingerich	Bradley
Chairman Kruse	Kankakee County
Mr. Lou Paukovitz	Representing the Illinois Department of Transportation

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Bergdahl, Mr. Skimerhorn, and Mr. Sadler, Kankakee County; Mr. Threadgill, IDOT; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Marty, URS; Ms. Wilson, METRO; Mr. Skibins, Ms. Skibins, and Mr. Walton, SMTS, and Mr. Morgan, Daily Journal.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Latham called the meeting to order at 11:04 A.M.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Green moved that Mayor Grimsley be nominated as Chairman and Mayor Latham be nominated as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Grimsley seconded the motion. Mayor Green moved the closure of nominations, and Mr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote. Mr. Grimsley moved the election of the slate of officers, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Each of the Policy Committee members re-appointed their current Technical Advisory Committee members.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Green moved that the March 24, 2004 Minutes be approved, and Mr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Chairman Kruse moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

**LARRY POWER ROAD UPDATE**

Mr. Gingerich reported that the project under consideration in Bourbonnais has formally been changed to Burns Road. He stated that Mr. Paukovitz distributed a document to the Technical Advisory Committee announcing the approval of the suggested changes to the Functional

Classification System, which included Burns Road. He stated that the project is scheduled for FY 2007, with a projected letting in June 2006.

### ***METRO REPORT***

Ms. Wilson reported that ridership was up, and that the Bradley route had set a record in the past month.

### **SHOWBUS REPORT**

Mr. Van Mill reported that the County Board had just passed an agreement with SHOWBUS to be the operator for the service for the coming year. He further stated that the service was continuing as it has for the past years.

### **IDOT REPORT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

### **CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY (6000 N ROAD/WARNER BRIDGE ROAD)**

Mr. Van Mill stated that the Corridor Study had been adopted by the Kankakee County Board, and reported that the search is underway to find the most effective tool to preserve the right-of-way for the project.

### **CORRIDOR PRESERVATION UPDATE**

Mr. Lammey stated that this issue had an internal deadline of a September presentation to County Board.

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

Mr. Van Mill stated that the study is underway, and that the current issue is the delivery of the GIS data to the consultant. He stated that the consultant is tasked with developing three scenarios from the data, with the resultant fallout from each scenario.

### **COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that the study is ahead of schedule, and distributed a packet of information from the last Commuter Rail Task Force meeting. He reviewed the potential station locations recommended by the consultant. Mr. Van Mill stated that the consultants for the study presented the plans for railroad access through the South Suburban Airport to a meeting on May 24, 2004.

Mr. Lammey stated that the next step in the process of the study would be an estimation of the potential ridership, which could not begin until the potential station sites had been selected. He stated that the next step after that would be developing cost estimates for service extensions.

### **LONG-RANGE PLAN**

Mr. Lammey stated that this project is slightly behind schedule, and that staff will be working on this project toward an October deadline.

## **WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Marty stated that he presented the final draft of the document to the Technical Advisory Committee at their meeting, and that Mr. Lammey would be passing out documents to the Policy Committee. He stated that comments on the final draft should be sent prior to June 14, so that changes could be made and the final document presented to the June 23 Technical Advisory and Policy Committee meetings.

Mr. Lammey stated that the plan was for Technical Advisory Committee to review the document at their June 23, 2004 meeting, and if the Committee was comfortable recommending the study for Policy Committee action, it would be brought to the Policy Committee for adoption on June 23.

## **FY 2005 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey reviewed the purpose of the report, which is the work program of the staff of the MPO. Mr. Gingerich stated that the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the document, and unanimously recommended the document to the Policy Committee for adoption. Mayor Green moved adoption, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

## **DRAFT FY 2005 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were changes brought up by the Technical Advisory Committee, and listed the changes:

- Page 14 – under Public Comment section, the description of the Lowe Road project was moved from the third to last line to the second to last line.
- Mr. Gingerich described the next STU project, for the Village of Bradley in FY 2008, as Cardinal Drive, from Armour Road to Larry Power Road. Mr. Lammey stated that this project did not need to be listed in the **TIP**, but wanted to have the Policy Committee aware of the project.
- Page 15 – The Lowe Road project is listed as a 2005 project, but should be listed as in FY 2006, in the Multi-Year listing.
- Page 16 – The fourth line down in the listing, Traffic Signal Modernization projects on Illinois Route 17, should read “Construction” under Phase.
- Page 17 – Lowe Road project has been added.

Mr. Lammey explained the structure of the report, including transit and highway, and annual and multi-year elements for all projects that intend to spend federal transportation dollars. Mr. Lammey explained that the typical allotment of dollars for a local project is \$800,000, and that the local area has a positive balance of \$960,000 in FY 2007.

Mr. Gingerich stated that the Technical Advisory Committee discussed the document, and that all projects using federal funding need to be in the document. He further stated that amendments to the document are possible, and later projects that need to be added could be added. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommended to the Policy Committee that the document be adopted, as amended. Chairman Kruse moved adoption, as amended and

Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

### **PRESENTATION BY MR. SKIBINS**

Vice-Chairman Latham introduced Mr. Skibins, who distributed a document outlining a transit service. Mr. Skibins stated that the potential service, to run to Will County and connect with PACE, would be funded by himself, and would include charter service. He stated that no funding would be required from the member agencies of the MPO. He stated that he wanted to work with *METRO* in every way possible. Mayor Green moved that the report be accepted and placed on file. Chairman Kruse seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Latham stated that the next meeting meeting of the Policy Committee will be June 23, 2004, at 11:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Kruse moved adjournment, and Mr. Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote. Vice-Chairman Latham adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.

**IDOT PROJECT STATUS - KANKAKEE URBAN AREA****NOTE:**

**Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are  
Contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation  
Of funds by the General Assembly**

**1. Proposed I-57 interchange at 6000 N Road**

Preliminary Engineering I in FY 2005

**2. Illinois Route 17 (Court St.) Bridge over CNIC RR**

Project is completed..

**3. Illinois Route 113: Route 17 to Riverside Hospital**

Work on the railroad viaduct will soon begin with setting of new beams around mid June. Widening of roadway to a five lane pavement section will probably not begin until after the existing narrow is removed.

**4. Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road**

Curve correction to existing highway alignment is tentatively scheduled for the June 11, 2004 letting

**5. Illinois Route 17: Traffic signal modernization at I-57, Eastridge Drive and Eastgate Road - This project is tentatively scheduled for the June 11, 2004 letting**

**6. Illinois Route 17 at Lowe Road - Turn lanes to be added on Route 17 and traffic signals installed. This project is tentatively scheduled on the June 11, 2004 letting.**

**7. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge**

Preliminary engineering II is expected to begin in FY 2005 after July 1, 2004 for the proposed widening of roadway to five lanes.

**8. Illinois Route 102: From US Route 45/52 to the Will Co. Line -**

Milling and resurfacing was on the April 23, 2004 letting. Pre-construction meeting was scheduled for May 25, 2004

**9. Illinois Route 102: Bridge replacement at Davis Creek - This project was let last November. Utility adjustments need to be completed before bridge work can begin.**