

## **MINUTES**

### **COMMUTER TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY TASK FORCE**

**JUNE 19, 2007**

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

#### **TASK FORCE MEMBER AGENCIES**

Aroma Park – no attendee  
Bourbonnais – no attendee  
Bradley – Mayor Kent  
Illinois Department of Transportation – Amy Welk  
Kankakee – Tim Schmidt  
Kankakee County – Sam Nicholos  
Manteno – Craig Blanchette  
Monee – no attendee  
Peotone – George Gray  
Will County – Colin Duesing

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet, and Dave Bergdahl, Kankakee County; Dennis Gary, Mike Lambert and Gary Foyle, Earth Tech; Daniel Clark, South of Chicago (sub to Earth Tech), and Rob Hoffmann, METRO

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Nicholos called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M.

#### **MINUTES**

Mayor Kent moved approval of the April 17, 2007 Minutes, and Mr. Blanchette seconded. Unanimous vote.

#### **CONSULTANT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Gary from Earth Tech made a presentation including the following items:

- Project Overview  
Mr. Gary reviewed the schedule for the project and the issues that would be dealt with at the meeting. He showed the status of current Task Orders, and reviewed the Task Orders that have been completed, those that are in low level support or on hold. He reviewed the budget for the project.

- **New Task Order – Task 8.4 – County Gathering Support**  
Mr. Gary reported that we did obtain commitment from Wal-Mart for \$1,000 toward the expenses of the May 31 Town Hall Meeting, and that the project would handle the remaining \$600. He stated that there were added printing costs associated with the meeting. He added that the keypad voting was a valuable addition to the meeting, and that the cable TV coverage by the Village of Manteno was appreciated.
  - **Task 1.2, Updating Socio-Economic & Ridership Forecasts**  
Mr. Foyle stated that the computer run for ridership was expected by the end of June from CMAP. He stated that a calibration run for the base area had been run by CMAP and was being evaluated.
  - **Task 3.5, Independent Rail Alternative**  
Mr. Gary stated that a draft of Chapter 5 of the final report had been given to CN for review. He reported on the results of a June 1 meeting with CN regarding the project, and listed the CN concerns with the project.
  - **Task 8.2, Public Education/Outreach**  
Mr. Clark reported that the Kankakee Community Transit Team had been very active in preparing for the May 31 meeting, and that the meeting had gone very well. He stated that a similar meeting is scheduled for Will County on June 28. He stated that the first project newsletter from the Transit Team was published in mid-May, and that a second would be a summary issue in the summer. He stated that a web-based survey is still being discussed.
- Mr. Clark reviewed some polling results from the May 31 Town Meeting, concluding that the audience identified their demographics, and that they gave varying degrees of support for different forms of transit and other related projects in the area.
- **Task 10.1, Final Report**  
Mr. Gary distributed copies of the draft final report, and asked the Task Force members to make their comments on the draft by July 17. He stated that the final report would be presented at the August 21 Task Force meeting, provided that the ridership information is available from CMAP in time for that meeting.
  - **Low Level Support Technical Tasks**  
Mr. Gary reviewed a number of tasks that are currently in low level support status. He reviewed the response to the project website, noting the number of visitor visits and hits.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Nicholos stated that the next meeting of the Task Force would be on August 21, 2007.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schmidt moved adjournment, and Mr. Blanchette seconded. Chairman Nicholos adjourned the meeting at 3:23 P.M.