

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 22, 2005**

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Piekarczyk	Representing Kankakee County
Mr. Best	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin and Mr. Mestelle, IDOT; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Mayes, Bradley; Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park; Mr. Hoffmann, METRO; Mr. Marty, URS; and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the May 25, 2005 minutes. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Lammey asked that item 10c be combined with item 4. Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the Agenda. Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

**UPDATE ON METRO**

Mr. Best reported that the institution of evening service had resulted in a nearly 40% increase in ridership, which would once again place METRO the top five transit systems in the country in terms of ridership increase. He stated that Senate Bill 321 is still in committee, and that work would be done in the override session to move the bill to passage.

Mr. Best stated that the recently signed State of Illinois budget increases METRO to the level of a 55% IDOT payment of system expenditures, which allows a \$75,000 increase in the budget. He stated that a planning session of METRO would be held on June 28 to discuss budgeting this funding, and that one option is additional service to decrease headways, and another option is the institution of service to University Park. Mayor Green stated that it was the City of Kankakee position that additional efforts should be made to bring all of the headways from their current

one hour down to thirty-minute headways.

Mr. Best stated that there is no state match for any capital project, and that exploration is being done with Congressman Weller's office to apply for strictly federal capital funding for the transfer center and the administration/garage facility.

Mr. Best stated that a free student summer pass program had been instituted, and that 1,000 rides were being taken weekly under this program. He stated that the intent is to educate the younger riders during the summer months, so that they would know how to ride the transit system in the future.

### **FY 2005 TIP AMENDMENT**

Mr. Lammey stated that there was an amendment to the **FY 2005 TIP** for the inclusion of funding for the "Construction of a Transfer Center." Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee pass this amendment. Mayor Green moved approval, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

### **WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Marty gave a presentation on the study, and stated that the purpose for the study was to determine the feasibility for a north-south transportation facility that would relieve some of the traffic pressure on Kennedy Drive and Kinzie Avenue. He stated that the estimated cost for a two-lane facility for the length from Kankakee through Bourbonnais ranges from \$22 to \$30 million.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee was still in session, so that the presentation could be given to both groups. He stated that the study was funded under the Illinois Tomorrow Program, and that the study was as complete as was possible. He stated that there was no local revenue source available to fund the projected project cost. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the report, and made that motion. Mayor Green seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Green stated that the problems that prompted the consideration of the study had not been resolved, and would continue to worsen. He inquired what alternatives existed for funding. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the only way he could see the project being taken forward was if the three communities involved were in absolute agreement on the proposed project, and presented their case to an outside funding agency, such as the State of Illinois or the federal government.

Mayor Green stated that the three affected Mayors should meet and determine a strategy for progressing with the proposal. He agreed with Mr. Piekarczyk that local revenues would never be sufficient for the proposed project.

### **FINAL FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Piekarczyk asked that two typo changes be made in the document, first to change the Program Category on line 3 of page 11 from Section 5311 to Section 5309, and second, to include the IDOT disclaimer at the bottom of page 29 on pages 16, 18, 19, and 20. He stated that with these changes, the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee

adopt the **FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program**. He moved Policy Committee approval, and Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

### **FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that there will be a number of amendments to the **FY 2006 TIP**, due to the IDOT Enhancement Program having an August 1 submission deadline, and due that the projects to be submitted were required to be in the document. He stated that a joint Technical Advisory Committee Policy Committee meeting is anticipated on July 27, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Mayors could designate their representative to attend the meeting in their place.

### **CLASSIFICATION ISSUES**

Mr. Paukovitz stated that the section of North Street between the old intersection with Cardinal Drive and the relocated section (500 feet) needed to be amended to the Classified System. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee amend the Classified System to include this section of North Street, and made that motion. Mayor Kent seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **FY 2006 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

Mr. Lammey stated that the hiring of a summer intern required the amendment to the **FY 2006 UWP**, switching funding between work elements. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the amendment is revenue neutral to the MPO communities. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee amend the **FY 2006 Unified Work Program**. He moved Policy Committee approval, and Mayor Kent seconded. Unanimous vote.

### **UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD**

Mr. Brooks reported that: the amended Environmental Survey Request was submitted to IDOT the week of May 9; the storm sewer layout and calculation are 80% complete; the profile is 80% complete; the Wetland Impact Evaluation was submitted to IDOT; and that on June 7 concurrence was received from the Cultural Resources Unit.

### **UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD**

Mr. McBurney reported that: the storm sewer layout and calculations are 50% complete; the profile is 50% complete; the completion of subdivision construction adjacent to the project will require updating of existing conditions; and the Environmental Survey Request will be submitted to IDOT this month.

### **IDOT REPORT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes. Mr. Tyson asked the IDOT representatives to be aware of the intention of the City of Kankakee to tie into the Illinois Route 113 project for casings to be placed across the Kankakee River, one for sewer service and one for water service near the Tower Road location.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that utility relocation work was underway by SBC on Armour Road between U.S. 45/52 and Illinois Route 50. He asked if IDOT or their consultants on the Armour

Road project had been contacted during the course of the permit process. Mr. Mestelle stated that this would be checked on by his office.

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

Mr. Lammey reported that the draft update of the Comprehensive Plan had been received last week, and that it appears that a Public Meeting to discuss the draft could be scheduled in late August.

### **UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lammey reported that a draft Scope of Services has been developed, and is being reviewed by Will County at present, with the intention of having a joint application for funding being sent to IDOT in August.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is now scheduled for July 27, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Piekarczyk moved adjournment, and Mayor Green seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:38 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**  
Access Justification Report targeted to be completed by Fall 2005. If access is found to be justified, preliminary engineering I would follow.
- 2. Illinois Route 113: Route 17 to Riverside Hospital**  
Demolition of the northbound lanes has begun with traffic now utilizing the reconstructed southbound lanes. Construction of the east retaining wall is underway. Widening of roadway to a five lane pavement section is to proceed into through this spring and summer's construction season.
- 3. Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road**  
Curve correction to existing highway alignment. Utility relocation continues and should be completed by the end of this month.
- 4. Illinois Route 17 at Lowe Road – Turn lanes to be added on Route 17 and traffic signals installed.** There is a work start date of July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge**  
Preliminary engineering I has been completed. Chamlin & Associates has been selected to begin Phase II engineering.
- 6. Illinois Route 102: Bridge replacement at Davis Creek – Construction of the box culvert is completed.** Resurfacing of approach pavement and installation of guardrail is all that remains.
- 7. Northbound Illinois Route 50 (Harrison Ave.) at Soldiers Creek – Contract for this project was awarded on May 3, 2005.** There is a work start date of July 5<sup>th</sup>.