

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 23, 2004**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Dr. Gingerich	Bourbonnais
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Noble	Aroma Park

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mr. Reed, IDOT; Ms. McElroy, Herald; and Mr. Morgan, Daily Journal

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Noble moved that Mr. Piekarczyk be elected Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Dr. Gingerich moved closure of nominations and Mr. Noble seconded. The vote on closure was unanimous, and the vote on the motion was unanimous. Dr. Gingerich moved that Mr. Noble be elected Vice-Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Mr. Paukovitz moved closure of nominations and Dr. Gingerich seconded. The vote on closure was unanimous, and the vote on the motion was unanimous.

**MINUTES**

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the May 26, 2004 minutes. Mr. Noble seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Paukovitz stated that there was an additional project to be considered for the **FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program**, and that he would propose to have this added for discussion under item 6 – Final **FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program**. Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

**WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that the members of the Technical Advisory Committee had not yet met to discuss the draft document, and that the study could not be taken to the Policy Committee today

for action, so he had informed Mr. Marty not to attend the meetings today. Mr. Lammey stated that the Technical Advisory and Policy Committee members for Kankakee, Bradley, and Bourbonnais would meet in a separate session to discuss the document.

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

Mr. Paukovitz stated that a Rail Safety project had just been given to him (details enclosed) for additional rail crossing protection on Southbound Illinois Route 50 (Indiana Avenue) at the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing, for the total amount of \$187,000, of which \$167,000 would be funded by IDOT, and the remainder by Federal Rail Safety funding. He stated that he would like to have this project added to the **FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program**.

Mr. Lammey stated that other amendments were expected during the fiscal year, and that a new document would be published in about six months. Mr. Paukovitz asked that the funding amounts be included in the Minutes, so that he would have a document to present including the project. Chairman Piekarczyk confirmed with Mr. Paukovitz that this project was revenue neutral to the local community.

Chairman Piekarczyk asked if any public comment had been received during the public comment phase, and Mr. Lammey replied that no public comment had been received. Dr. Gingerich moved that the amended **FY 2005 Transportation Improvement Program** be recommended to the Policy Committee for adoption, and Mr. Noble seconded. Unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Lammey stated that this study, the update of the Comprehensive Plan for Kankakee County, was awaiting the completion of GIS data and mapping. He stated that this data was delivered very recently, and that it had been delivered to the consultant. The next meeting of the oversight committee on the project is scheduled for July 15.

### **COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that this project was ahead of schedule, and that the draft report would be presented at the September meeting of the oversight committee.

### **LONG-RANGE PLAN**

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that this project was one of the required elements of the federal transportation planning process, and that it was required to be completed on a five-year cycle. Mr. Lammey stated that the final document will require an October adoption date, and that drafts will be available to the Technical Advisory Committee at their August meeting for review.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that this exercise is clouded in uncertainty because of the uncertain status of the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill. Mr. Paukovitz asked if the same format from the last Long-Range Plan would be used, and Mr. Lammey stated that there would not be a traffic model for this update, so there would be some significant changes in the document. Chairman Piekarczyk asked about projected traffic in the Long-Range Plan, and Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT did not fund traffic models.

Mr. Paukovitz stated that the last Long-Range Plan did not address the Homeland Security issue,

and Mr. Lammey stated that there would be some major revisions in that area of the plan. He further stated that there is a local story to tell, based upon the reaction to the Amtrak crash in 1999.

### **CORRIDOR PRESERVATION**

Mr. Lammey stated that this study had a current target date of December 2004. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the exercise has as a goal using setbacks to insure no obstructions to future transportation projects.

### **URBANIZED AREA MAPS**

Mr. Lammey stated that, following the approval letter from the FHWA for the Urbanized Area map, such a map has been distributed to all of the members of the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees, and is available for further distribution. He further stated that the map has the entire classification system on it, but not by category.

Mr. Reed asked a question about the inclusion of Sun River Terrace, and Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the area included in the Census Bureau Urban Area is, at a minimum, included in the Urbanized Area.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the process of functionally classifying roadways is based upon a number of criteria, and that the science of the process is complicated, based upon a FHWA 1989 document. Mr. Paukovitz stated that the rural subdivision on the edge of the urbanized area are not clear under the guidelines of that FHWA document.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Paukovitz stated that the Village of Bourbonnais had requested that IDOT avoid the milling and resurfacing of Illinois Route 102 during the time of the Bears training camp. He asked Dr. Gingerich to provide such a request on Village of Bourbonnais letterhead, with the specific dates to avoid.

Mr. Morgan asked about the federal transportation bill, and Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the previous bill expired at the end of September 2003, and had been extended at least twice to include the present time. Mr. Reed stated that the current thought is that there will be a one-year extension. Mr. Morgan asked for a copy of the previous Long-Range Plan.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held on July 28, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dr. Gingerich moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Amendment to the Kankakee FY 05 program

**Project Location** SB Illinois Route 50 (Indiana Ave.) at Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing

**Project Scope:** Update circuitry and lighting and add gates

**Phase:** Construction

**Cost:** \$187,000

**Cost Share:** 90% State- \$167,000, 10% Federal Rail Safety Program-