

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2009

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Dykstra	Aroma Park
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Ryan	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Hoffmann	Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Ms. Rosenow, Kankakee County; Mr. Paukovitz, Mr. Lang and Mr. Blakley, IDOT; Dr. Gingerich and Ms. Dickens, Bradley; Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering; Mr. Ligas and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schore called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Adams moved approval of the May 6, 2009 minutes. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Lammey stated that "Letter of Support for Brookmont Boulevard Project" has been added to New Business. Chairman Bossert moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Mr. Lammey stated that a change to the Public Participation Policy has gone through public comment. He stated that the amendment under consideration is changing the public comment

period for amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program from 15 days to 7 days. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the amendment. Mayor Adams moved approval, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FINAL FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program** is ready for Policy Committee action. He made a presentation on the elements of the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program**, and Mr. Lang explained changes in labeling on the STPU funding history table. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program**. Mayor Adams moved approval of the document, and Mayor Dykstra seconded. Unanimous vote.

FHWA PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW

Mr. Stevenson stated that a Planning Process Review was conducted of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study in January, and that a presentation on that review, and a training session on the MPO process are being planned for the August MPO meetings. Mr. Lammey stated that the meeting would be a joint Technical Advisory/Policy Committee meeting, that the date has been changed to August 19 at 3:15 P.M., and that the location of the meeting would be at METRO Centre. Mr. Stevenson stated that the meeting would require somewhat more than an hour.

FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Mr. Paukovitz explained the Functional Classification system, and showed a map of the current system. He stated that the following two amendments are being proposed to that system:

- The addition of Career Center Road as an urban minor arterial from Indian Oaks Road (5000N Road) to 6000N Road.
- The addition of 6000N Road as a urban minor arterial from Career Center Road to Illinois Route 50.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval to the Policy Committee. Chairman Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Mayor Schore stated that Career Center Road north of 6000N Road carries significant traffic to 9000N Road, and asked under what circumstances this section of roadway could be added to the classified system. Mr. Paukovitz gave two scenarios for that possible addition, and some general discussion was held on the subject.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the final Intersection Design Study has been approved by IDOT. He stated that a project report is in progress.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project is behind schedule, due to delays in setting up a meeting with the Canadian National Railroad.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the project was let on June 12. He stated that contracts were approved.

BURNS ROAD, PHASE I

Mr. McBurney stated that this is an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project, and that it is scheduled for a July 31 letting.

METRO UPDATE

Mr. Hoffmann stated that ridership continues to increase at record levels, and that an extra bus will be added to the Bourbonnais route on July 1. He stated that the projects proposed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) funding are still being delayed. He stated that there continues to be delays in the receipt of funding reimbursement from the State of Illinois.

IDOT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

BRADLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS

Dr. Gingerich stated that the two projects in Bradley were on schedule to be let in the summer of 2010. Mr. Blakley stated that the Intersection Design Study is in review.

AROMA PARK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS

Mr. McBurney stated that the flashing signals at Waldron and Division were on schedule for a September 18 letting.

ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS (IPAG)

Mr. Lammey reviewed the previous projects that had been done with IPAG funding, and that the program set in place was for communities to request funds for land use, transportation and economic development studies, with a 50% local match. Mr. Lammey stated that \$25,000 funding was remaining.

WELCOME

Chairman Schore welcomed IDOT Regional Engineer Ryan to the meeting and invited him to come back at any time.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BROOKMONT BOULEVARD PROJECT

Mr. Lammey stated that a request has been received for a letter of support from the MPO for the Brookmont Boulevard project, and that a draft letter has been prepared for Chairman Schore's signature. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends the issuance of the letter of support. Mayor Adams moved that the Chairman be authorized to sign the letter of support, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous approval. The signed letter is attached to these Minutes.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Schore stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee on August 19, 2009. Mr. Lammey stated that the time for that meeting would be at 3:15 P.M., and that the meeting would be held at the METRO Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Schore adjourned the meeting at 4:05 P.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 ; and/or the ARRA**

1. Proposed I-57 interchange at 6000 N Road

The FHWA found the Access Justification Report satisfactory and thereby on April 19, 2006 granted concept approval for an interchange. Concept approval constitutes the FHWA's determination that the proposal is operationally acceptable. The FHWA's final approval of the access revision will be considered after approval of the Phase I engineering report and completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The firm T.Y. Lyn International is the consultant selected to begin the phase I engineering study. Phase I engineering will take an estimated 18 to 24 months to complete. IDOT held a public information meeting on January 30, 2007. IDOT met with local planners and public officials on May 28, 2008 to review and discuss the three different at-grade railroad crossing designs that were presented to the ICC last spring. A draft of the Environmental Assessment was submitted to the IDOT's Springfield Central Office on May 7, 2009 for review. After receiving review and comment from IDOT, the EA will be forwarded onto the FHWA for its review. Upon completion of the Fed's review, appropriate revisions will need to be made to the document before it can be presented at a public hearing.

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

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act project. A formal agreement has been jointly approved by Bourbonnais and the State regarding the transfer jurisdictional of Armour Road, (from US 45/52 to the west end of Structure #046-0063 spanning the CN RR). A pre-construction meeting for the project was held on June 17, 2009. There is a considerable amount of utility work that needs to be accomplished, which may hinder the progress of the project.

3. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:

Replacement of this structure remains on the multiyear program.

4. IL. 17: From just east of Lowe Road East 4.3 miles to IL 1 (S)

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an ARRA project. Scope of work includes the milling and resurfacing of pavement and improvement to shoulders. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 6, 2009.

5. IL. 115: From Village of Irwin E & N. 6.9 Miles to Koerner Airport

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA project. Scope of work includes milling and resurfacing of pavement. Actual pavement repair activity began on June 13, 2009.

6. Various Locations: End Terminal/Guardrail Replacement

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations around IDOT District 3, including some locales within the MPO area.

7. Various Locations: Pavement Markings

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Kankakee Area Transportation Study (KATS)

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June 24, 2009

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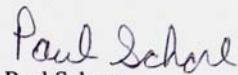
Dear Senator Durbin:

The Policy Committee of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study, consisting of the Villages of Aroma Park, Bourbonnais, and Bradley, the City of Kankakee, and the County of Kankakee wish to voice our collective support for the Brookmont Boulevard viaduct project.

This project has been needed and discussed for a number of years, and roadway segments to the east and west have been improved through previous actions of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study. The viaduct itself represents the only two lane segment in the entire length of Brookmont Boulevard, and is an impediment to the safe and efficient flow of traffic, pedestrians, and bicycles in the area. The viaduct also forces city buses and emergency vehicles to use alternate routes to avoid the narrow lanes and low vertical clearance of the viaduct.

We urge you to support funding for the replacement of this bottleneck to the transportation system in the Kankakee Urbanized Area. Thank you for your continued support of the River Valley area.

Very truly yours,



Paul Schore
Mayor, Village of Bourbonnais
Chairman, Policy Committee