

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2008

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Whitten, Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. DeYoung, Kankakee County; Mr. Reed and Ms. Pillion, IDOT; Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee and Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Piekarczyk moved that Mayor Kent be nominated for Chairman of the Policy Committee and Mayor Green seconded. Mayor Grimsley moved that the nominations be closed, and Mr. Piekarczyk seconded. Mayor Green moved that a unanimous vote be entered, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote on all motions. Mayor Green moved that Mayor Schore be nominated for Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Mayor Grimsley moved that the nominations be closed, and Mayor Green seconded. Mayor Green moved that a unanimous vote be entered, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote on all motions.

APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Aroma Park-Neil Piggush
 Bourbonnais-Steve McBurney
 Bradley-Dr. Michael Gingerich
 Kankakee-David Tyson
 Kankakee County-Jim Piekarczyk

METRO-Rob Hoffmann
IDOT-Lou Paukovitz (or Karen Pillion in his absence)

MINUTES

Mr. Kruse moved approval of the May 7, 2008 minutes. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Mayor Green moved approval of the May 12, 2008 minutes. Mr. Kruse seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

FINAL FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey presented the FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program to the members of the Policy Committee. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the document by the Policy Committee. Mayor Grimsley moved approval, and Mr. Kruse seconded. Unanimous vote.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that the project is on schedule for an August, 2008 letting.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that an informational meeting will be scheduled.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT

Mr. McBurney stated that a delay has occurred in setting a meeting with the Canadian National Railroad.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the project is on schedule.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Hinderliter stated that the METRO Board, at their May meeting, passed an expansion proposal to expand service to 30 minute headway for two Kankakee routes, to add Sunday and holiday service, to expand the ADA service, and to add a route to Manteno, pending access to additional funding through the State of Illinois. He stated that the outlook on the additional funding is good. He further stated that ridership is running some 23% above the levels of the previous year.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – BRADLEY (BROADWAY & SCHUYLER

AND BROADWAY UNDERPASS)

Dr. Gingerich gave no report.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS – AROMA PARK

Mr. McBurney stated that the engineering agreement for the project has been forwarded to IDOT.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL – KANKAKEE COUNTY

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that a local letting is being proposed for this project.

ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Mr. Lammey stated that an application has been received from Kankakee County to update the Greenways and Trails Plan, and that this project would utilize the remaining FY 08 funding. Mayor Green moved approval, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Lammey stated that no formal applications have been received for FY 09 funding, and encouraged applications to be submitted.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that funding was placed in the **FY 2009 Unified Work Program** to allow the use of a consultant to assist on the Long Range Plan, which is due in October of 2009. He stated that he had contacted Mr. Kirk Brown, former Secretary of Transportation for the State of Illinois, and received a recommendation for Mr. Joe Ligas, whose resume was distributed to the members of the Policy Committee. He stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Ligas in the near future, and that a work program will be developed for the project and presented to the Policy Committee at the August meeting.

2004 CRASH DATA

A graphic was shown of the summarized crash data for 2004, and Mr. Lammey stated that the end goal of the process was to provide the data to the Police and Engineering units of each of the member MPO agencies.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Kent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paukovitz moved adjournment, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Chairman Kent adjourned the meeting at 11:27 A.M.

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June 23, 2008

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Attention: Mr. Mike Lammey

RE: VILLAGE OF AROMA PARK
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE

Gentlemen:

Please note that effective with the June 25, 2008 Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting, Mr. Neil Piggush is replacing Mr. James Brooks as the representative for the Village of Aroma Park.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

VILLAGE OF AROMA PARK

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norman Grimsley" with the initials "N.G." to the right.

Norman Grimsley
Village President

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

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.

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

The Phase II study for this project has been completed. This project cannot proceed until funding for land acquisition and construction becomes available. The village of Bourbonnais has given consideration in assuming jurisdiction of the road upon its improvement.

3. IL 17 & US 45/52:

Was on the August 2007 letting. Traffic signals are being improved at 17 different locations along state routes in the city of Kankakee. The modernization of signals includes new fiber optic, controllers, LED lighting, emergency pre-emption units, etc. The signal work is underway.

4. IL 17 at the Kankakee River:

Was on the state's June letting last Friday. Project consists of repairing both the east and westbound structures. This project is contingent upon the approval of funds by the General Assembly and the Governor's office.