

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

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Whitten, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Ryan DeYoung, Kankakee County; Mr. Reed and Ms. Pillion, IDOT; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. Morgan, Journal and Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the May 7, 2008 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Tyson introduced Mr. Piggush as the new representative of Aroma Park for the Technical Advisory Committee.

**AGENDA**

Mr. McBurney moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

**AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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

**FINAL FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey presented the final **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement** Program to the Technical Advisory Committee, going through each section of the report. Mr. Paukovitz moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the final **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program** to the Policy Committee. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **STPU TIMELINES**

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change on the Cardinal Drive project, and it is on schedule for a August, 2008 letting. Mr. McBurney stated that the informational meeting on the 6000 N. Road project has been delayed. Mr. McBurney indicated that the consultant on the Brookmont Boulevard project has been delayed in getting a meeting scheduled with the Canadian National Railroad. Mr. McBurney stated that the Riverfront Trail project is moving ahead according to schedule.

## **SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS TIMELINES**

Dr. Gingerich stated that he had no report on the Bradley projects. Mr. McBurney stated that an engineering agreement has been submitted to IDOT for the Aroma Park SRTS project. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a local letting for the Kankakee County SRTS project will be held, and that coordination with IDOT in Springfield is being pursued.

## **PROJECT SELECTION ISSUES**

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT Office of Planning and Programming had sent an email stating that the current project selection procedure of the MPO did not meet the federal guidelines. Mr. Lammey stated that research is underway to determine how other MPOs pursue project selection, and that a new procedure will be the result of that research. Chairman Piekarczyk stated his belief that the projects selected through the process in the Kankakee MPO have been excellent projects, and voiced his concern about the amount of process involved in selecting projects with an extremely limited amount of construction funding from federal funds.

## **MPO BY LAWS**

Mr. Lammey stated the current by laws for the MPO were written in 1983, and that a number of events have changed in the intervening years. He stated that the METRO system continues to be written up in reviews because they do not have a vote on the MPO committees. He stated that an investigation of the by laws will be undertaken in the coming year, and that recommendations will be brought to the MPO committees for action.

## **LONG-RANGE PLAN**

Mr. Lammey stated that an update of the Long Range Plan is due in October of 2009, and that staff would begin on this project on July 1. He stated that funding was allocated in the **FY 2009 Unified Work Program** for consultant assistance on this project, and passed out a resume of Mr. Joseph Ligas, who has been contacted for the project.

## **2004 CRASH DATA**

Mr. Lammey reported that the 2004 crash data is almost completely coded, and showed a GIS

map with crashes located. He stated that a number of technical issues need to be resolved. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that this project was being brought to the Technical Advisory Committee for information.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on August 27, 2008.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:38 A.M.