

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2007

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Ryan, Mr. Videgar, Mr. Lang and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park, and Mr. Morgan, Journal

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 9:59 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Brooks moved approval of the May 23, 2007 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Piekarczyk asked all present to introduce themselves.

FY 2007 TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. Videgar stated that approvals of the consultant contract had been given by IDOT District 3 and IDOT Central Bureau on May 29 and June 6, respectively.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Mr. Videgar stated that some of the project categories on the Cardinal Drive project can be removed.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that all of the contractual requirements of the MPO contract with IDOT will be fulfilled for the year by the close of the Policy Committee meeting. He stated that the SAFETEA-LU compliance issue has not been resolved. Mr. Lammey stated that four sections (Safety, Security, Management & Operations, and Environmental Mitigation) of work toward the compliant amendment to the Long-Range Plan will be presented to the Technical Advisory and Policy Committee at their August 22, 2007 meeting for the purpose of placing the amendment in the public comment phase. He stated that the final documents will be brought to the Technical Advisory and Policy Committee on October 24 for final action, after a 45 day public comment phase.

Mr. DiPalma stated that no amendments will be possible to the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** until the compliance amendments are passed by the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees. He stated that the review of the compliance amendments by FHWA and IDOT will be done during the development of the amendments, so that the compliance amendments might be completed by the October 24 Technical Advisory and Policy Committee action, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Lammey stated that the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) for the Urbanized Area will not be complete by the August 22 MPO meetings. He stated that the consequence of the HSTP not being complete would be that no 5310 (Elderly and Disabled), 5316 (Job Access Reverse Commute), and 5317 (New Freedom) grants could be processed until the HSTP was complete. He stated that there are no current applications for any of these grant funds, and that none were anticipated. Mr. DiPalma stated that he wanted to make sure that the member agencies of the MPO understood that if an application for any of these three grants were to be submitted for the Kankakee Urbanized Area, the federal funding agencies could not approve them until an HSTP was completed.

Mr. Paukovitz asked if other MPOs in the state were having a problem meeting the SAFETEA-LU compliance requirement, and Mr. DiPalma stated that it was his understanding that the Kankakee Area Transportation Study was the only MPO in Illinois not in compliance by the July 1 deadline. Mr. Kelso agreed with that assessment.

FINAL FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the "Annual Listing of Prior Years' Programmed Projects" was not in the final **FY 2008 TIP**, as he had not yet found a source for the data. Mr. DiPalma stated that although this information is required to be published on an annual basis, it is not required to be in the **TIP**, but could be if the MPO chose to include it. Mr. DiPalma indicated that some MPOs have chosen the option to publish the annual list of obligated projects as a separate document, while others have chosen to include it in their TIP. Mr. Piekarczyk indicated his preference for publishing the list as a separate document, so as to not create an added complexity to the TIP. Mr. Lammey indicated his preference of including the information on the TIP. After considerable discussion, IDOT representatives stated that they would assist in finding the necessary data source. Mr. Lammey stated that he would make additional efforts to find the information for the federal obligated transit projects.

Mr. Lammey reviewed the remainder of the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program**, and answered questions.

Dr. Gingerich moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the final **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that some changes had been suggested to the Public Participation Plan, and that those changes had been made. He stated that the action needed at this point was to have the Technical Advisory Committee place the document in its public comment phase, so that the 45 day period would be completed by the August 22 MPO meetings. He stated that MPO staff would be using the guidelines of the Public Participation Plan as of July 1, 2007.

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend placing the Public Participation Plan into a public comment phase to the Policy Committee, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECT ENDORSEMENTS

Mr. Greenstreet described each of the project applications from school districts, villages and cities within the Urbanized Area, and answered questions. Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend endorsing all project applications to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Brooks seconded. Unanimous vote.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on August 22, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.