

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 28, 2006**

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Dr. Mike Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Rogers	Representing Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. McLaren, Mr. Lammey and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. Smith, IDOT; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mayor Kent, Bradley; and Mr. DiPalma, FHWA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice – Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the May 24, 2006 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBER**

Mr. Lammey introduced Ms. Billadeau, new Transportation Planner.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Tyson moved that Mr. Piekarczyk be nominated for Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Tyson moved that Mr. Brooks be nominated for Vice – Chairman. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS**

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

## **FINAL FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lang from the Bureau of Local Roads, IDOT (Ottawa) stated that he had researched the letter that Mr. Piekarczyk had sent regarding STPU funding issues, and had answers to the questions, in advance of a letter that would be sent soon. He stated that the first question raised was: "How far in the red will IDOT allow our STU balance to go?" Mr. Lang stated that the answer to the question was three years' funding. He stated that it was his understanding that the Cardinal Drive project for the Village of Bradley, scheduled for FY 08, would be included as the result of this level of deficit funding.

Mr. Lang stated that the second question raised was: "Does IDOT still have the goal of drawing down the statewide STU fund balance to zero by FY 08?" Mr. Lang stated that it was his understanding that this was not a policy, but that progress toward drawing down the funding levels was the goal.

Mr. Lang stated that the third question was: "What is the status of IDOT's guidance from 2005 regarding the statewide STU balance that 'if we can't start by FY 2008 our program marks will be in jeopardy?'" Mr. Lang stated his understanding that the answer to this question was that the program marks will not be in jeopardy.

Mr. Tyson asked if all four STPU projects shown in the **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program** were scheduled to be funded, and Mr. Lang replied that there were scheduled.

Dr. Gingerich moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval of the **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program** to the Policy Committee. Mr. Tyson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **SAFETEA-LU DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lammey reviewed a briefing paper on the SAFETEA-LU legislation, stating programs that the MPO staff will spend time on in the coming year.

## **LETTER TO MR. MOUNTS**

Mr. Lammey thanked Mr. Mounts for his attendance. Mr. Mounts stated that due to his added duties as Deputy Director to both Districts 2 and 3 (including 7 MPO agencies) his schedule would not allow him to regularly attend the Kankakee Policy Committees. He stated that the By-Laws of the MPO require membership by the District Engineer, a position that no longer exists. He stated that his intent was to have Mr. Mestelle attend Policy Committee meetings.

## **FHWA – FEDERAL RULEMAKING AND CONGESTION STRATEGY**

Mr. DiPalma stated that the Federal Register on June 9 had proposed new rulemaking for Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning, and that the deadline for comments was September 9. He stated that the proposed rulemaking was available online. He also stated that Secretary Minetta announced his retirement last week and before his retirement, initiated the National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation Network (<http://isddc.dot.gov/OLPFiles/OST/012988.pdf>). Mr. DiPalma stated that among other items, public/private partnerships were a significant part of the proposal, and that comments from local areas would be welcome.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Vice – Chairman Brooks stated that a Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. He further stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee is now scheduled for August 23, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Vice – Chairman Brooks adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.