

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JULY 28, 2004

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. Piekarczyk | Kankakee County |
| Mr. Paukovitz | Illinois Department of Transportation |
| Mr. Brooks | Aroma Park |
| Mr. Tyson | Kankakee |
| Mr. Mayes | Bradley |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Tracey, Ms. Durbin, and Ms. Diederich, IDOT; and Mr. Donovan, FHWA

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Tyson introduced Mr. Brooks, the new Technical Advisory Committee member for Aroma Park. Chairman Piekarczyk gave a brief overview of the planning process through the MPO, and the function of the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees. He gave a history of the creation of the MPO process in the Kankakee metropolitan area, and the areas of responsibility of that MPO. He stated that the staff function for the MPO from the beginning of the process has been served through Kankakee County.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the office of Vice-Chairman was vacant, and asked for nominations. Mr. Tyson moved that Mr. Brooks be elected Vice-Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Mr. Mayes seconded. Mr. Tyson moved closure of nominations and Mr. Mayes seconded. The vote on closure was unanimous, and the vote on the motion was unanimous.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the June 23, 2004 minutes. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Van Mill stated that Kankakee County is in the awkward position of reviewing a document that is more in the purview of the City of Kankakee and the Villages of Bradley and Bourbonnais, as these communities have contributed toward the local share for the study, and the study area exists within these three communities. He stated that the study as currently exists needs work to become a useful tool, and that the communities who have contributed to the local share should be the communities involved in that review, not Kankakee County.

Mr. Mayes agreed, and stated that the individual communities should review the report and the comments with their respective Policy Committee member, and return to a Technical Advisory Committee meeting with their review comments.

Chairman Piekarczyk asked for a timetable of review comments, and Mr. Mayes suggested that the comments should be brought to the September 22, 2004 Technical Advisory Committee meeting, for discussion, and comments for review should be given at that time to URS for inclusion into a final document. He stated that the Policy Committee could review the final document at their October 27 meeting. Mr. Lammey was directed to contact URS and give them the timetable for review.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that there is considerable uncertainty with the lack of a federal transportation funding bill, and that he was perplexed that the deadline for a Long-Range Plan document continued to be October, 2004. Ms. Tracey and Mr. Donovan agreed that there was a great deal of uncertainty, but stated that there was no change from the October 2004 deadline date.

Mr. Lammey stated that there will be a number of assumptions in the final document, and that those assumptions will be documented fully. He stated that the planning staff is committed to producing a document that can be adopted by the deadline date, and that there may not be the finality to the plan that is desired.

Mr. Lammey distributed a map showing the already adopted 2004 Urbanized Area for the Kankakee Area Transportation Study, with the proposed Urbanized Area for Manteno as well. He stated that a portion of the map is noted as being considered as part of the 2025 Planning Horizon area in the 1999 Long-Range Plan, and that a portion is shown as recommended for the 2030 Planning Horizon area for the 2004 Long-Range Plan (map attached). He stated that the Planning Horizon area needs to be approved at this meeting, so that the base maps can be prepared for the Long-Range Plan. Mr. Tyson moved approval of the 2030 Planning Horizon area map, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The Committee discussed that the potential inclusion of the Village of Manteno into the Planning Horizon area had consequences that should be discussed with Village officials. Chairman Piekarczyk and Mr. Van Mill volunteered to set up such a meeting with Village Administrator Nicholson.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held on August 25, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:47 A.M.

