

# MINUTES

## KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Training Room, Bourbonnais Fire Department,  
1080 Armour Road, Bourbonnais, IL

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014 @ 9:00 A.M.**

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Cortney Koning, River Valley *METRO* Mass Transit District; Trooper David Verkler, Illinois State Police; Therese Schultz, Aquinas Academy; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation LLC; Roger Blakley and Tom Caldwell, IDOT; Deputy Chief Vern Mitchell, Bourbonnais Police Dept.; Chief Ed St. Louis and Deputy Chief Keener, Bourbonnais Fire Dept.

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Meyer, URS Corporation; Jim Greenstreet, Mike Lammey and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Tyson offered the minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting for approval. Mr. Koning made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Trooper Verkler. Motion carried.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Jake Lee is a new member of the committee, representing the commercial trucking industry. Everyone introduced themselves and the agency they represented.

#### REPORT OF TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Mr. Lammey said the TIM training went well. Trooper Verkler agreed and added that due to the state troopers always working alongside the road, it was slightly uninteresting. He also said that those who work for towing companies may be required to attend the TIM training because they are at the highest risk of being injured while responding to a crash. Chief St. Louis said he would like at least two more sessions, one in the evening and one on a weekend. This would be the opportunity for many of the fire fighters to attend.

Mr. Lammey requested if another daytime training could be scheduled, and Chief St. Louis said he would try to schedule it. Chief St. Louis said he will notify the committee when tentative

dates are available to the future training sessions.

## **2007 - 2011 CRASH DATA ON IDOT JURISDICTION**

Mr. Olson gave a presentation about the crash summary created by the Kankakee Area Transportation Study (KATS) staff. The summary is on the fatalities and serious injuries that occurred on state maintained roads for the year 2007-2011. Performance measures regarding the crash data for these years is required by the federal legislation Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21), and will be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Olson explained that there were 45 fatalities and 399 serious injuries that occurred during that five year span on state jurisdiction roads. The format of the summary used two main criteria. The first criterion was the use of the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) Boundary which is the boundary approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee. The boundary sets the area for urban and rural for the document. All the crashes inside and along the boundary were considered urban, and those outside it were considered rural.

The second criterion was to summarize the roads by route designation within the rural and urban area. Mr. Olson explained that for each route in the document was a section cover page with a picture and an overview table of the crash data. The table included the total number of fatalities, serious injuries, crashes, causes of crashes, the use of safety devices, and the number of special vehicles (pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and trucks).

Mr. Olson explained that following the cover page of each route was a detailed table that provided a breakdown of all the data summarized on the cover page. The detailed information shows key information for each crash. The tables also has a crash number for each crash which corresponded with a crash location map that followed the detailed table in the document. The crash map shows where each crash happened on the route and if there was a fatality involved.

After the presentation, Mr. Lammey presented Mr. Blakley with an expanded version of the summary, which included all the redacted crash reports that the document summarizes. Mr. Meyer was also given the same document.

## **VISION, MISSION STATEMENT, GOALS DISCUSSION**

Mr. Meyer read the revised vision, mission statement, and goals of the committee. He explained some of the changes that were made from comments received. The vision statement was changed to include the words "In Illinois." Under the section of action items, using traffic reconstruction reports to better understand crashes was added.

Mr. Meyer asked if anyone had any comments or requests for changes to the document before it was to be motioned for adoption. Mr. Olson requested that the term "Experts" on page one be changed to "Professionals." Ms. Schultz requested that the first bullet point under action items be modified to remove one of the "To" words so it read correctly. Trooper Verkler suggested the bullet point regarding the use of "State Police Traffic Reconstruction Unit crash information/findings" be changed to omit "State Police" because there are other reconstruction units that may be available. All suggested changes were made.

Ms. Schultz motioned to adopt the vision, mission statement, and goals with the changes discussed. Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **REPORT ON HANDS FREE CELL ENFORCEMENT ISSUE**

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. Deputy Chief Mitchell said that it is being enforced. Mr. Lammey asked if the exemptions section was excusing many of the citations being given as he had heard is happening in other areas of the state. Deputy Chief Mitchell said he wasn't aware of that happening.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **NEXT MEETING**

The first Crash Analysis Subcommittee meeting will be on September 9, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the County Administration building in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room. The full Safety Committee will meet will on October 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM, at the Bourbonnais Fire Department Training Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:48 AM.