

TECHNICAL ADVISORY AND POLICY COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)

MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2009

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. Paukovitz | Illinois Department of Transportation |
| Dr. Gingerich | Bradley |
| Mr. Piekarczyk | Kankakee County |
| Mr. McBurney | Bourbonnais |
| Mr. Tyson | Kankakee |
| Mr. Piggush | Aroma Park |

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Mr. Paukovitz | Representing Illinois Department of Transportation |
| Mayor Adams | Bradley |
| Chairman Bossert | Kankakee County |
| Mayor Schore | Bourbonnais |
| Mayor Epstein | Kankakee |
| Mayor Dykstra | Aroma Park |
| Mr. Hinderliter | Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District |

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Smith, Ms. Tracy and Mr. Lang, IDOT; Mr. Kohler, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. Mulholland, Manteno; Mr. Spathis, Bourbonnais; Ms. Dick, SHOW BUS; Mr. Morgan and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schore called the Technical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the July 29, 2009 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2010 TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey explained that amendments are required to the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program** to include the 6000 N. Road Interchange project Phase II Preliminary Engineering and Land Acquisition. The two projects to be amended are shown in the table below:

| HIGHWAY PROGRAM – STATE PROJECTS – FY 2010 | | | |
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| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | FUND SOURCE | COST |
| Interstate 57 @ 6000 N. Road | New Interchange & Upgrading of 6000 N. Road between US Route 45/52 and Illinois Route 50 PE II | IDOT | \$800,000 |
| HIGHWAY PROGRAM – STATE PROJECTS – FY 2011 | | | |
| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | FUND SOURCE | COST |
| Interstate 57 @ 6000 N. Road | New Interchange & Upgrading of 6000 N. Road between US Route 45/52 and Illinois Route 50 Land Acquisition | IDOT | \$4,300,000 |

Mr. Piekarczyk moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of the amendment to the Policy Committee, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schore called the Policy Committee meeting to order at 3:23 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Bossert moved approval of the June 24, 2009 minutes. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2010 TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey explained that five amendments are required to the **FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program** to include projects that should have been included because they were in the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), and the 6000 N. Road Interchange project Phase II Preliminary Engineering and Land Acquisition. The five projects to be amended are shown in the table below:

| HIGHWAY PROGRAM – LOCAL PROJECTS – FY 2010 | | | |
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| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | FUND SOURCE | COST |
| Ronnie Gray Drive & Maple Street, Manteno | Urban reconstruction 3 lane, with curb and gutter, storm sewer system, 0.8 miles Construction | HPP | \$873,792 |
| | | STPU | \$690,000 |
| | | ARRA | \$246,398 |
| | | Local (Manteno) | \$732,050 |
| HIGHWAY PROGRAM – STATE PROJECTS – FY 2010 | | | |
| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | FUND SOURCE | COST |
| Interstate 57: From North of Illinois Route 50 Northerly to Will County Line | Centerline Repair & Patching Construction | STPU | \$680,000 |
| | | IDOT | \$170,000 |
| Interstate 57 @ 6000 N. Road | New Interchange & Upgrading of 6000 N. Road between US Route 45/52 and Illinois Route 50 PE II | IDOT | \$800,000 |
| HIGHWAY PROGRAM – STATE PROJECTS – FY 2011 | | | |
| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | FUND SOURCE | COST |
| Interstate 57 @ 6000 N. Road | New Interchange & Upgrading of 6000 N. Road between US Route 45/52 and Illinois Route 50 Land Acquisition | IDOT | \$4,300,000 |
| BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM – LOCAL PROJECTS – FY 2011 | | | |
| LOCATION | TYPE OF WORK | FUND SOURCE | COST |
| Manteno, from Princewood @ Lauren to McGuire Drive | Greenways Trail System with bridge over Rock Creek Construction | TCSP Local (Manteno) | \$315,903 \$78,976 |

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended adoption of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Mayor Dykstra moved approval, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

FHWA PRESENTATION

Mr. Stevenson gave a presentation on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) transportation planning process, and the results of the Planning Process Review that the FHWA conducted of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study (KATS) in January of 2009.

Mr. Stevenson discussed the MPO designation process, the products required from the MPO, and the boundaries of the MPO areas. He discussed the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements (ICA) required to establish the working relationships of the MPO. He stated that these ICA

should establish the ground rules under which the Policy and Technical Advisory Committees exist and function. He stated that there was a concern about the use of consultants as proxy votes at the Policy Committee. He stated that there was a concern about the preponderance of consultant votes at both the Policy and Technical Advisory Committee levels.

Mr. Stevenson presented the eight (8) planning factors, and commended the Planning Department staff on the Safety and Environmental planning factor areas. He stated that required products of the MPO included the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and stated that there were no findings on the UPWP process.

Mr. Stevenson stated that the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is required, and that some findings on financial planning needed to be addressed. He stated that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) had to include “year of expenditure” information, have an amendment process, and describe a project prioritization process. He stated that the Annual Listing of Obligated Projects report is required, and that they had no findings on the current effort in that regard.

Mr. Piekarczyk thanked Mr. Stevenson for his presentation and stated that there was a difference in the “Corrective Action” and “Recommendations” and wondered if the “Corrective Action” had to be done, but that the “Recommendations” did not have to be done. Mr. Stevenson stated that, in his opinion that would be a correct interpretation. Mr. Smith stated his belief that the “Recommendations” reflect current federal thinking from the federal committees currently debating what will be in the next federal transportation bill, expected after an 18 month extension of deadline.

Mr. Smith stated his understanding that the financial planning requirements for the Long Range Transportation Plan, at least for state issues, is a difficult issue to handle. He stated that IDOT is making Betsy Tracy available for the next couple of months to assist with this issue, since she was able to perform a similar analysis for the Springfield MPO. Mr. Lammey stated that the MPO would be happy to have the assistance.

Mr. Paukovitz asked if there were recommendations dealing specifically with IDOT District assistance and support. Mr. Stevenson stated that the items seen as needing help pertained to all of the members of the MPO, IDOT included. Mr. Kohler stated that the financial issues dealing with state projects were of particular importance.

Mr. Paukovitz asked about the Intergovernmental Agreements and the requirement that a District Engineer be part of the Policy Committee. He stated that the Regional Engineer for Region 2 of IDOT has 6 MPO groups in his area, and cannot attend all of the meetings. He asked what should be done to take this into account.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Ryan has a particularly tough area to cover, with more MPOs than any other Region in Illinois. Mr. Kohler stated that the updated Intergovernmental Agreements should specify who from IDOT should be the member for the Policy Committee.

Chairman Schore asked for the rationale behind the one week separation between Technical Advisory and Policy Committees. Mr. Donovan stated that issues that come up at Technical Advisory Committees sometimes require more time to discuss with the Policy Committee than

the time between meetings one right after the other. Mr. Smith stated that this has come up at all of the MPOs, and the one week separation period is becoming standard. Mayor Adams stated that the packets for the meetings arrive five days before the meeting, and he discusses the issues with his Technical Advisory Committee member before the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and attends that meeting, as well.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney reported that the project report has been submitted, and that the timing for the remainder of the project is being looked at.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney reported that a meeting with the Canadian National is anticipated. Their consultant has been in contact with the CN.

RIVERFRON TRAIL

Mr. McBurney reported that construction began this week, with the removal of trees. He stated his belief that the complete construction will be done before winter.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney reported that a preconstruction meeting is set for September 2 for the project.

METRO

Mr. Hinderliter reported that the American Recovery and Reinvestment funds have been released, so the projects will be going forward. He stated that some 10 year anniversary events are being planned. He stated that the month of July was a record for METRO, with 72,000 rides being taken.

IDOT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

BRADLEY SRTS

Dr. Gingerich reported that prefinal engineering is underway except for the signal portion of the project, which will be delayed slightly.

AROMA PARK SRTS

Mr. McBurney reported that this project will be on the September 18 letting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stevenson stated that there would be two weeks time for comments on the Policy Planning Review comments, and then the report would be made final. Mr. Piekarczyk inquired about the value of comments, and Mr. Stevenson stated that they would be taken into account.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Schore thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on October 21, 2009 at 2:30 P.M., and that the Policy Committee would meet at 3:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Mayor Epstein seconded. Chairman Schore adjourned the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

IDOT PROJECT STATUS - KANKAKEE URBAN AREA

NOTE:

Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are Contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation Of funds by the General Assembly ; and/or the ARRA

1. Proposed I-57 interchange at 6000 N Road

The FHWA found the Access Justification Report satisfactory and thereby on April 19, 2006 granted concept approval for an interchange. Concept approval constitutes the FHWA's determination that the proposal is operationally acceptable. The FHWA's final approval of the access revision will be considered after approval of the Phase I engineering report and completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The firm T.Y. Lyn International is the consultant selected for phase I engineering. A draft of the Environmental Assessment was submitted to the IDOT's Springfield Central Office on May 7, 2009 for review. After receiving review and comment from IDOT, the EA will be forwarded onto the FHWA for its review. It is IDOT's intent to host a public meeting relating to the interchange proposals this coming fall. This being a "Jobs Now!" capital bill project, approximately \$58 million has been identified for this project, as part of the 2010-2015 multi-year program. IDOT will be selecting a consultant to begin Phase II engineering, programmed in FY 2010 at \$800,000.

2. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act project. A formal agreement has been jointly approved by Bourbonnais and the State regarding the transfer jurisdictional of Armour Road,(from US 45/52 to the west end of Structure #046-0063 spanning the CN RR). A pre-construction meeting for the project was held on June 17, 2009. Actual roadway construction is expected to start by October, 2009 due to significant amount of utilities relocation required.

3. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:

Replacement of this structure remains on the multiyear program.

4. IL. 17: From just east of Lowe Road East 4.3 miles to IL 1 (S)

Scope of work includes the milling and resurfacing of pavement and improvement to shoulders. Milling and resurfacing operations began last week and steady progress is being made.

5. IL. 115: From Village of Irwin E & N. 6.9 Miles to Koerner Airport

This project ARRA project of milling and resurfacing has been completed.

6. Various Locations: End Terminal/Guardrail Replacement

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations around IDOT District 3, including some locales within the MPO area.

7. Various Locations: Pavement Markings

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations around IDOT District 3, including some locales within the MPO.