

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 22, 2007**

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mr. McBurney	Representing Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. McLaren	Representing Kankakee County

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Videgar, Mr. Nunes, Mr. Stack, Mr. Lang and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma and Ms. Settles, FHWA, Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; and Mr. Tyson, Kankakee

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kent moved approval of the June 27, 2007 minutes. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Kent moved approval of the proposed Agenda. Mr. McLaren seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Lammey stated that it was the pattern of the Policy Committee to elect as Chairman the community with the next STPU project. He stated that since the Aroma Park project had gone through the letting process, it was no longer the next project, and that the Cardinal Drive project for the Village of Bradley was the next project. He stated that the Vice-Chairman was the community with the next STPU project in line, and that would be the Burns Road project for the Village of Bourbonnais. He further stated that Mayor Grimsley had been an excellent Chairman, and thanked him for his service.

Mayor Green moved that the slate of Mayor Kent as Chairman and Mayor Latham as Vice-Chairman be nominated. Mr. McLaren seconded. Mayor Green moved that the nominations be closed, and Mr. McLaren seconded. Both motions passed unanimously. Mayor Kent assumed the chair.

## **APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Lammey asked if there were changes in the Technical Advisory Committee members appointed by the Policy Committee. There were none.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Public Participation Plan had gone through the 45 day public comment with no comments. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the document. Mayor Grimsley moved approval, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

## **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT**

Mr. Lammey stated that the compliance amendment mailed to Policy Committee members had four sections required by the new federal transportation legislation. He stated that those four sections were (1) safety; (2) security; (3) management and operations; and (4) environmental mitigation. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that discussion from the Technical Advisory Committee asked for documentation of the Kankakee County ESDA Plan, with a need for a reference that the new project “does not interfere” with the plan.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the compliance amendment be placed in a 45 day public comment phase, and that it be forwarded to the Transportation Subcommittee for a public hearing to be held on September 6. Mayor Green moved placing the document into the 45 day public comment phase and moving to public hearing and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote.

## **CARDINAL DRIVE**

Dr. Gingerich stated that the project is on schedule, and asked how the Policy Committee wanted to use the STPU timeline reports. Mayor Grimsley stated that the report was of great use to him on the Lowe Road project, and he would like to have it kept in the packets provided to the Policy Committee members. Mayor Kent asked questions about significant deadlines on the report, and how to tell where changes have been made, and why. Mr. Lammey stated that he would coordinate with IDOT and local personnel and attempt to make the reports more valuable to members of the Policy Committee.

## **6000 N. ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that IDOT in Springfield has the engineering agreement to approve.

## **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT**

Mr. McBurney stated that survey work is underway.

## **RIVERFRONT TRAIL**

Mr. McBurney stated that IDOT in Springfield has the engineering agreement to approve.

## **IDOT REPORT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

## **UPDATE ON METRO**

Mr. Lammey reported that the last fiscal year was a record for ridership with over 426,000 rides provided. He stated that over 45,000 rides were provided during the month of June, an all-time high.

## **UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Commuter Transit Study is due to finish the current phase in December, waiting only for ridership estimates from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning at present.

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that crash data is being compiled for the years 2004 through 2006, and that efforts are underway to gain access to data from 2001 through 2003. He stated that data for 2004 and 2005 have been turned over to the Highway Department for GIS application.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Kent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McLaren moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Kent adjourned the meeting at 11:32 A.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**

**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 to begin the phase I engineering study. Phase I engineering will take an estimated 18 to 24 months to complete. IDOT held a public information meeting on January 30, 2007. IDOT District 3 staff met with the Tri Village transportation subcommittee to discuss the proposed interchange and upgrading 6000 N Road.

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

The Phase II study for this project has been completed. This project cannot proceed until funding for land acquisition and construction becomes available. The village of Bourbonnais has given consideration in assuming jurisdiction of the road upon its improvement.

**3. US 45/52: 1.2 mile south of I-57 @ Minnie Creek & 1.6 mile south of I-57 at tributary**

Both structures are to be replaced. Replacement of Minnie Creek Bridge has been completed. The replacement of the tributary structure will require the closure of US 45/52 to traffic. The contractor has been given 16 days to complete the work to re-open the highway to traffic. Due to the State's budget issues, work on the replacement of the structure over the branch of Minnie Creek has been postponed until after Labor Day.

**4. I-57 over Illinois 50**

This is a contract maintenance project involving the replacement of a damaged beam on the interstate structure that spans Illinois 50. The project was on the May letting. However work will not begin until sometime after the Labor Day weekend. There will be restrictions on Illinois 50 of one lane being open for each direction of traffic. The contract provides 15 days for the work to be completed, but it is likely that the work will be completed in 3 or 4 days.

**5. IL 17 & US 45/52:**

Was on the August letting, traffic signals are to be improved at 17 different locations along state routes in the city of Kankakee. The modernization of signals includes new fiber optic, controllers, LED lighting, emergency pre-emption units, etc. Signal hardware still needs to be ordered and will not arrive for at least 6 months. Consequently, actual signal work will not occur until next spring.