

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2004

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Nicholos, Mr. Scholl, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Skimerhorn and Mr. Sadler, Kankakee County; Mr. Mikyska and Mr. Wenzel, IDOT; and Mr. Morgan, Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the July 28, 2004 minutes. Mr. Brooks seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

LONG-RANGE PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that the timetable for the review and adoption of the Long-Range Plan document would be the following:

- August 25 – Review of 1st Draft by Technical Advisory Committee
- September 14 – 2nd Draft posted on Planning Department website
- September 15 – 2nd Draft mailed to Technical Advisory Committee
- September 22 – Review of 2nd Draft by Technical Advisory Committee
- September 23 – Public Meeting on 2nd Draft convened by the Transportation Subcommittee of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission
- October 15 – Final mailed to Technical Advisory and Policy Committees
- October 27 – Final reviewed and adopted by Technical Advisory and Policy Committees

Mr. Lammey stated that Mr. Donovan from the FHWA had called before the meeting to state that he would not be able to attend, but that he would forward his comments on the 1st Draft by letter. Mr. Lammey stated that Mr. Donovan's review would be particularly helpful in the "Goal" section of the report.

Mr. Lammey began an overview of the 1st Draft, stating that the document was not complete in

draft, and that the “Modal Section”, “Financial Plan Section”, and the “Public Involvement Section” would be included in the 2nd Draft. He reviewed the outline of the report, and Mr. Van Mill reviewed the “Demographic Section”. Mr. Van Mill stated that further revision of this section will be done, and that additional data will be added to the report.

Mr. Lammey reviewed the “Overall Goals Section”, and Mr. Mikyska stated that the FHWA review would be very helpful, in the light of pending federal transportation legislation, and the fact that the current plan would be written under the same rules and guidelines as the previous plan.

The “On-Going Planning Process Section” was reviewed, to include a review of the Land Use maps used for each of the member agencies of KATS. Mr. Lammey stated that the desire was to get all of these maps as current as possible, and that efforts would be made to accomplish that goal in the very near future. The 2004 Urbanized Area map was reviewed, along with the 2030 Planning Horizon Boundary map.

Mr. Lammey reviewed each of the special studies that will be included into the plan. Mr. Paukovitz wanted a clarification of what would be included from the incomplete report on the 6000 N. Road Interchange project. Mr. Lammey replied that a general plan for the section of roadway from U.S. Route 45/52 to Illinois Route 50, as was shown at the Public Meeting for the project, would be sufficient.

Mr. Paukovitz stated that the exhibit showing the potential connection from the 6000 N. Road/Warner Bridge Road Corridor Study to Exit 308 should be more conceptual, so that readers of the report would not think that geometrics had been approved by IDOT. Mr. Lammey stated that all graphics would be forwarded to Mr. Paukovitz for review and comment.

Chairman Piekarczyk asked about the fiscal constraint of the Long-Range Plan document, since the future funding for both state and federal projects was uncertain at present. Mr. Lammey stated that the material given by IDOT in the previous Long-Range Plan will be used again, since it had already been approved by IDOT for release.

Mr. Lammey stated that a letter had gone out to each of the member agencies of KATS to ask for their next three local roadway projects for inclusion into the Long-Range Plan, as the fiscally constrained local portion of the Long-Range Plan report. He stated that the current use of two years STPU funding for each local project would be continued, and that this method would insure the fiscal constraint of the local portion, regardless of the funding levels instituted later.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting would be held on September 22, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:36 A.M.