

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2008

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mayor Kent and Officer Trudeau, Bradley; Mr. Morgan, Journal; Mr. Joe Ligas; Mr. J.D. Stevenson, FHWA; Ms. Peralas; and Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering;

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the May 7, 2008 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Piekarczyk asked for all present to introduce themselves. Chairman Piekarczyk welcomed Mr. J.D. Stevenson of the FHWA.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. McBurney nominated Mr. Piekarczyk to be Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Mr. Tyson moved closure of the nominations, and Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote on both motions.

Mr. Tyson nominated Dr. Gingerich to be Vice-Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Mr. Tyson moved closure of the nominations, and Mr. Piggush seconded the motion. Unanimous vote on both motions.

AGENDA

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the proposed Agenda, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that Kankakee County had made application for a Railroad Crossing Safety grant for crossing gates at Pipeline Road and the NS Railroad, and that the application had been approved. He stated that the project is within the Urbanized Area, and needed to be amended to the **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement** Program. Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend approval to the Policy Committee. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Lammey highlighted the approval letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program**, and stated that this letter should be attached to applications for funding for projects in the document.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the **FY 2009 Unified Work Program** contained funding for consultant assistance in the preparation of the Long Range Plan. He introduced Mr. Ligas as the consultant under contract to Kankakee County for the project, and asked him for comment. Mr. Ligas stated that he was pleased to take on the assignment, and looked forward to an association with the MPO.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that since the funding for the contract with Mr. Ligas was authorized by the MPO, staff wanted an affirmation of the selection of Mr. Ligas by the MPO. Mr. McBurney moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend such affirmation to the Policy Committee, and Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

STPU PROJECT SELECTION MEMO

Mr. Lammey stated that a request for information on how the STPU projects were selected had been received from IDOT, and that a response had been prepared, and that copies of that response were in the packets for members, for information purposes.

OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING

Mr. Lammey stated that a requirement in the SAFETEA-LU legislation was that MPOs prepare an annual listing of obligated projects. He thanked Mr. Stevenson for his assistance on the project, and presented the document to the Technical Advisory Committee. In going through the projects listed in the document, Mr. McBurney asked why the Brookmont Boulevard project was not listed in the document. Mr. Stevenson stated that he would check on this project. Mr. Lammey stated that there was no requirement that the MPO adopt the document, only that the document be available to the public. Mr. Lammey stated that the document would be posted to the website.

STPU TIMELINES

Dr. Gingerich stated that the bid for the Cardinal Drive project was held in August, 2008, and that the two bids received were significantly higher than the \$1,600,000 estimate for the project.

He quoted from a source stating that the prices for asphalt were at their peak at the time of the letting, and it was hoped that the prices would lower in the future. He stated that the Village of Bradley had rejected the bids, and had asked IDOT to be rebid in March, 2009, still in FY 2009. He stated that IDOT had approved that plan.

Mr. McBurney stated that the IDS studies for the 6000 N. Road project have delayed the project. Mr. McBurney indicated that the consultant on the Brookmont Boulevard project has been delayed in getting a meeting scheduled with the Canadian National Railroad. Mr. McBurney stated that the Riverfront Trail project is moving ahead according to schedule.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS TIMELINES

Dr. Gingerich stated that he had submitted an engineering agreement for the Bradley projects, but had not received approval. Mr. McBurney stated that an engineering agreement has been submitted to IDOT for the Aroma Park SRTS project. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a local letting for the Kankakee County SRTS project will be held, and that coordination with IDOT in Springfield is being pursued.

2004 CRASH DATA

Mr. Lammey reported that the 2004 crash data is completely coded, and that staff is now scanning the 2004 crash reports so that the reports could be showed on a GIS map. Mr. Kelso asked if personal information is being screened, and Mr. Lammey stated that it was screened. Dr. Gingerich asked about the geographical range of data, and Mr. Lammey stated that the entire county would be available, but that it would be available in varying degrees, depending on the status of GIS membership of the requesting agency.

MEETING TIMES

Mr. Lammey stated that a request had been received from Mayor Schore of Bourbonnais for a meeting time change to afternoon meetings. Mr. Tyson stated that this was an issue that should be addressed by the Policy Committee, and Chairman Piekarczyk agreed that the issue should be postponed for action.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on October 22, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Gingerich moved adjournment, and Ms. Pillion seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:34 A.M.