

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2014

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Rogers	Representing Kankakee County
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Hoffmann	Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Ms. Messina and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Ms. Franke and Mr. Koning, METRO; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Ms. Leonhardt, Journal and Mr. Meyer, URS

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Adams moved approval of the June 25, 2014 minutes. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Lammey stated that Mayor Schore had an item under Old Business. Mr. Paukovitz moved that the amended Agenda be approved, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Paukovitz stated that an IDOT milling and resurfacing amendment was proposed. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the amendment by the Policy Committee. Mayor Adams moved approval, and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous

approval.

Mr. McBurney stated that the 6000 N. Road (Bourbonnais Parkway) project west of Route 45 was being amended into the FY 2015 program, as the bids in FY 2014 came in too high. He stated that the hope was by bidding at the same time as the Interchange project would produce a better bid. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the amendment for accuracy and forwarded the amendment to the Policy Committee. Mr. Paukovitz moved approval, and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous approval.

FINAL FY 2014 BILLING TO IDOT

Mr. Lammey presented the final billing report to IDOT for FY 2014, stating that this is done every year as an aid to MPO members, and that no action was necessary.

2007-2011 IDOT CRASH DATA

Mr. Olson presented a report summarizing the 2007-2011 crash reports on IDOT jurisdiction roadways. He showed the data separated into urban and rural sections, and on each IDOT roadway.

METRO UPDATES

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO will be having a planning session on September 23 at noon, and that members of the Policy Committee area invited to the session. Vice-Chairman Nugent asked about progress on the parking lot project in Manteno, and Mr. Hoffmann stated that the project was in the appraisal phase at present.

IDOT UPDATES

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

FHWA UPDATE

Mr. Donovan stated that the Highway Trust fund has been extended to May of 2015.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Tyson reported that the Safety Committee had adopted Vision, Mission Statement, and Goals, and that a subcommittee was being formed to look at individual crashes and causes.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that there was no change.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Meyer gave an update to the current status of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. At the October MPO meeting, the committees will be asked to rank the submitted projects from each of the municipalities in the MPA. A draft plan should be ready for the 45-day public comment

period in January, after the Policy Committee approves the plan.

Mr. Meyer reminded the committee that the Long-Range Transportation Plan is part of the required guidelines of MAP-21 and that under the current bill, all of the goals, objectives and targets should be measurable. He also said that the goals should reflect local values and needs. Currently, safety is the only section that has guidelines for performance measures and targets. The target for the MPO is to reduce fatalities by 5% each year through 2040.

Mr. Meyer explained that about a month prior to the meeting, requests had been sent out for project submissions to be ranked for the Long-Range Transportation Plan. He said that the plans should consider what may be needed in 20-25 years and not just the short term. Some of the long term projects for the region included a new river crossing between Wall St. and Warner Bridge, and road improvements for connectors to the Illiana Expressway. Also, better accommodations for a north-south corridor and an east-west corridor to relieve some congestion inside the urban area.

Each of the engineers from the Technical Committee stated which projects they submitted. Mr. Rogers said the projects submitted were for improvements to Manteno/Deselm Rd, and on St. George Rd. from I-57 to IL-50. Mr. Tyson stated projects were on Hobbie Ave. in Kankakee, Maple St. in Manteno, the completion of 6000N Rd. to the west, and the new construction of Curtis Ave. Dr. Gingerich said he had projects for Industrial Dr. and Cardinal Dr.

Mr. Meyer explained that the project submissions can be still in the concept stages, but to still submit them. He then explained the transit aspect of the long range plan for METRO and the three scenarios they are considering for the plan. The first scenario is not to change service ó maintaining the current routes and times. The second scenario called the "Strategic Investment Scenario," where METRO would increase their service area by adding a new ADA route every 5 years, an additional bus to Midway Airport during peak hours, a new route to O'Hare Airport and eventually to the South Suburban Airport, and a route to the Will County employment centers. The third scenario would be to increase all routes to 30-minute headways. Scenarios 2 and 3 would require additional buses and more drivers.

Mr. Meyer gave a briefing of the public opinion survey results. There were 177 responses. The topics with the highest support were to accommodate regional and local truck traffic and the need for an additional river crossing over the Kankakee River. There was also support for an intermodal freight facility, and to improve I-57 interchange access, as well as to reduce congestion at U.S. 45/52 and IL-102 and along Armour Rd. The survey was distributed by note cards that were handed out at every meeting the MPO staff attended. Local agencies also sent out notices and posted on their websites the web link to take the survey.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Vice-Chairman Nugent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on October 22, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous approval. Vice-Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 4:28 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.

1. **Proposed I-57 Interchange at Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road** – Utilities continue to be relocated. Agreements with Bourbonnais and Bradley are completed. An initial ICC ruling was given in July. The railroad submitted its opposing views. On August 19th, a second & final order was given by the ICC dispelling the railroad's responses and favoring the State. The ruling now goes to the ICC bench for final approval. IDOT needs to confer with our legal counsel as to how we proceed with the railroad in developing a maintenance agreement between Bourbonnais and Canadian National Railroad. This could be a dragged out process. Nonetheless, the State may be allowed to proceed with a contract letting & begin construction work while the railroad agreement is being developed..
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – The upgrading of the Norfolk & Southern railroad tracks and large culvert work is completed. Some inlay pavement work is planned this week to keep the driving surface in acceptable condition for drivers until such time as final resurfacing of pavement occurs.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) – Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue through summer 2015. Approximately \$3 million has been added to the IDOT's 2020 multiyear program for Phase II engineering.
4. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – The substructure of the southbound bridge continues to be constructed. Meantime, two way traffic will utilize the northbound bridge. Construction of the pedestrian underpass has been completed.
5. **Road Maintenance/Repair Involving Intermittent Milling and Resurfacing and Joint Patching at Various Locations:** – Pre-construction meetings are scheduled this week at the IDOT District 3 office. As presented at the KATS meeting of June 25, 2014, these milling & resurfacing projects as follows:
 - IL 17 (Court St.): Mill & resurface from the west end of Kankakee (start of 4 lane pavement) easterly to N 5th St. in Kankakee.
 - US 45/52 (Portion of Washington St., East St. & Schuyler Ave.): Mill & resurface from IL 17 southerly to just north of the I-57 interchange south of Kankakee.
 - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from the newly constructed I-57 interchange in Bradley southerly to Grinnel Rd. in Kankakee.
 - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks (N5000 Rd.) northerly to 5th Street in Manteno.
 - U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): Mill & resurface from Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais
 - IL 1/17: Mill & resurface from IL 114 in Momence southwesterly to the IL 1& 17 (south) junction near Sun River Terrace.
 - IL 17: Mill & resurface from Herscher Road (Co. Hwy. 12/ W 1200 Rd) easterly to just west of the Norfolk & Southern RR tracks.