

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2012

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Rogers	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Bossert, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Ms. Baxter, Ms. Pillion and Mr. Caldwell, IDOT; Mayor Dykstra, Aroma Park; Mayor Adams, Bradley; Mayor Nugent, Manteno; Mayor Epstein, Kankakee; Mr. Spathis, Bourbonnais; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering and Ms. Dick, SHOW BUS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the June 27, 2012 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2013 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO had two amendments, the first dealing with some extra funding to deal with ADA issues at bus stops (in the FY 2014 program year) in the amount of \$1,945,000 in FTA funding and \$389,000 in IDOT Transportation Development Credits, and the second dealing with a new line item in the FY 2013 program year for "Audible Turning Enunciators" for \$175,000 in FTA funding and \$35,000 in IDOT Transportation Development Credits.

In response to a question about the extra funding, Mr. Hoffmann stated that IDOT is releasing some capital funding, but for a project to be eligible to be considered, it has to be included in the local TIP.

Mr. McBurney moved that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the amendments for accuracy and were forwarding them to the Policy Committee. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

URBANIZED AREA

Mr. Lammey presented a staff recommendation for the Urbanized Area to the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Paukovitz stated his concern about map boundaries that were not tied to some easily defined geographic feature, such as a road. Mr. Lammey stated that most of the areas that had these irregular boundaries were defined by the Census Bureau Urbanized Area. Mr. Donovan stated that the electronic transfer of map data is supposed to make this effort easier than in the past. Mr. Paukovitz asked that a scale be added to hard copy maps produced for the Urbanized Area.

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the Urbanized Area map be approved. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that it was time for a five year update to the Public Participation Plan, and that the addition of the Village of Manteno to the Urbanized Area had necessitated some changes, and that staff was recommending the removal of the website "hits" language in the Plan. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Caldwell stated their desire for the website "hit" language to remain in the Plan. Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the Public Participation Plan (with language on website counters and "hits" left in) be placed in public comment phase for 45 days in advance of action at the October MPO meeting. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

NEW FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

Mr. Donovan gave an overview of the federal transportation legislation that was passed just after the last MPO meetings. He stated that the legislation left the MPO planning process basically unchanged, but that the emphasis on Performance Measures is a change. He stated that the Illinois office of FHWA has been ahead of the curve on this area, and that most MPOs will also be ahead of the curve.

Mr. Donovan also stated that there is renewed emphasis on accelerated project delivery, and that this will change local federal aid projects and the timing of the delivery of those projects. Mr. Caldwell stated that some MPOs are expressing some anxiety on the Performance Measure issue, and Mr. Donovan stated that this can be overcome.

BILLING REPORT

Mr. Lammey stated that staff routinely provides the year end billing report for review to the MPO committees, and presented the report delivered in July, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Caldwell stated that a new Bureau Chief in the Office of Planning and Programming has been appointed, Ms. Karen Shoup.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Rogers stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on October 24, 2012 at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McBurney moved adjournment, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:39 P.M.