

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2011

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Dykstra	Aroma Park
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Ms. Harper, Kankakee County; Ms. Baxter and Mr. Caldwell, IDOT; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Ms. Dick, SHOW BUS; Mr. Kohler, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Kyte, FHWA; Ms. Perales, MPO Advisory Council, and Mr. Koning

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schore 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 29, 2011 minutes. Mr. Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Bossert moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2012 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED FY 2012 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey explained that additional PL federal funding had been made available, and that a raise to MPO personnel had also occurred, which required an amendment to the **FY 2012 Unified Work Program**. Mr. McBurney stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the amendment to the Policy Committee. Mayor Dykstra moved approval, and Mr. Bossert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AUDIT

Mr. Lammey stated that a consultant (Mr. Fred Ranck) is under contract for the Traffic Safety Audit work activity. He stated that Mr. Ranck will be making a presentation to the Policy Committee at the October 26, 2011 meeting. He further stated that Mr. Ranck is reviewing the crash history and the plans that IDOT has for an improvement to the Armour Road/Illinois Route 50 intersection that will be discussed on September 7, 2011.

ILLIANA STUDY

Mr. Lammey discussed the map of the Illiana Study Area, and announced that the next meeting of the group will be on September 19, 2011. He stated that every effort will be made to keep the MPO committees up to date on this important project.

FINAL FY 2011 BILLING REPORT

Mr. Lammey stated that the final billing report to IDOT for FY 2011 was included in the packet, and asked that members contact him if they had questions.

METRO UPDATE

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO has provided a record number of rides this fiscal year (in excess of 830,000 rides). He stated that the Manteno project is in progress, and that the Bradley project is awaiting action by IDOT.

IDOT UPDATE

Mr. Lammey gave the report attached to these Minutes. Mr. Hoffmann asked about the closure of St. George Road for the bridge improvement, and stated that he was not contacted. He stated that this is an important road for bus routes for the METRO system, and that it would be costly and difficult to provide service without this vital route remaining open.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that preliminary design continues, and will be submitted in the fall.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that an application for TIGER grant funding will be made for this project.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that an engineering agreement has been submitted to IDOT for approval.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Schore stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on October 26, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Mayor Dykstra seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Schore adjourned the meeting at 3:47 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 6000 N Road

Phase I Project Report was approved by the FHWA on June 13, 2011. Phase II design engineering proceeds.

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

Problem of getting required parts to repair traffic signal at Mooney Drive intersection persists. Jurisdictional transfer of Armour Road to the Village of Bourbonnais is contingent upon resolving the traffic signal dilemma.

3. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:

Replacement of this structure remains on the multiyear program.

4. Illinois 17: from 4 lane pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone

Based on meetings with local officials and a June 21, 2011 public hearing, phase I engineering is proceeding with design of a bidirectional turn lane.

5. Interstate 57 at Illinois 17 (Court St.) Interchange in Kankakee

Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement has been initiated. IDOT District 3 staff met with Kankakee city and other local public officials June 7, 2011 at which time four general interchange concepts were reviewed and discussed.

6. Illinois 17 (Court St.), From Eastridge Ave. Westerly to Nelson Ave.

Project on the August, 2011 letting. Awaiting award. Target completion is date 10/15/11.

7. NB Illinois 50 (Harrison Ave.) @ KB&S RR:

Project Completed.

8. I-57 & Illinois 50 Interchange Reconstruction:

Construction has begun. Work is presently concentrated on I-57 with removal of beams. Water line work is occurring along Illinois 50 to which 4 lane traffic flow will be retained at the majority of times.

9. Illinois 17 (Court St.) @ KB&S RR:

Project completed

10. Illinois 50 and Larry Power Road Intersection

IDOT District 3 presented concept drawings to local officials at a July 13, 2011 meeting. An interim restriping and traffic signal modification option was selected. Discussions continue regarding local share costs.