

**MINUTES**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2007**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Members:

Jeff Jarvis, Ralph Paarlberg, Bill Bukowski, George Washington, Bud Bates, Craig Blanchette and Dave Bergdahl

Others:

Emily Traiforos, GO21, Mike Lammey and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County and Sharon Milone

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl opened the Public Hearing on the Long-Range Transportation Plan Amendment. No member of the public identified themselves to make comments. Mr. Washington moved closure of the Public Hearing, and Mr. Bates seconded. The vote on closure was unanimous, and Vice-Chairman Bergdahl closed the Public Hearing.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Washington moved approval of the April 19 and June 21 minutes. Mr. Paarlberg seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Jarvis moved the nomination of Mr. Bergdahl as Chairman, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Unanimous vote. Mr. Jarvis moved the nomination of Mr. Bates as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Washington seconded. Unanimous vote.

**LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND SAFETEA-LU REVISIONS**

Mr. Lammey stated that the new federal transportation bill (SAFETEA-LU) required that the current Long-Range Transportation Plans for all MPO areas be compliant with the bill. Mr. Lammey stated that the Long-Range Plan for the Kankakee Urbanized Area was judged not to be compliant in four areas, and that the amendment to the Long-Range Plan to cover these four areas had been posted on the website, and approved by the Technical Advisory and Policy

Committees at their August 22, 2007 meetings. He stated that the Public Hearing on this amendment was required by the approved Public Participation Policy for the area.

Mr. Lammey stated that the four areas judged to need amendments for the Long-Range Transportation Plan were: (1) Safety; (2) Security; (3) Management and Operations; and (4) Environmental Mitigation. He briefed the Subcommittee on the highlights of each of these areas of the Compliance Amendment. Members of the Subcommittee asked numerous questions.

## **TRAFFIC CRASH LOCATION REPORTING**

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet discussed some of the issues that have been uncovered in the efforts to have crash locations shown on GIS maps.

## **6000 N, ROAD INTERCHANGE AND CORRIDOR STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that the consultants on the Interchange study have filed some preliminary geometric plans, and that he will have to travel to Ottawa to see the plans.

## **COMMUTER TRANSIT**

Mr. Lammey stated that the draft final report has been issued, but that ridership and cost data still need to be included.

## **AIRPORT**

Mr. Lammey stated that Bult Field has been inspected by IDOT and is now open for business. General discussion was held on activities in the area.

## **ILLIANA/CRITICAL COMMERCE CORRIDOR DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lammey stated that Mr. Piekarczyk had an editorial in the Journal, and asked how many had seen it. He stated that the graphic which accompanied the editorial is the most current now available.

## **GREATER KANKAKEE AIRPORT PLANNING**

Mr. Lammey stated that Mr. Licon from the Airport will be available for the October meeting for a presentation.

## **GO21 PRESENTATION**

Ms. Traiforos made a presentation on the goals of her organization, GO21, a non-profit lobby group for the freight railroad industry. She stated that the group is looking for expressions of support for a Freight Rail Infrastructure Capacity Expansion Act currently in Congress, and for expressions against an Economic Reregulation of the Railroad Industry efforts currently in Congress. After a number of questions, the Subcommittee asked that Ms. Traiforos provide sample resolutions for each issue. After further discussion, the subject of Short Line issues was raised, and the Subcommittee asked for more information on this issue, as well.

## **WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Transportation and Land Use Subcommittees will likely be merged, as much of the work program for 2008 will be joint activities between the two Subcommittees. .

## **NEXT MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Bergdahl stated that the next meeting date is suggested as October 25. Mr. Lammey asked about meeting location, and Mr. Washington strongly stated that the METRO facility should continue to be used.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Paarlberg moved adjournment, and Mr. Washington seconded. Chairman Bergdahl adjourned the meeting at 11:52 A.M.