

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Frank Koehler, Dave Bergdahl, Ralph Paarlberg and Mel Blanchette

Others:

Mike Van Mill, Ken Nelson and Mike Lammey, Kankakee County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Bergdahl moved approval of the July 21, 2005 Minutes, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Unanimous vote.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Chairman Koehler led the Subcommittee in a discussion of control issues, revenue issues, and transportation issues.

6000 N. ROAD INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported that the Federal Highway Administration was on schedule for a mid-October approval or denial of the Access Justification Report (AJR).

UPDATE OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Mr. Lammey reported that the public hearing for the draft Comprehensive Plan will be held after the Land Use Subcommittee meeting at 5:00 P.M.

COMMUTER RAIL

Chairman Koehler stated his continued support of the project, and of the many institutional issues and their potential solutions. He stated that he continues to believe that local funding of operations and capital issues should be addressed in some fashion in the Phase II Study. Mr. Lammey stated that the Phase II application is being reviewed by a number of affected agencies, and will be brought to the Task Force for some action at their October 18 meeting. Mr. Lammey introduced Mr. Nelson as the SAO responsible for the project.

Mr. Nelson asked about some of the possibilities for future funding and service, and Chairman Koehler answered as many questions as possible. Chairman Koehler stated that service to Diversatec was an interesting possibility.

ILLIANA EXPRESSWAY – KANKAKEE/WILL COUNTY JOINT ROADWAY ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that the Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Study program will be announced soon, and that the joint application between Will and Kankakee County will be submitted as soon as can be arranged. Mr. Van Mill stated that the second application that should be investigated is for the economic possibilities of the area around the Greater Kankakee Airport. Chairman Koehler stated that a potential application through the TEAM Illinois group for the Pembroke Township area should be investigated.

SUBJECT OF NEXT MEETING

Chairman Koehler stated that he would prepare a presentation of the Bourbonnais road program for the next meeting, so that all Subcommittee members might be updated on the efforts of the Village of Bourbonnais.

2006 WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that a staff review of the 2006 Work Program had suggested two additional items:

- # 9 – Develop standards and model ordinance for multi-modal bike trails.
- #10 – Technical assistance to communities to implement local transportation plans and policies.

Mr. Paarlberg moved approval of the 2006 Work Program, and Mr. Bergdahl seconded. Unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Koehler stated that the next meeting date would be November 17, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Koehler adjourned the meeting at 11:24 A.M.