

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2003

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mr. Prior	Representing <i>METRO</i>
Mr. Piekarczyk	Representing Kankakee County
Mayor Green	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing the Illinois Department of Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Mr. Evers, IDOT; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Gingerich, Bourbonnais; Mr. Marty, URS; and Ms. McElroy, Herald.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Latham called the meeting to order at 3:25 P.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Grimsley moved that the June 25, 2003 Minutes be approved, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mayor Green moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote.

LARRY POWER ROAD UPDATE

Mr. Gingerich stated that the Village of Bourbonnais wishes to utilize their STPU funding for projects on Burns Road and the portion on Larry Power Road from the railroad tracks to Illinois Route 50. He stated that the Village is waiting for Burns Road to be officially added to the Classified System for that segment to be eligible for funding, and that his conversation with Mr. Paukovitz indicated that this will not be possible until at least February of 2004.

Mr. Gingerich stated that the initial plan submitted to the state is to do the work on the Larry Power Road part of the project, and to be able to use the local funding committed on that project as the match for the Burns Road project, when it is available to be programmed. He stated that there is not yet an answer to that proposal.

METRO UPDATE

Mr. Prior stated that ridership is about 10% above last year, and that a new record for ridership was set in September. He stated that 10 bus shelters were supposed to be shipped from Chicago

last week, but have not arrived, and that he would inform each jurisdiction when the shelters do arrive. He also stated that orders for three new buses were being prepared.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY (6000 N ROAD/WARNER BRIDGE ROAD) AND CORRIDOR PRESERVATION UPDATE

Mr. Lammey stated that the Regional Planning Commission has authorized that staff take these two concepts to each of the local Planning Commissions in the County. He stated that Planning Commissions will be asked for letters of support for each concept, and that the presentations with each Planning Commission will be completed in November.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT has given a \$200,000 grant to Kankakee County, for an update of the Comprehensive Plan, and that a consultant (HNTB) has been selected. He stated that a signed contract between IDOT and Kankakee County has not been found, and that Mr. Evers is hand carrying a signed copy of the contract back to IDOT for their signatures. When that is accomplished, the project will begin. This study came through the Regional Planning Commission, but it is the intent of staff to inform the Policy Committee on the status of the project.

METRA FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that IDOT, Division of Public Transportation, has given a \$150,000 grant to study the Feasibility of extending the current Metra line from University Park to Kankakee. He stated that the initial desire to request the study came out of the Policy Committee, but has been assigned to a Task Force of members from along the rail line extension. Kankakee County has committed to the local share for the project, and other members of the Task Force have been given a population-based share. Mr. Lammey stated that Will County is in the process of sending their local share for the project. He stated that four consultants were interviewed on October 21, and that the decision on the consultant will be made at a meeting on November 18.

WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Marty distributed a map of the preferred alternative through the three local jurisdictions. He stated that additional information has been added to the map since last shown to the Technical Advisory Committee. He stated that his intention of the first public meeting to discuss the concept will be in January, and wanted to make sure that the Policy Committee had a chance to review the study prior to that time.

Mr. Marty stated that the cost estimates were not yet developed, and the Committee stated that that information should be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee at their November 19 work session.

Mr. Marty stated that the only sensitive area for potential take is in Bradley at Rudy's Park, and that further investigation needed to be done on that issue. Mr. Piekarczyk asked about a change

in the floodplain maps due to the detention basin in Bourbonnais. Mr. Gingerich stated that some changes were made, but that the floodplain maps in Bradley were reissued, but not for Bourbonnais.

Mr. Gingerich stated that Mayor Balthazor had stated three important goals in their meeting on the alternative shown:

- If Rudy's Park is impacted, that there would be compensation.
- That the report make clear that the Village of Bradley will assure that Security Lumber would not be negatively impacted by the project.
- That the report make clear that the Village of Bradley will assure that Peddinghaus Corporation would not be negatively impacted by the project.

Mr. Marty stated that two public meetings were stated in the contract, and the intent is to have one public meeting early in the process, and one later to show a final recommendation. The Committee stated that the meeting should be held in the Village of Bradley.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Latham stated that the meeting schedule for the Policy Committee will be developed and mailed in December.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Green moved adjournment, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Latham adjourned the meeting at 3:54 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 Road

Preliminary Engineering I in FY 2005

2. Illinois Route 50 (Kinzie Ave. Brookmont to Liberty, including Soldiers Cr. Bridge

The widening of Kinzie Avenue to 5 lanes and replacement of Soldiers Creek Bridge is completed.

3. Illinois Route 113 Route 17 to Riverside Hospital

The awarded contract for the railroad bridge has encountered some utility delays. Land acquisition issues are being resolved in an effort to meet a November 7, 2003 contract letting for the related reconstruction of Illinois Route 113 to a five lane pavement section.

4. Illinois Route 17 (Court St.), Replacement of Bridge over CNIC RR

This project is on schedule for a December 2003 completion.

5. Illinois Route 50 @ St. George Rd.

Realignment of Route 50 roadway is completed.

6. Illinois Route 50 (Kinzie Ave.) at North & Broadway Streets

This traffic signals modernization project has been completed.

7. Illinois Route 113 – From Tower Road northwesterly to Will County Line

This milling and resurfacing project is completed.

8. Armour Road – US Route 45/52 to CNIC Bridge

Preliminary Engineering I to study widening to five lanes in progress.

9. Illinois Route 102 – From US Route 45/52 northwesterly to the Will County Line

Milling and resurfacing is tentatively scheduled for the November 7, 2003 contract letting

10. Illinois Route 102 at Davis Creek Located 2.2 miles NW of US Route 45/52

Replacement of the bridge is scheduled for the November 7, 2003 letting