

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2008

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lang	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Piggush	Aroma Park

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso and Roger Blakeley, IDOT; Mayor Kent and Officer Trudeau, Bradley; Mr. Morgan, Journal; Mr. Joe Ligas; Mr. J.D. Stevenson, FHWA; Ms. Clumpner, Robinson Engineering

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. McBurney moved approval of the August 27, 2008 minutes. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Lammey requested that Agenda item #6 (Long-Range Plan Discussion) be moved to the end of the Agenda. Mr. Tyson moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Mr. Piggush seconded. Unanimous vote.

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no current amendments to the FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program.

STPU FUNDING DISCUSSION

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that this item was requested to be on the Agenda in relation to the Cardinal Drive project, by the Village of Bradley. He asked Dr. Gingerich for a proposal. Dr.

Gingerich stated that the current estimate for the cost of the Cardinal Drive project (from just north of Armour Road to just south of Larry Power Road) is \$2,318,000, and that the proposal from the Village of Bradley is that 80%, or \$1,854,400 be funded through STPU funding. He stated that instead of the 2 years allocation maximum, this would require slightly more than 3 years allocation.

Mr. Tyson and Mr. McBurney stated that, at the current construction cost of \$3 million per mile of roadway, greater participation of federal funding is required to move a project to completion. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the Cardinal Drive project is a good project, that it has logical termini, and that it is a worthy project. He stated that 2 years allocation does not reflect the realities of construction costs as of now.

Mr. Stevenson asked if there were sufficient funding in the STPU funds allocated to the area to accommodate the increased federal funding, and Mr. Lammey and Mr. Lang indicated that there were sufficient funds available. Mr. Stevenson asked that Mr. Lang forward some indication to him of that funding availability.

Dr. Gingerich moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that the Cardinal Drive project be funded at 80% STPU funding, and Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Chairman Piekarczyk stated rapid inflation in the cost of materials has resulted in large cost increases over the budgeted costs in the TIP's. Mr. Lang mentioned that his office will be sending out TIP requests in the next two weeks. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

STPU TIMELINES

Dr. Gingerich stated that the current hope for letting the Cardinal Drive project is in January , 2009. Mr. Lang and Mr. Blakeley stated that there were some issues that needed to be addressed before the project could go to bid, and that they would communicate these issues with Dr. Gingerich. Mr. Stevenson asked if the change in funding for the Cardinal Drive project would require an amendment to the **FY 2009 TIP**, and Mr. Lammey stated that it would. General discussion at this point indicated that for the Cardinal Drive project to make a January letting, an amendment would have to be acted upon in December. Mr. Lammey suggested a December 17, 2008 meeting date for such a meeting, if required. Mr. Stevenson stated that he would explore alternatives to such a meeting.

Mr. McBurney stated that comments have been received on the 6000 N. Road project, and were being reviewed. Mr. McBurney indicated that the meeting with the Canadian National Railroad has been held for the Brookmont Boulevard project, and that the project was progressing. Mr. McBurney stated that the project report on the Riverfront Trail project has been submitted to IDOT.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS TIMELINES

Mr. Blakeley stated that the engineering agreement for the Bradley ramp project is still under review, but that the signal project is in need of further action from Bradley. Mr. McBurney stated that an engineering agreement has been submitted to IDOT for the Aroma Park SRTS project, and that he believed the review would be done this week. Chairman Piekarczyk stated

that a local letting for the Kankakee County SRTS project will be held on December 11.

2004 CRASH DATA

Mr. Lammey reported that the 2004 crash data is completely coded, and that staff is now scanning the 2004 crash reports so that the reports could be showed on a GIS map. He believed that this scanning would be completed in the next month.

OTHER

Mr. Lang stated that the District 3 program is currently \$2 million over, and that projects should be moved through the process before that shortfall is an issue. He stated that the TIP project requests for FY 10-14 will be sent from his office on November 3. He stated that HSIP project requests would go out later this month.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Ligas made some general comments about the Long-Range Transportation Plan, that it was a 30 year Plan, and should not be affected by temporary issues at the current time. He stated that two large issues have impact on the Plan, the South Suburban Airport and the possible connection between I-65 and the Prairie Parkway. He stated that these issues should be discussed, but that spending significant time on them in the Plan might be counterproductive.

Mr. Ligas stated that a Public Meeting to discuss the Long-Range Plan is being planned for December 9, and that members of the Technical Advisory and Policy Committee would be invited to that meeting for their comments.

Mr. Ligas stated that the federal legislation for the Long-Range Plan established 8 goals for the Long-Range Plan, and reviewed those 8 goals, along with how those goals were dealt with in the 2007 Compliance Update, and with input from members of the Land use/Transportation Subcommittee of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission. He reviewed the 8 goals as follows:

- Support for the Economic Vitality of the Area, Especially in the Areas of Global Competitiveness, Productivity, and Efficiency
- Increase the Safety of the Transportation System for Motorized and Nonmotorized Users
- Increase the Security of the Transportation System for All Users
- Increase Accessibility and Mobility Options for Freight and People
- Promote and Enhance the Environment, Promote Energy Conservation, and Improve Quality of Life
- Enhance the Integration and Connectivity of the Transportation System, Across and Between Modes, for People and Freight
- Promote Efficient System Management and Operation
- Emphasize Preservation of the Existing Transportation System

Dr. Gingerich stated his concern over utility easements under the “Preservation of the Existing System” goal. Chairman Piekarczyk stated his concern over the Long-Range Plan being limited to the Urbanized Area, rather than to the entire Kankakee County area. Mr. Ligas stated his

belief that the Plan covers the Urbanized Area. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a program for intergovernmental agreements among units of government regarding mutual aid emergency assistance is emerging as a high statewide priority.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on January 28, 2009, unless a meeting is necessary on December 17.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 11:03 A.M.