

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2014**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Allen	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blakley and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, METRO; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee and Mr. Meyer, URS

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Adams moved approval of the August 27, 2014 minutes. Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Schore moved that the Agenda be approved, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous vote.

**FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments.

## **OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING**

Mr. Lammey stated that this report is required by law, and that staff had submitted the report before the September 30, 2014 deadline. He stated that staff was required to notify the Policy Committee that the report had been submitted.

## **DELAY DATA**

Mr. Olson stated that field measurements of travel delays had been collected and discussed the data that had been distributed to the members of the Policy Committee. A number of questions were asked about how to interpret the data, and Mr. Olson indicated that breaking the data into smaller roadway segments would be more meaningful, and would be done. Mr. Meyer indicated that the data collection effort over a period of time would be very meaningful.

## **WEBSITE AD**

Mr. Olson showed the advertisement for the MPO website that ran in the Journal on September 13, and stated that this was part of the MPO Public Participation effort.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Mr. Olson stated that the Public Participation Plan was reviewed periodically, and that changes have been made to the document. He stated that the Transportation Brochure done every three years has been added, and that those data elements for which quantitative data cannot be collected have been removed from Table 1. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the document to the Policy Committee. Chairman Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Nugent seconded. Unanimous approval.

## **MPO MEETING DATES**

Mr. Lammey stated that an MPO meeting had been added to the schedule for December 10, 2014. He also stated that the March, 2015 meeting needed to be moved from March 25 to March 18, and that because this was a change from the bylaws, the March meeting change required Policy Committee action. Mayor Nugent moved that the March, 2015 meeting date be changed to March 18, 2015. Mayor Adams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

## **2007-2011 LOCAL JURISDICTION CRASH DATA**

Mr. Lammey stated that 2007 through 2011 crash data for local jurisdiction roadways is almost complete, and will be mailed to each member of the Policy Committee within the next week.

## **METRO UPDATES**

Mr. Koning stated that the work on the Manteno parking lot was underway.

## **IDOT UPDATES**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tyson reported that the Safety Committee had a presentation from the Illinois State Police on crash issues at their last meeting, and that the first meeting of the subcommittee to discuss crash

data is scheduled for November 19, 2014.

### **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD**

Mr. McBurney stated that there was no change.

### **INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

### **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Lammey discussed changes in the schedule for the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**, delaying adoption until May of 2015. Mr. Meyer stated that the new date for the Public Open House for the document would be on February 19, for a meeting that starts at 4 P.M., with a presentation scheduled for 5 P.M.

Mr. Meyer discussed potential roadway improvements to be included in the document, beginning with projects included in previous documents, and recent IDOT projects. He stated that requests had gone to members of the Policy Committee for potential projects, and that a number had been received. He also stated that projects were still being received, and that those submissions should either go to himself or to Mr. Lammey. Mr. Lammey stated that projects will be in two categories, those that are sponsored, and those that are not sponsored by a member agency.

Mr. Meyer discussed projects of regional influence, particularly the Illiana project and the South Suburban Airport. He stated that the proposed Illiana and the interchange locations would have an influence on traffic in Kankakee County, particularly at the northern border. He discussed regional transportation needs, and showed new capacity being added at the 6000 N. Road corridor, and operational enhancements being added to the Illinois Route 17 corridor. He also discussed issues relating to a new river crossing west of the Metropolitan Planning Area.

Mr. Meyer discussed additional north south connections for the plan, and discussed issues dealing with Cardinal Drive. Chairman Bossert asked what specific location was shown on the map for the easternmost north south connection, and Mr. Lammey stated that it was at Skyline Road, but did not specifically have to be on that location.

Mr. Meyer also discussed freight movement in the area, concluding that the Illiana will assist in asking some traffic off roadways in Kankakee County. He discussed spot improvements in areas of congestion now, including US 45/52/Illinois 102 and Armour Road. He also discussed areas of the county which could be attractive to intermodal development, to include those areas with (1) available land; (2) rail access; (3) convenient local and regional access, and (4) access to the Illiana.

Mr. Meyer then discussed the priority ranking process that will take place at the December 10 MPO meeting, and stated some of the criteria that will be used in that ranking process. He stated that we still need some information on operations and maintenance funding for member agencies.

Mr. Meyer discussed some of the issues involved in the transit mode choice, to include the issue

of asset management, in the form on new and replacement buses for METRO. Chairman Epstein asked where the funding for bus purchases comes from, and Mr. Lammey stated that all previous capital funding had come through IDOT, and had been a mix of federal and state transit grants. Mr. Allen stated that an issue of great priority to METRO is funding new funding for capital grants at the state and federal level.

Mr. Meyer stated that a freight survey will take place in the very near future, and that a second public opinion survey on the potential projects will also take place. He stated that the preliminary draft Plan will be ready for approval on January 28, 2015, and that the Open House on the Plan will take place on February 19, 2015. He stated that the draft Plan will be placed in public comment on March 18, 2015, in advance of a formal approval on May 6, 2015.

Mr. Paukovitz asked about aviation issue being in the Plan, and Ms. Ruble stated that all of their projects are contained in their airport master plan document. Mr. Paukovitz stated that some other MPOs find ways of putting support for their airports into the Plan document.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on December 10, 2014, and that the following meeting would be at 3:30 P.M. on January 28, 2015.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Mayor Nugent seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:39 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 Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road** – Agreements with Bourbonnais and Bradley are completed. An initial ICC ruling was given in July. This project remains on the State's January 16, 2015 contract letting. Meantime, the village of Bourbonnais and the railroad have begun drafting a maintenance agreement relevant to the proposed crossing of Bourbonnais Parkway over the C/N railroad tracks.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – The upgrading of the Norfolk & Southern railroad tracks and large culvert work is completed. Some inlay pavement work has been done to keep the driving surface in acceptable condition for drivers. Meantime work is beginning with the relocating of ditches to accommodate the widening of the road. This project activity will extend into next year.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) – Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue through summer 2015. Approximately \$3 million has been added to the IDOT's 2020 multiyear program for Phase II engineering.
4. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – The placing of steel beams has begun on the southbound bridge. A special note is that I-57 will be closed to traffic between IL 17 & US 45/52 on Monday and Tuesday nights (6 A.M. to 6 P.M.) so structural repairs can be done on the northbound Kankakee River bridge. Traffic will be detoured via Illinois 17 (Court St. and U.S. 45/52). Local police and emergency agencies have been notified.
5. **Road Maintenance/Repair Involving Intermittent Milling and Resurfacing and Joint Patching at Various Locations:** – Pre-construction meetings have been held at the IDOT District 3 office. Presented at the KATS meeting of June 25, 2014, status of these milling & resurfacing projects are as follows:
  - IL 17 (Court St.): Mill & resurface from the west end of Kankakee (start of 4 lane pavement) easterly to N 5th St. in Kankakee. Work is underway.
  - US 45/52 (Portion of Washington St., East St. & Schuyler Ave.): Mill & resurface from IL 17 southerly to just north of the I-57 interchange south of Kankakee. Work to occur next spring.
  - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurfacing has occurred from the newly constructed I-57 interchange in Bradley southerly to Grinnel Rd. in Kankakee.
  - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks (N5000 Rd.) northerly to 5th Street in Manteno. Work will occur next spring.
  - U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): Mill & resurface from Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais. Work will occur next spring, but State will patch road before winter.
  - IL 1/17: Mill & resurface from IL 114 in Momence southwesterly to the IL 1& 17 (south) junction near Sun River Terrace. Work will occur next spring.
  - IL 17: Mill & resurface from Herscher Road (Co. Hwy. 12/ W 1200 Rd) easterly to just west of the Norfolk & Southern RR tracks. Project is completed.