

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2013

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey and Ms. Taetsch, Kankakee County; Mr. Kelso, Mr. Blakley, Ms. Messina and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Ms. Franke, METRO, Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, and Mr. Donovan, FHWA

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 28, 2013 minutes. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

FY 2014 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were none.

OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING

Mr. Lammey gave corrected numbers out for three projects in the document. Mr. Donovan

explained that the report is a federal requirement to show what funds have been obligated to projects, after those projects have been listed in the Transportation Improvement Program. He stated that the Advance Construction concept has made this report somewhat more difficult. Mr. Lammey stated that the report will be posted on-line, and does not require Policy Committee action.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT

Chairman Epstein stated that since the contract has not been signed, we will wait to begin the project until November.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Lammey stated that the first area of Performance Measures identified by IDOT was Safety, and presented the four performance measures that will be the responsibility of the MPO:

- Number of Fatalities
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Fatality Rate (Number of Fatalities per Vehicle Mile Traveled)
- Serious Injury Rate (Number of Serious Injuries per Vehicle Mil Traveled)

Mr. Lammey illustrated some of the data that is available to accomplish these issues. Mayor Schore asked about fatalities and serious injuries on Interstate 57, and Mr. Lammey stated that these should not be the responsibility of the MPO, as nothing the local communities can do would have an impact. Mr. Lammey stated that the difference between state system issues and local system issues needs to be made very clear at the beginning of this exercise.

ILLIANA

Chairman Bossert gave an overview of the Illiana issue, including the actions taken by various Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) committees and boards over the past month, culminating in the vote to amend the Long-Range Transportation for the CMAP area to include the Illiana. Chairman Bossert stated that the next steps in the process would occur in Indiana, where a similar process would culminate in votes for the amendment in December.

Chairman Bossert further stated that Will County is making an application for \$500,000 to assist in altering the comprehensive plans of communities in Will County based on the Illiana, and for Will county to alter their plans, as well. He stated that Kankakee County is making an application for \$200,000 to accomplish the same purpose in Kankakee County, and that staff of Kankakee County would be making contact with members of the Policy Committee on this issue in the very near future.

IDOT DISTRICT 3

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. McBurney stated that there was no change.

BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project was completed.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on November 20, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams Schore moved adjournment, and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:00 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

Phase II design engineering is near completion. IDOT District 3 continues with land acquisitions. The project is tentatively scheduled for a January 2014 contract letting. Concern remains regarding an agreement with the CN RR & ICC over various issues with the proposed reconstructed Bourbonnais Parkway 6000 N Road crossing the CN tracks.

2. Illinois 17: from 4 lane pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone

Development of design plans of a bi-directional turn lane and land acquisition work continues with hope of work beginning next spring. This is dependent on the rate of success in securing the required rights of way.

3. Interstate 57 at Illinois 17 (Court St.) Interchange in Kankakee

Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement will continue into calendar year 2014.

4. I-57 & Illinois 50 Interchange Reconstruction:

Concrete pavement construction continues on Illinois 50. Construction is occurring at the medians, inside and left turn lanes. Pavement work on I-57 should be completed by the first of November. Pavement work on IL 50 should be done in time for the holidays. Only landscaping & lighting will be left.

5. Illinois 50 and Larry Power Road Intersection:

The project is completed.

6. I-57 Overhead at North St.:

As indicated in the present KATS TIP this project is tentatively scheduled for FY 2015.

7. I-57 Overhead at St. George Rd. /C.H. 8

Phase II engineering underway. Preliminary plans will be provided to County when they become available. As indicated in the current KATS TIP this project is tentatively scheduled for FY 2016.

8. I-57 just north and south of the Kankakee River & Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge

Contract letting for constructing crossover pavement on I-57 both north and south of the Kankakee River bridges was on June letting & awarded to Gallagher Asphalt. These crossovers will be used during the staging of traffic as the two interstate bridges are replaced. Bridge work is tentatively scheduled for a November, 2013 letting. An agreement between IDOT & the Kankakee Valley Park District has been approved regarding a pedestrian culvert under I-57.