

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2007

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lamme and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Videgar and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mayor Kent, Bradley; Mr. Morgan and Mr. Boehmer, Journal; Ms. Denton, Harbor House; Ms. Scariano, Northeast Illinois Area Agency of Aging and Ms. Brutlag, METRO

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Dr. Gingerich moved approval of the August 22, 2007 minutes. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Brooks moved approval of the Agenda, and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote.

STPU TIMELINES

Mr. Videgar stated that the IDS for the Cardinal Drive project was still being reviewed. Mr. McBurney stated that the 6000 N Road and Brookmont Boulevard projects were progressing well. Mr. Tyson stated that a Public Hearing on the Riverfront Trail project will be held on November 28 at KCC.

Mayor Kent stated that both methods (a footnote at the bottom of the page and arrows in the timeline denoting change) of noting changes on the timelines were of assistance to him, and he would encourage both being used in the future.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that the 45 day public comment period had been completed. Dr. Gingerich moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of the Long-Range Transportation Plan Compliance Amendment to the Policy Committee. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Lammey stated that there is no formal approval process from the Federal Highway Administration for the Long-Range Transportation Plan Compliance Amendment. He stated that when amendments to either the **Transportation Improvement Program** or to the **Unified Work Program** were approved by the FHWA, the Compliance Amendment could be said to have been accepted.

OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING

Mr. Lammey stated that the requirement for this document is submission to IDOT and FHWA by December 30, 2007. He stated that previous guidance on the issue was that a meeting of the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees to approve the listing was not required, but that the latest guidance indicated that “acceptance” from those Committees was encouraged. Mr. Tyson stated that the listing could be developed and mailed by certified mail to members of the two Committees, who could then comment on the listing. He asked that this method of communicating and receiving “acceptance” be transmitted to IDOT for their comment.

SEGMENT ANALYSIS

Mr. Lammey stated that the Segment Analysis report done in 1997 was on the schedule to be revisited during the next calendar year. He stated that the report was useful to local agencies, and that many improvements had been made addressing the “High” priority segments identified in the original report. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the original report had been done as the result of some frustration at the local level for objective methods of ranking segments.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Mr. Lammey stated that the Public Participation process of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study has been augmented to include notification of a number of social service agencies. He thanked the attendees from those agencies for their attendance.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee would be on January 23, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tyson moved adjournment, and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:25 A.M.