

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
October 26, 2005

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill and Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin, IDOT; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; Mayor Green, Kankakee; and Mr. Best, METRO.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Brooks moved approval of the June 22, 2005 minutes. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Tyson stated that the East Court Street Lighting and Streetscape project has received funding in the amount of \$1.9 million from the State of Illinois. Chairman Piekarczyk asked if any federal funding was involved, and Mr. Tyson stated that the funding was totally from the State of Illinois. Mr. Paukovitz stated that, as a courtesy, projects with only State funding had been included in the TIP in the past. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that staff could add the project to the **FY 2006 TIP** as a staff action.

**POLICY COMMITTEE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PHASE II
 COMMUTER RAIL STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that Letters of Support for the application letter for the funding for the Phase II Commuter Rail Study were being sought, and wanted to obtain Technical Advisory opinion about the Policy Committee submitting such a Letter of Support. Ms. Durbin stated that a Letter of Support from the Policy Committee would be viewed very favorably by IDOT staff.

Mayor Grimsley stated his agreement that a Letter of Support from the Policy Committee was an appropriate action. Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy Committee that such a Letter be drafted and sent. Mr. Mayes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ROADWAY CONNECTIVITY ISSUES

Mr. Lammey stated that County staff had met with the Village of Bradley to discuss the future roadway network in areas east and north of the existing Village limits, in areas currently under the jurisdiction of Kankakee County. He stated that the Village of Bradley had in mind certain connections of both classified and non-classified roadways, and that the discussions are ongoing.

Mr. Van Mill stated that the major purpose of the meeting was to make sure that Village and County plans showed the same recommendations, so that potential developers would receive the same information from both jurisdictions. Mr. Lammey stated that County staff were willing to have the same discussions with any other jurisdiction.

ILLINOIS TOMORROW GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the next round of the Illinois Tomorrow Grant program had been announced. He stated that the area had been successful in three previous submissions under this program, the 6000 N. Road Corridor Study, the Washington Avenue Corridor Study, and the Update of the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the application deadline for the program was December 16.

Mr. Van Mill stated that the stated priorities of the program were for easing traffic congestion and for economic development goals. Mr. Lammey stated that two potential issues had been raised and were going to be pursued:

1. A joint application with Will County to pursue an east-west roadway to connect Interstates 57 and 65, to ease the volumes of truck traffic that currently travel between Illinois and Indiana in Kankakee County.
2. The pursuit of economic development possibilities in the area around the Greater Kankakee Airport.

Mr. Tyson suggested that the continued planning for the bikepath to connect the waterpark area with the State Park on Route 102 would be a potential third possibility.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. He further stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee is now scheduled for January 25, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mayes moved adjournment, and Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:55 A.M.