

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2004

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mr. Piekarczyk	Representing Kankakee County
Mr. John Kos	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Best	River Valley <i>METRO</i> Mass Transit District
Mayor Balthazor	Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, and Mr. Skimerhorn, Kankakee County; Mr. Paukovitz and Ms. Durbin, IDOT; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. Mayes, Bradley; Mr. Hoffmann, *METRO*; and Mr. Morgan, Daily Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Piekarczyk moved that the June 23, 2004 Minutes be approved, and Mayor Latham seconded. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Latham seconded. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that every Policy Committee Agenda in the future would have "Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program" as an Agenda item, in order to maintain compliance with the Open Meetings Act. He stated that if a member of the Policy Committee wished an item to be placed on the Agenda, they should notify the Planning Department staff at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the Long-Range Plan, and with four amendments, recommends it to the Policy Committee for adoption. Mr. Piekarczyk moved adoption of the Long-Range Plan, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Van Mill stated that the Feasibility Study for the extension of Commuter Rail service into

Kankakee County had produced a Draft Report, which was being reviewed by the member agencies of the Commuter Rail Task Force. He stated that comments on the Draft Report were being received until November 19, and that the next meeting of the Task Force would be on December 14, in Peotone.

Mr. Van Mill stated that the conclusions of the report were that the extension was feasible, in either of two alternatives. The Minimum Operable Segment (MOS) alternative would end in Manteno. The Full Build Out (FBO) alternative would end at Exit 308 in Kankakee.

LOWE ROAD UPDATE

Mr. Tyson stated that the project is in design into 2005, with a target for construction in 2006. Chairman Grimsley asked if the signalization project at Lowe and Illinois Route 17 was still on target, and Mr. Paukovitz stated that a quick take court hearing is scheduled for November 23.

***METRO* REPORT**

Mr. Best stated that ridership is up some 6%, and showed a conceptual drawing of the proposed transfer center in downtown Kankakee. He also reviewed the proposed SB 2179, which would fund *METRO* at levels to support full implementation of the initial planned service.

SHOWBUS REPORT

Mr. Van Mill stated that there was no report.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz introduced Mr. Kos, the new District Engineer. R. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Van Mill stated that the study is on track for a September 2005 finish, and that the next step would be the development of three alternative scenarios of growth for local officials to review.

COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that the study is ahead of schedule, and that a final report is expected during September.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Lammey stated that a schedule of meeting dates for 2005 would be mailed sometime in November.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Piekarczyk moved adjournment, and Mayor Balthazor seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:36 A.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 6000 N Road

Access Justification Report targeted to be completed by September 2005. If access is found to be justified, preliminary engineering I would follow.

2. Illinois Route 113: Route 17 to Riverside Hospital

Railroad viaduct work is expected to be completed by this December. Widening of roadway to a five lane pavement section will proceed into the winter and through next summer's construction season.

3. Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road

Curve correction to existing highway alignment. Right of way issues need to be resolved. Tentatively scheduled for the January 21, 2005 letting.

4. Illinois Route 17: Traffic signal modernization at I-57, Eastridge Drive and Eastgate Road -Waiting for mast arms in order to install the new signal heads.

5. Illinois Route 17 at Lowe Road - Turn lanes to be added on Route 17 and traffic signals installed. Right of way issues need to be resolved. A quick take court order date is set for November 23, 2004. A January 21, 2005 letting is desired but rests on the progress of resolving the ROW issue.

6. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge

Preliminary engineering I continues. Phase II engineering tentatively scheduled for later in FY 2005.

8. Illinois Route 102: From US Route 45/52 to the Will Co. Line -

Project is completed.

9. Illinois Route 102: Bridge replacement at Davis Creek - Project is delayed due to a need for SBC to complete its utility adjustments.