

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2014**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Dr. Gingerich	Representing Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Representing 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, Mr. Olson, and Mr. Skimerhorn, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Koning, Mr. Hoffmann, and Ms. Franke, METRO; Mr. Meyer and Mr. Huebner, URS; Mr. Fenton, The Herald

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Schore motioned approval of the October 22, 2014 minutes. Mayor Fowler seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

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

**FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments.

**SIGNED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that the signed intergovernmental agreements have been received and the mayors may give them to their respective clerks to file.

## **BROCHURE**

Mr. Olson explained the MPO Brochure, which is published every three years and this is the third edition. The document explains what the MPO is as well as its responsibilities and who its members are. The brochure also describes the current projects the MPO is working on. Both SHOW BUS and METRO are recognized and information regarding each operator is presented. The most current information available about the Illiana Expressway is included. The back of the brochure provides information for individuals who would like to provide comments or be involved in the planning process.

## **ADOPTION OF HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Hoffmann explained the history and process of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). The plan was prepared under contract with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and approved by the METRO Board in September, 2014. The plan is then required to be adopted by the Policy Committee. Mayor Schore moved to adopt the Human Services Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded by Chairman Bossert. Motion carried.

## **HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hoffmann requested this agenda item be tabled until the next meeting. A motion was made by Chairman Bossert to table the agenda item, seconded by Mayor Schore. Motion carried.

## **METRO UPDATES**

Mr. Hoffmann said METRO would be receiving five used buses from CTA to replace older buses that METRO will be able to retire.

## **IDOT UPDATES**

Mr. Paukovitz was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the attached handout about the current status of state road projects in the MPO. Mayor Schore commented that he's seen extensive patching on U.S. Route 45/52.

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tyson reported that the Safety Committee had its first crash subcommittee this month.

## **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 presented the latest updates on the Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained the process used to rank the local projects by using ten criteria and applying a weighted average to the projects. He also explained that the results from the ranking were merely one tool in the attempt to prioritize projects and were by no means finalized and can be changed for the long

range plan.

KATS staff recently met with members of the technical and policy committee members to survey the most important project characteristics. KATS and MPO staff ranked each local project by the ten categories and the used the survey to weight each characteristic. The listing of projects before and after the weighted adjustment were distributed to those in attendance, including a map showing the locations of the projects.

Mr. Meyer explained that although a river crossing has been discussed at previous meetings, it would inevitably be outside the metropolitan planning area and therefore not listed a project in the ranking process. However, because the concept has an effect on regional traffic flow or the MPA, it will be included in the long range plan ó similar to how the Illiana Expressway will be in the plan.

The top ten projects that were ranked included the southern sections of Career Center Road, sections of Cardinal Drive, Bourbonnais Parkway, the Brookmont Boulevard Viaduct, and Hobbie Avenue. Mr. Hoffmann asked why the Viaduct was ranked below other projects and felt it should have a higher priority. Mr. Tyson also asked why there had to be specific ranking numbers with each project. He expressed concern that when the MPO seeks funding for projects, a project with a lower ranking may be equally as important as other projects but be overlooked. Dr. Gingerich asked if it would be possible to create groupings of projects by importance, rather than specific rankings.

Mr. Meyer showed the locations of state projects in his presentation and explained what the projects were. Mayor Shore asked if IDOT projects had been ranked as well. Mr. Lammey answered that only the local projects were ranked, but there was the possibility of the MPO staff creating a ranking to express to IDOT the importance of certain projects for the region. Mr. Van Mill asked if the intersections of Armour Road and IL Route 50 and Larry Power Road and IL Route 50 could be added to the list of projects. Chairman Bossert also asked if there could be a project to alleviate truck traffic from Interstate 57 Exit 308 to IL Route 17.

Mr. Lammey asked the committee to e-mail any additional projects to him and the members would be notified of all the additional projects submitted.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **JOINT STUDY ON ILLIANA WITH WILL COUNTY**

Mr. Lammey explained that Kankakee County is working with Will County on a land use, transportation and economic development plan regarding how the Illiana Expressway will affect the region. Mayor Schore asked what the current status of the Illiana was. Mr. Lammey said that a record of decision is expected this month.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Vice-Chairman Nugent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on January 28, 2015, and there will be an open house for the Long Range Transportation Plan on

February 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM at the Kankakee Public Library on the fourth floor in the auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous approval. Vice-Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 4:45 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** – Roadside ditches have been relocated to accommodate the widening of the road. Driveway culverts are being replaced. The project 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** – Construction of the southbound I-57 bridge continues.
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. Completed
  - 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. Completed
  - 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. However, patching & resurfacing of the worst areas has been completed as a temporary fix. This section of highway will be entirely milled & resurfaced next spring.
  - 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.