

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

December 14, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Chairman Chad Miller, Jeff Jarvis, Mel Blanchette, Loretto Cowhig, Craig Bayston, Craig Blanchette, Rich Howell, Ralph Paarlberg and George Washington.

Others:

Fred Ranck, Traffic Safety Consultant; Mike Bossert, County Board Chairman; Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Lindsey Harper and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TRAFFIC SAFETY AUDIT

Mr. Lammey introduced Mr. Fred Ranck, the Traffic Safety Consultant for the project. Mr. Ranck explained the status of the project and explained the means used to identify locations to focus on for application of low-cost improvements to reduce traffic injury crashes. This was done by applying principles used in the Highway Safety Manual to predict the average number of crashes an intersection design should expect to have and comparing that to actual injury crash statistics. There are 81 intersections identified as having more than expected crash rates.

Mr. Ranck then reviewed each of the crash locations and prepared a worksheet of proposals for low-cost improvements for each. The recommendations include advance warning signs, double-up warning signs, larger signs, informational signs, improved timing on traffic signals, removal of sight obstructions and pavement marking improvements. Meetings are being held with engineers for the municipalities and IDOT to show them the progress so far. A comprehensive safety grant application for funds on a 90% / 10% basis will be submitted next year in December to include all jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction will be responsible for their own 10% matching share.

ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey displayed Illiana maps showing some suggested routes, some of which go through

municipalities (like Essex). There will be a public meeting on December 14th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Matteson Hotel, Rt.30 @ I-57.

TRANSPORTATION BROCHURE 2011 EDITION

Mr. Lammey presented Volume 2 of the *Kankakee County Transportation Initiatives* to the Subcommittee members. The new brochure tells about current and expected transportation in Kankakee County.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

MINUTES

Mr. M. Blanchette made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting with one correction, deleting the second entry of his name in attendance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howell moved for adjournment, and Mr. Bayston seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.