

MINUTES

KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Kankakee County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room,
189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

December 18, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Mr. Miller, Mr. Paarlberg, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Bayston, Ms. Cowhig, Mr. Blanchette, Mr. Bergdahl,
Mr. Washington, Mr. Howell.

Others:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet, and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Jim Meyer, URS Corp.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bergdahl moved to approve the October 23, 2014 minutes, seconded by Mr. Bayston.
Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Jarvis motioned to elect Mr. Washington as chairman of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC), Mr. Bayston as vice-chairman of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC), and Mr. Bergdahl as secretary of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). Mr. Bayston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BROCHURE

Brochures about the KATS MPO were distributed to everyone. Mr. Lammey explained the brochure is published every three years and this is the third issue. The document explains what and MPO is as well as its responsibilities and its members. 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. Mr. Howell asked about the crash data with the map showing information for the years 2007-2012 and the table on the following page showing 2007-2011 and why they were different. Mr. Lammey explained that the data on the

map was exclusively produced by the KATS staff and the table has been compared to IDOT published crash data. IDOT has not yet released finalized injury counts for 2012 yet.

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. Mr. Lammey also announced that the Illiana Expressway Tier Two Record of Decision has been approved for the project to continue to the implementation phase.

LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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 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 be outside the metropolitan planning area and therefore not listed as a project in the ranking process. However, because the concept has an effect on regional traffic flow in the MPA, it will be included in the long range plan 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. Meyer explained that members of the MPO Policy Committee thought that the Brookmont Blvd. Viaduct should have been ranked higher on the list and that the projects should be placed into groups of importance to the region rather than a true ranking. The committee discussed the rankings of the projects and how they would be important to the region in the next 25 years.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is February 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM and last until 7:00 PM at the Kankakee Library Auditorium on the fourth floor. It will be a public hearing for the Long Range Transportation Plan and the meeting will begin at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howell motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Jarvis. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 AM.