

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**MARCH 18, 2015**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Mayor Schore     | Bourbonnais   |
| Mayor Epstein    | Kankakee  |
| Mayor Adams      | Bradley   |
| Chairman Bossert | Kankakee County                                       |
| Mayor Nugent     | Manteno   |
| Mr. Hoffmann     | Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District |
| Ms. Ruble        | Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority        |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Baxter, IDOT; Mr. Mulholland, Aroma Park; Mr. Rogers, Kankakee County; Mr. Koning, METRO; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Donovan, FHWA, and Mr. Meyer and Mr. Huebner, AE Comm

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Adams moved approval of the January 28, 2015 minutes. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Nugent moved that the Agenda be approved, and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous vote.

**FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Mulholland stated that the estimate on the Riverfront Trail Phase 2b project has risen, and the local share will make up the difference. Mr. Lammey stated that this was classed as an administrative amendment, and stated that the Policy Committee is to be informed of that when it occurs.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the funding source on a number of projects had changed from FTA (Federal Transit Administration) to IDOT. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory

Committee recommends approval of this amendment to the Policy Committee. Mayor Nugent moved approval, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

## **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.

## **FHWA UPDATE**

Mr. Donovan stated that the current federal transportation legislation expires at the end of May. He stated that some major state projects are on hold with the new Illinois governor. He stated that there are three planning emphasis areas:

- MAP-21 Implementation - transition to Performance-based Planning and Programming;
- Regional Models of Cooperation - ensure a regional approach to transportation planning by promoting cooperation and coordination across transit agency, MPO, and State boundaries, and
- Ladders of Opportunity - access to essential services

## **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD**

Mr. Mulholland stated that there was no change.

## **INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

Mayor Adams stated that there was no change.

## **AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that adjustments are required to change funds from personnel to non-personnel, and that the amendment is revenue-neutral. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval to the Policy Committee. Chairman Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

## **ADOPTION OF DRAFT FY 2016 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with IDOT calls for action on the draft **FY 2016 Unified Work Program** in March. He stated that the document for FY 2016 is much the same as in FY 2015, with the exception being that the **Long-Range Transportation Plan** will be completed. Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption to the Policy Committee. Chairman Bossert moved adoption, and Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

## **REVISED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AND BY LAWS**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Intergovernmental Agreement and By Laws have been revised since the action taken by the Policy Committee at their January 28, 2015 meeting to give voting status to the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District. Mayor Adams moved adoption, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

## **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Meyer gave a summary of the public outreach efforts that have occurred in the recent past,

including a public open house and a public hearing on the **Long-Range Transportation Plan** on February 19, 2015, and a second public survey which opened on February 11, and closes today. He stated that there have been 96 responses to the survey.

Mr. Meyer stated that the three roadway priorities from the survey included (1) the intersection of Armour Road and Illinois Route 50; (2) the intersection of U.S. Route 45/52 Illinois Route 50, and (3) the improvement of U.S. Route 45/52. He stated that the three transit priorities from the survey included (1) enhance and construct bus stops; (2) increase the frequency of buses, and (3) increase service to Midway Airport. He stated that the three priorities in non-motorized transportation from the survey included (1) complete the Riverfront Trail; (2) construct a pedestrian overpass at U.S. Route 45/52 and Illinois Route 102, and (3) construct sidewalks along major roadways.

Mr. Meyer stated that support for an additional river crossing was 59% in favor and 30% stating that the issue should be studied further. He stated that support for the Illiana was 62% in favor, and 15% with no opinion. He stated that support for the extension of commuter rail was 74% in favor, and 10% with only a "maybe" for support. He stated that 26% believed that the extension of commuter rail would have a significant impact on the area, with 44% stating a slight impact.

Mr. Meyer reviewed the elements that will be in the final plan, including support for regional connections that are outside the Metropolitan Planning Area. Three specific projects that qualify for this support include (1) a new river crossing; (2) the Illiana project, and (3) the South Suburban Airport.

Mr. Meyer stated that the fiscally constrained plan needed to be addressed at this meeting. He reviewed the project identification factors, and the Tier 1 local projects. He stated that two projects are recommended to be on the fiscally constrained list at this time, those being Hobbie Avenue and Industrial Drive.

The discussion of the Hobbie Avenue project includes benefits in the support of traffic and truck operations, in the area of economic development, in safety, in the support of multi-modal issues, and the relatively low cost of the project. The Industrial Drive project will require some action in the area of functional classification, and would have the benefits of the relief of local congestion at peak periods of traffic, and would directly impact two of the largest employers in the region.

Mayor Nugent asked which project is considered the first project to be constructed, and Mr. Meyer stated that Hobbie Avenue had previously been identified as the next project, and that the draft **Long-Range Transportation Plan** identifies it as the next project. Mr. Lammey stated that there are classification issues with Industrial Drive that need to be addressed in the next few years, and that the outcome might determine the next project after Hobbie Avenue. He stated that this will be revisited the next time the **Long-Range Transportation Plan** will be done, in five years. Mayor Epstein asked if there was a backup plan to the two projects, and Mr. Lammey stated that this can be discussed in the interim period between the two plans, or can wait until the next plan effort is done.

Mr. Meyer stated that the issue of environmental justice must be investigated for the two

projects, in the areas of minority population, and in population below the poverty line. He stated that the Hobbie Avenue project directly addresses both of these issues, and rates highly in the area of environmental justice. He stated that the Industrial Drive project is neutral in the area of environmental justice.

Mr. Meyer stated that the projects need to be investigated from an environmental standpoint, to determine environmental assets and environmental mitigation. He stated that neither project seems to impact environmental assets.

Mr. Lammey stated that some conversation among staff had occurred as to whether to place the two-lane portion of U.S. Route 45/52 south of 6000 N. Road on the fiscally constrained plan. After general discussion, it was the general consensus of the group that this project should be placed in the fiscally constrained plan.

Mayor Schore moved that the fiscally constrained plan, with the addition of the U.S. Route 45/52 project, should be placed on the fiscally constrained plan in the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**. Mayor Nugent seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **AUTHORIZATION TO SEND DRAFT LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN INTO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Adams moved that the **Long-Range Transportation Plan** be placed in the 45 day public comment period. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on May 6, 2015.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Chairman Bossert seconded. With a unanimous passing vote, Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:17 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 was on the State's January 30, 2015 contract letting. Meantime, the village of Bourbonnais and the railroad have been reviewing drafts of a maintenance agreement relevant to the proposed crossing of Bourbonnais Parkway over the C/N railroad tracks. IDOT has petitioned the ICC to urge the railroad to move forward with this issue in a more timely matter.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – Roadside ditch and culvert work has continued through the winter months. Utility relocation with Aqua Illinois Inc. also continues. Construction of the 3 lane pavement section will occur this summer.
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. IDOT District 3 staff met with the city of Kankakee in January to discuss developments to Phase I engineering.
4. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – Work on the structural steel has resumed.
5. **Road Maintenance/Repair Involving Intermittent Milling and Resurfacing and Joint Patching at Various Locations:** – These projects were presented at the KATS meeting of June 25, 2014 meeting. Pre-construction meetings have been held at the IDOT District 3 office. IDOT District 3 personnel are currently performing preparation work. As soon as asphalt plants are open for operations, actual milling and resurfacing operations will begin at the following locations:
  - 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. A preconstruction meeting was held in February.
  - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks (N5000 Rd.) northerly to 5th Street in Manteno. A preconstruction meeting was held in February.
  - U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): Mill & resurface from Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais. Intermittent/temporary patching & resurfacing of the worst areas was completed last fall. A more complete milling & resurfacing of roadway, and ADA ramp construction will begin shortly.
  - IL 1/17: Mill & resurface from IL 114 in Momence southwesterly to the IL 1& 17 (south) junction near Sun River Terrace. A preconstruction meeting was held in February.

**James Greenstreet**

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**From:** Mike Lammey [mlammey@k3county.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2015 3:07 PM  
**To:** Jim Greenstreet  
**Subject:** FW: Milling Projects

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**From:** Paukovitz, Louis J [mailto:Louis.Paukovitz@illinois.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 17, 2015 2:53 PM  
**To:** 'Mike Lammey'  
**Subject:** Milling Projects

Michael:

**FYI --**

This late news just arrived -- -The milling & resurfacing projects around Kankakee County, **(under the Gallagher Asphalt contracts)**, will begin around April 6<sup>th</sup> and continue through April 23<sup>rd</sup>. These include the following areas:

US 45/52 in Bourbonnais: From Armour Rd to St. George Rd. (ADA ramp replacements too)

IL 1: From Momence north to Grant Park

IL1/17 : From Momence southwest to Sun river Terrace.

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