

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 6, 2015

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Mr. Allen	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
Ms. Ruble	Representing Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey 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; Ms. McElroy, Herald; Mr. Schwartz, DeKalb County; Mr. Donovan, FHWA, and Mr. Meyer and Mr. Huebner, AECOM

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 March 18, 2015 minutes. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mayor Schore moved that the Agenda be approved and Mr. Allen seconded. Unanimous vote.

POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Chairman Epstein opened the floor for nominations. Mayor Adams moved that the current slate of officers (Chairman Epstein as Chairman and Mayor Nugent as Vice-Chairman) be nominated. Mayor Schore seconded the motion, then moved closure to the nominations, and Mayor Adams seconded that motion. The vote on the closure of nominations was unanimous, as was the vote on Chairman Epstein and Vice-Chairman Nugent.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Lammey asked Policy Committee members to make their appointments to the Technical Advisory Committee:

- Mayor Fowler appointed Mr. Clevenger
- Mayor Schore appointed Mr. McBurney
- Mayor Epstein appointed Mr. Tyson
- Mayor Adams appointed Dr. Gingerich
- Chairman Bossert appointed Mr. Rogers
- Mr. Allen appointed Mr. Koning
- Mr. Paukovitz stated that he was the appointment of the Illinois Department of Transportation
- Ms. Ruble stated that she was the appointment of the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

Mr. Lammey stated that he would contact Mayor Nugent to confirm his appointment of Mr. Mulholland.

FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were none.

METRO UPDATE

Mr. Allen stated that IDOT would be conducting a "Listening Session" at the METRO Centre on May 21 at 2:30 P.M., and urged that interested parties contact Mr. Ken Munjoy at METRO to reserve a seat. Mr. Van Mill asked what kind of comments would IDOT be looking for, and Mr. Caldwell stated that he had attended three sessions thus far, and that infrastructure issues had been the main concern.

IDOT UPDATES

Mr. Paukovitz sent the attached handout about the current status of state road projects in the MPO.

Mr. Caldwell again referenced the "Listening Session", a number of which were being held around the state. He stated that Governor Rauner's interest in infrastructure was the major issue.

FHWA UPDATE

Mr. Donovan stated that the current federal transportation legislation expires at the end of May. He stated it appears that a short term extension of the current legislation is being discussed.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD

Mr. Mulholland stated that a TIGER grant application will be prepared for this project. Mr. Tyson asked if a letter of support for the project could be generated by MPO staff, and Mr. Lammey stated that one will be prepared.

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that there was no change.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that adjustments are required to change funds between work elements, 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 Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

ADOPTION OF FINAL FY 2016 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the contract with IDOT calls for action on the final **FY 2016 Unified Work Program** in May. 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 Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT FY 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Olson discussed the draft document, and stated that we do not yet have the IDOT program, so there will be a lot more material in the final document. Mr. Lammey referred to the funding tables on pages III-1 and III-2, to show what projects had been funded with STPU funding in the past, and what our expected balance will be at the end of the next few years.

Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the document for accuracy, and forwards the document to the Policy Committee for approval. Chairman Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Meyer stated that this would be the last presentation on the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**, and waited for the applause to die down before proceeding. He reviewed the schedule for the process, and stated that the draft document had been in public comment for 45 days, and that no comments had been received. He reviewed the opportunities that had been afforded for public comment during the process.

Mr. Meyer discussed the process for the development of the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**, stating that the document met the requirements of the current federal transportation legislation, MAP-21, and that performance based planning had been considered. He stated that a number of the requirements for performance based planning have not yet been finalized, and that the plan would have to accommodate these in the future. Mr. Meyer reviewed the regional population and employment data from the document, and summarized the goals, objectives and performance identified in the document.

Mr. Meyer reviewed commuter traffic flows into and out of Kankakee County. He discussed traffic volume data, along with traffic safety data in the document, and stated his belief that the Safety Committee was doing some work that will be of benefit in the future.

Mr. Meyer discussed the public transit section of the document, discussing the route structure of METRO, and some scenarios for METRO in the future, culminating in estimates for transit vehicle replacements and expansion.

Mr. Meyer discussed the non-motorized section of the document, relying heavily on the recently adopted plan for the City of Kankakee. He referred to other municipal and county plans in the remainder of the section.

Mr. Meyer discussed the freight section of the document, showing an overview of the current situation, and stating that reports indicate that freight traffic is expected to double by the year 2040. He discussed the major impact that the Illiana Expressway will have on traffic in Kankakee County.

Mr. Meyer discussed passenger rail implications for Kankakee County, both in terms of Amtrak service and potential Metra service. He detailed passenger rail extensions of Metra that have been discussed.

Mr. Meyer discussed the aviation section of the document, in terms of both the Greater Kankakee Airport and the potential South Suburban Airport. He also discussed the security section of the document.

Mr. Meyer reviewed the project selection section of the document, giving a history of how projects were developed and ranked. He included discussions on public input surveys that were conducted throughout the study. He reviewed the Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 project lists, and discussed the recommended plan and implementation section. He reviewed the final list of fiscally constrained projects, stating that the Hobbie Avenue project was the recommended next project. He stated that the Industrial Drive project is the current recommendation for the next project after Hobbie Avenue.

Mr. Meyer stated that the **Long-Range Transportation Plan** is not a static document, but has the ability to be altered if circumstances warrant. He discussed how this could be done, and stated that the next update would be due on May 6, 2020. He then stated that the next step would be plan approval.

Mr. Rogers stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee adopt the **Long-Range Transportation Plan**. Mayor Schore moved adoption, and Mayor Adams seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Epstein thanked the consultant on the project, stating that the process had been informative, and that she was very comfortable with the outcome. Mr. Lammey voiced his thanks to the members of the Policy Committee, stating that the members had risen to the occasion, and taken the process very seriously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lammey stated that one of the items that was desired to be presented at the IDOT Listening Session was a letter of support for the Illiana, and distributed a draft of the statement. Chairman Epstein asked if data on the increase in truck traffic could be placed in the statement, and Mr. Lammey stated that this would be added. He further stated that the letter would be taken to each member agency for signature in the next two weeks.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Epstein stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on June 24,

2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Chairman Bossert seconded. With a unanimous passing vote, Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:28 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 1-57 Interchange at Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road - This project was on the State's January 30, 2015 contract letting; however it has not been awarded. The village of Bourbonnais has been in contact with the I. C. Railroad Co. regarding a needed approval of a maintenance agreement. A I DOT/railroad agreement is also needed for the construction of the railroad crossing. A meeting with the ICC was held on April 22, 2015. The judge has granted the railroad 3 added weeks to obtain approval signatures from the railroad's corporate officials designated to execute agreements. Both IDOT and the FHWA will not proceed with awarding a contract until the Bourbonnais- ICRR maintenance agreement is fully executed.

2. IL 17- From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone- Roadside ditch and culvert work is completed. Dirt work has begun for the actual widening of the pavement.

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 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. 1-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge – A deck pour on the southbound bridge is underway.

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. Milling and resurfacing operations are underway (in various stages) at these following locations: • US

- 45/52 (Portion of Washington St., East St. & Schuyler Ave.): Mill & resurface from IL 17 southerly to just north of the 1-57 interchange south of Kankakee. Sidewalk ramp work is being done. Milling will occur following completion of milling on IL-50 between Indian Oaks Road and Manteno, which is underway.
- IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks (5000 N Rd.) northerly to 5th Street in Manteno. Milling operations have begun.
- U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): Mill & resurface from Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais. Milling has begun. Sidewalk ramp work is to begin and crews are saw cutting pavement for traffic signal detector loops.
- IL 1/1 Mill & resurface from IL 114 in Momence southwesterly to the IL 1 & 17 {south} junction near Sun River Terrace: Milling of this highway segment has begun. Once completed such activities will move northward on IL 1/17 between Momence and Grant Park. ADA ramps are being constructed in Grant Park. Ramps will later be constructed in Momence.