

MINUTES

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Training Room, Bourbonnais Fire Department,
1080 Armour Road, Bourbonnais, IL

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 @ 9:00 A.M.

Member in Attendance

Lt. Jason LoCoco, Illinois State Police; Rick Lalumendre, Olivet Nazarene University; Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering; Mark Rogers, Steve Blanchette, and Diane Redwitz, Kankakee County Highway Dept.; Chief Jim Travis, Bradley Fire Department; Lt. Craig Anderson, Bradley Police Department; Therese Schultz, Aquinas Catholic Academy; Deputy Chief John Gerard, Kankakee Police Dept.; Jake Lee, Hoekstra Transportation;

Others Present

Commander Chris Kidwell, Kankakee Police Department; Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet, and Geoff Olson, Kankakee County Planning Department; Litton Power and Paul Manuel, Enbridge; Matt McBurnett, Price Gregory.

Call to Order

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

Deputy Chief Gerard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Lt. LoCoco. Motion carried.

Presentation by Enbridge

Mr. Power from Enbridge gave a presentation about the pipeline being constructed through Kankakee County. He introduced Mr. Matt McBurnett and Mr. Paul Manuel. Mr. Power showed slides of Enbridge's other existing pipelines and informed everyone that the pipeline through Kankakee is from Pontiac, IL to Griffith, IN. The pipeline transfers petroleum from western Canada and supplies Chicago and the Northeast U.S.

Mr. Power said the section of the pipeline north of the Kankakee River is in the second stage of construction, which is grading the ground, which follows removing the top soil. After the ground is leveled, the ground will be trenched and the pipe will be welded, inspected and lowered into the ground. The last stages of the project are to backfill the dirt and plant grass to cover the pipeline. Final inspections of the pipeline include hydrostatic pressure tests using water, and sending a pipeline inspection device through the pipeline to ensure quality welds and

an anti-corrosion lining.

Every Friday morning, all the truck drivers for the pipeline project are required to attend a safety meeting. As a result there are several hundred trucks entering and leaving one location. Until last week the meetings were held at the quarry just west of 1000W Road. Starting last Friday, they began holding the meetings at the Will County Fairgrounds near Peotone. Mr. Blanchette asked how many trucks there might be during peak construction and how many heavy equipment vehicles there were. Mr. Power said there may be over 800 trucks and there are currently 202 pieces of heavy equipment.

Mr. Power explained that Enbridge offers long term grants to local emergency response agencies within 10 miles of the pipeline, and said that although many of the agencies may be just outside that range, there's a possibility of still being awarded a grant.

Discussion of 9000N Road Issues

Mr. Olson told the committee that the Crash Subcommittee has done an analysis on 9000N Road from 1000W Road to 5000E Road. The goal was to try and identify any corridor wide improvements to increase traffic safety. He explained that the County Highway Department performed the main analysis and Mr. Blanchette further explained his analysis.

Mr. Blanchette described each of the crashes and causes that occurred along the analyzed corridor and whether there may have been any potential improvements. Mr. Blanchette focused on the intersections along 9000N Road at 1000W Road, Section Line Road, 4000E Road, and 9000N Road and 5000E Road. Regarding the intersection at 5000E Road Ms. Schultz asked why a four way stop wasn't considered. Mr. Blanchette explained that the highway manual on traffic control devices sets guidelines that all four directions should have equal amounts of approaching traffic and the traffic on 5000E Road is much less than 9000N Road.

Mr. Blanchette said at 5000E Road there were some utility pedestals that could obstruct someone's view. He contacted AT&T to ask if they were needed and if any could be removed or relocated. Stop bars will also be painted at the intersection, but there are few improvements that can be made in addition to what already exists. Mr. Blanchette said the other three intersections will have traffic control device improvements.

TIM Training

Mr. Lammey said there will be a Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training coming on June 16 and 17. The night session is going to be on Tuesday June 16 from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM, and the Wednesday June 17 training will be from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Report On Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue

Chairman Tyson asked if there were any updates on the enforcement of hands free cell phone use. Deputy Chief Gerard re-iterated what has become a common report of many drivers are still continuing to ignore the hands-free cell phone law. He said the department is issuing more tickets for electronic device use than not wearing a seat belt now.

Other Business

Chairman Tyson asked if there was any other business to discuss. Mr. Lammey said IDOT will

be giving a presentation at the August Safety Committee meeting about how they use crash data and perform crash analyses.

Next Meeting

The next Safety Crash Subcommittee Meeting will be on July 15, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the County Administration Building in the 2nd Floor Conference Room. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on August 12, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Bourbonnais Fire Station in the Training Room.

Adjournment

Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 AM.