

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

June 4, 2015, 10:30 AM

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Mr. Washington, Mr. Paarlberg, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Bayston, Ms. Cowhig, Mr. Blanchette, and Mr. Bergdahl.

Others:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet, and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Hoffmann, River Valley METRO MTD; Ms. Phelps, Court Reporter, Eunice Sachs and Associates.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Washington 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 April 23, 2015 minutes, seconded by Mr. Blanchette. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Washington opened the meeting up to public hearing for the **FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program** (TIP).

See Court Reporter Transcript for the Public Hearing portion.

There was no public comment concerning the TIP. Mr. Bergdahl moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF SAFETY PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reported that the Safety Committee and the Safety Crash Subcommittee were looking at various roadway segments for common factors relating to crashes that might be addressed by low-cost improvements such as improved signage or roadway markings. The first roadway segment being looked at is 9000 N Road from the area of 1000 W Rd to 5000 E Rd.

Mr. Steve Blanchette from the County Highway Department has reviewed every crash report and found no common factors, except quotes from drivers who stated they stopped for the stop sign and proceeded into the roadway and got hit.

There will be a full presentation on the Safety Program at the next meeting of this Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed Illiana Expressway current status with the Governor's office was brought up. The Governor has put the project on hold, but is quoted as saying he can "flip a switch" and turn it back on. General discussion followed pointing out:

- 1) the project is needed
- 2) stopping the project would be a waste of the planning funds already spent
- 3) the longer the project is delayed, the more it will cost to build

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is August 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM and will have a presentation on the Safety Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bergdahl moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Vice-Chairman Washington adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.