

**MINUTES**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

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

August 20, 2015, 10:30 AM

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Members:

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

Others:

Mike Fenton, The Herald; Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet, and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bayston moved to approve the June 4, 2015 minutes, seconded by Mr. Paarlberg. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF SAFETY PROGRAM**

Mr. Olson gave a presentation concerning traffic safety issues and performance measures. The most recent Federal Transportation Bill, MAP-21, requires the establishment of performance measures. The four performance measures identified for Safety use are monitoring and reduction of the 5-year rolling average of fatalities and serious injuries. The 5-year average for fatal and serious injury crash rates per hundred million vehicle miles travelled (VMT) is also used. Due to the change of the metropolitan planning area changing as a result of the 2010 Census, the study will be conducted for the entire county, with a fixed geographic area for VMT. There is no separation of data for local roads and state roads as far as VMT is concerned.

Mr. Lammey stated that the staff will be bringing updates on the crash study to this Subcommittee for review. Future reports will include the emphasis areas IDOT has suggested to MPOs and a segment analysis report. The relationship between IDOT and the MPO was discussed and hopefully IDOT will be more receptive to suggestions about traffic safety along State roads from the MPO.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bergdahl asked if there will be new members appointed to fill vacancies on the Regional Planning Commission and this Subcommittee. The ordinance calls for 16 members and there are currently only ten. There was no information on replacements at this time. Mr. Bergdahl suggested finding an interested citizen from a business south of Kankakee from the area that is experiencing a high number of fatal and serious crashes to serve on the RPC and this Subcommittee. He also asked if there would be an annual meeting for the RPC, scheduled on September 22nd. The status of that meeting is unknown.

Mr. Olson stated that there will be a comprehensive plan update coming up in the next few years. Mr. Bergdahl asked about comprehensive plans being created and adopted by the various municipalities in the County. Chairman Miller stated that it would be nice to have a presentation from the municipalities about their plans as they update them. Mr. Bergdahl suggested having Will County representatives update us on their comprehensive plan update that is in progress. We understand their update is slowed down due to the hold on building the South Suburban Airport and the Illiana Expressway.

Mr. Jarvis stated that this Subcommittee had started to review planning for the river area, which led to the formation of the River Roundtable meetings. He suggested that this Subcommittee again discuss planning for the river area.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is October 22, 2015 at 10:30 AM and will include the Regional Planning Commission election of officers, unless completed at a possible September 22, 2015 RPC meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bayston moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bergdahl. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.