

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)  
**MINUTES**  
**August 26, 2015**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Allen	METRO

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet, and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blakely, and Mr. Broviak, IDOT; Mr. Clevenger, Manteno; Mr. Stone, Aroma Park; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley, and Mr. Hoffmann, METRO, Mr. Tyson, Kankakee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Adams moved approval of the June 24, 2015 minutes. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

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

**FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were none.

**FINAL BILLING REPORT FY 2015**

Mr. Lammey referred everyone to the final billing for fiscal year 2015 and explained that it provides details of the activities of the MPO staff.

**VOTING STATUS FOR KANKAKEE VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority is the only MPO member without voting status. Mayor Nugent asked if there were any negative effects of being given a vote and if they had expressed interest. Mr. Lammey explained that it was increase the need for a quorum by one person and in the past they have expressed interest in obtaining voting status.

Mayor Nugent asked if the Airport competed for funds with the MPO and Mr. Paukovitz answered that they have a different funding source and do not compete with the MPO. Mr.

Paukovitz also explained that any projects that would be required to be in the TIP would already be required to do so, the status of whether they can vote or not does not affect that requirement.

Mr. Lammey also commented that most other MPOs have airport authorities as voting members. The Committee unanimously decided to request a letter from the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority asking for voting status and to draft new bylaws and intergovernmental agreement and at the next meeting a vote will be held.

## **SUBMISSION OF FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION REQUEST FOR INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

Mr. Olson gave a presentation explaining the Industrial Drive extension project as outlined in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. He explained that because the road is not yet built it does not have a classification and in order to be eligible for federal funding it must be classified as at least a collector.

Mr. Olson started by stating the number of residents who live within a 1.5 mile radius is 25 percent of the population inside the urbanized area and that many people live within near proximity to make use of the project. He further described the project to extend the current Industrial Drive northerly then easterly to the Lowe's traffic signal and have three lanes of travel with an off-street multi-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians. It would provide an alternate travel route for people and help reduce congestion at CSL Behring's main entrance at Arthur Burch Dr.

Mr. Paukovitz asked if there were road maintenance agreements in place and who would own the road. Dr. Gingerich explained that the road would be in Bourbonnais Township because CSL and Bunge are not within the Village of Bradley limits, but the Village of Bradley has agreed to maintain the road.

Mr. Olson explained that he observed traffic and noted that the majority of vehicles exiting CSL are heading east, to IL-50, the second busiest intersection in the MPO planning area. The completed project is estimated to have 5,350 vehicles per date and was calculated by combining a percentage of through-trips of travelers avoiding the North Street and IL-50 Intersection and the number of vehicle trips produced by employees and CSL, Bunge, and the other businesses located along Industrial Dr.

Mayor Nugent asked if the closing of Bunge affected the number of trips calculated and Mr. Olson explained that the number of employees used for the estimated traffic for CSL was 600 and 200 for Bunge. Mr. Van Mill stated the current employment at CSL is over 1,000. Mr. Olson said that when Bunge closes, the actual number of CSL's employees will compensate for the Bunge's generated trips in the estimate. Mr. Olson explained that the guidelines set by the Federal Highway Administration for a collector roadway coincide with the characteristics of the Industrial Drive project.

Mr. Paukovitz requested two final copies of the classification request be sent to IDOT District 3 to be reviewed and forwarded on for a decision.

## **SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Mr. Olson gave a presentation on the required safety performance measures under MAP-21. He explained the four categories, 5-year rolling averages of fatalities and serious injuries and the 5-year rates of fatalities and serious injuries. In order to calculate 5-year averages for 2010, crash data as far back as 2006 had to be collected. He also explained the variations between the data IDOT has provided to MPOs and the data that KATS will be using.

Mr. Olson stated that MAP-21 only requires performance measures be monitored and goals be set for the metropolitan planning area, all of Kankakee County is currently being analyzed in order to keep data consistent across all the years. He also explained the trends of fatalities and serious injuries in the County and that the data presented created a base for the performance measures. The next step will be to create goals for the reduction of fatalities and serious injuries. It is also unclear of any ramifications for not meeting the set goals.

Mayor Nugent asked if there was anything that could be done to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Olson explained that a segment analysis will be done to look for recurring locations of crashes. In those locations there may be a potential for increased signage to alert drivers of hazards. However, if many crashes are caused by driver culture, such as distracted driving, then things like education and enforcement would be needed.

### **METRO UPDATE**

Mr. Hoffmann stated that METRO will be altering some routes because the Canadian National Railroad crossing at 5000N Road will be closed for repair work. Riders going to University Park will have to park in Manteno.

### **IDOT DISTRICT 3 UPDATE**

Mr. Paukovitz explained the IDOT construction report, attached to these minutes. He also said he received notice that IL-17 at I-57 will be closed on Saturday August 29, from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM for a bridge beam replacement.

Mr. Hoffmann asked if there could be some kind of clearinghouse list for road detours and closing so all agencies and the public can be notified of travel changes. Mr. Lammey said he will look into it.

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Tyson stated that the Committee had the same presentation at the last meeting as the MPO committees had today. There was also a presentation from IDOT District 3 on how they analyze safety data for projects.

### **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD UPDATE**

Mr. Tyson stated that the TIGER grant has been submitted.

### **RIVERFRONT TRAIL UPDATE**

Mr. Tyson said the letting will be in January 2016.

### **INDUSTRIAL DRIVE UPDATE**

Dr. Gingerich said the Village of Bradley will acquire right-of-way through Bunge's property.

CSL Behring has said they want access to their factory from Industrial Drive. Economic development program grant funds will be applied for to fund part of the project, although STPU funds may be requested. Dr. Gingerich explained he and Mayor Adams met with Mayor Epstein and Mr. Tyson to discuss project priority with STPU funds. The City of Kankakee did not have an issue with the project moving forward and the Village of Bradley agreed that Hobbie Avenue is still the top priority for STPU funds and would not pursue them if there was a conflict.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Nugent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on October 28, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schore moved adjournment, and Chairman Bossert seconded. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 4:26 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 Bourbonnias Parkway/6000 N Road** – This project was on the State's January 30, 2015 contract letting; however it has not been awarded. On June 16, 2015 the IDOT Central Office was informed that the railroad agreement has been signed by Illinois Central. IDOT hopes to have an executed copy of the agreement within a week or so. This project is currently on-hold while IDOT's programming and budget issues are being reviewed and assessed.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – Eastbound lane is being widened.
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 has been placed on IDOT's multi-year.
4. **I-57 Just North and South of the Kankakee River and Replacement of Kankakee River Bridge** – All traffic has been shifted onto the newly constructed southbound bridge and demolition has begun on the old northbound bridge.
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 I-57 interchange south of Kankakee. Sidewalk ramp work is being done. Loops are being replaced. Milling to be completed by the end of this week, barring any more rain delays.
  - IL 50 (Kinzie Ave.): Mill & resurface from 0.70 mile north of Indian Oaks (5000 N Rd.) northerly to 5th Street in Manteno. To be completed by end of month, barring any more rain delays.
  - U.S. 45/52 (Convent St.): Mill & resurface from Armour Road northerly to Indian Oaks Road in Bourbonnais. Project is completed.
  - IL 1/17: Mill & resurface from IL 114 in Momence southwesterly to the IL 1& 17 (south) junction near Sun River Terrace: Rumble strips are being placed on shoulders on Momence to Sun River Terrace portion. IL 1/17 between Momence and Grant Park, ADA ramps are completed. Project awaiting railroad insurance approval to finish up resurfacing operations at the tracks in both Momence and Grant Park.