

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
October 28, 2015

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mr. Allen	METRO
Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park
Mr. Wilder	Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet, Mr. Olson, and Mr. Van Mill, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blakely, Mr. Paukovitz, IDOT; Mr. Stone, Manteno; Mr. Koning, METRO; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Clevenger, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Ms. Ruble, Kankakee Valley Airport Authority, Ms. Dugan

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Epstein introduced Mr. Wilder, the new director for the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Dugan gave public comment regarding traffic problems along Armour Road in the Village of Bradley, particularly at the intersection of Armour Road and Cardinal Drive. She explained that it has been difficult to find out the process of improving safety along the road because it is within and enforced by the Village of Bradley but it is owned and maintained by Kankakee County. Ms. Dugan asked who the proper authority and committee would be to address the problems and her concerns. She also asked if anyone could find the regulations on reducing speed limits and any laws pertaining to joint road ownership and enforcement – such as the situation with Armour Road.

Chairman Epstein asked if any of the members had any comments to address Ms. Dugan. Mr. Bossert said it could be discussed at a County Highway Committee meeting next month. Mr. Lammey also said the MPO staff would look into seeing if there were any laws that prohibit a municipality from being able to change characteristics of a road outside its ownership.

MINUTES

Chairman Epstein had one correction for the minutes from August 26, 2015. Pending those changes, Mayor Adams motioned to approve the minutes. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mayor Nugent moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2016 TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated there were no amendments.

FY 2015 TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Olson explained a few changes to the FY 2015 TIP. There were changes to the Urban Transit projects after the fiscal year was closed out. Because the document is of a prior year, it was amended as a staff amendment and no action was needed. Mr. Lammey mentioned that with transit projects, there are occasions when a previous TIP needs to be amended to reflect year closeouts.

FY 2016 UWP AMENDMENT

Mr. Olson stated there was a change to the FTA apportionment amount the MPO can receive for fiscal year 2016. The FTA funding amount changed from \$44,931 to \$41,304. He said the change does not affect the amount of local share for the MPO, the reimbursement will still remain at 80 percent. Mayor Nugent motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Mayor Adams. Motion carried.

VOTING STATUS FOR KANKAKEE VALLEY AIRPORT AUTHORITY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT UPDATE MPO BYLAWS UPDATE

Mr. Lammey stated that the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority submitted a request for voting status on the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee. The approval would also authorize an update to the MPO Intergovernmental Agreement and the MPO Bylaws, which would include the Airport Authority in the voting members section. Both documents were in the meeting materials mailed to members with the proposed changes highlighted. Mr. Tyson said the Technical Advisory Committee voted to forward the changes to the Policy Committee. Mayor Adams motioned to approve the changes and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous Vote.

OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING

Mr. Olson stated the Obligated Project Listing is a document required by FHWA to be published each year. Mr. Lammey explained that the title and content are given to MPO staff by FHWA and the document is in accordance with their requirements. Mr. Caldwell informed the committee that the goal of the document is to complement the TIP and the flow of projects through the various stages. It's also meant to provide a document for public information.

Mr. Olson briefly listed the projects in the document. There were only three construction projects listed, which are the bike path in the Village of Bradley along IL-50, the Riverfront Trail Phase 2B in Kankakee, and the sidewalk project in Manteno. He also noted the Urban Transit page which has a summary of the transit projects for fiscal year 2015.

CONGESTION PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Mr. Olson gave a presentation on the travel time survey, a part of congestion management and MAP-21 performance measures. He referred everyone to the materials handed out at the meeting. He explained that MPO staff have been collecting travel time information in the autumn and spring of each year, beginning in fall 2014. He also said the data collection is in anticipation of the federal ruling that will be proposed in summer 2016.

He provided information about the most recent travel time survey results within the MPO planning area. The information contained average travel speeds, overall times, and amount of delay for each corridor sampled. He also explained the maps that show where there was travel delay along each of the corridors. Also shown on the maps were the average speed of the trip and how long it took to drive the corridor.

Mr. Olson said the surveyed roads consisted of the state routes and each major east-west road inside the metropolitan planning area. Mr. Olson also made a request for suggestions if any members wanted to see any changes for future travel time surveys. The presentation also showed the overall changes in travel times between the three surveys done to date. He said there has been minor fluctuations between seasons, but believes traffic conditions have remained steady.

IDOT MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

Mr. Olson said IDOT held an open house for their multi-year program at METRO Centre in September and submitted a letter to draw attention to projects in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan that were selected as the most important projects to the region.

The open house also had IDOT staff working on the Statewide Transit Plan to provide information and solicit public comments. Mr. Olson also gave a letter to Ms. George at IDOT explaining the importance of having a capital program to be included in the plan. Mr. Olson said copies of each letter were included in the meeting packets.

METRO UPDATE

Mr. Allen said the state budget impasse continues to be a problem for transit. Mayor Nugent asked if there has been an increase in ridership to Midway since METRO began running additional buses on that route. Mr. Allen said he wasn't certain, but all the feedback he had been hearing has been positive.

IDOT DISTRICT 3 UPDATE

Mr. Paukovitz explained the IDOT construction report, attached to these minutes.

IDOT URBAN PLANNING UPDATE

Mr. Caldwell explained that there is possible good news about FHWA PL funds being released to the MPOs. He said Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning needed to request a line of credit to continue providing MPO services and required a letter of assurance from IDOT stating that CMAP would receive the funding apportionments. Mr. Caldwell also said FHWA has notified IDOT that unless PL funds are released to the MPOs within 15 days of receiving the invoice, FHWA would not approve any project lettings after the January 2016 letting.

SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Tyson stated that the committee had a presentation by a local trucking company that was very informative. He also said the committee has changed the meeting times from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD UPDATE

Mr. McBurney stated that they are waiting to hear back if the TIGER grant was approved.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL UPDATE

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lammey reminded everyone that his retirement was effective October 30 and thanked all the members for their support and involvement with the MPO. He always told everyone that Mr. Greenstreet would be retiring on October 30, and thanked him for his service to the MPO.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Epstein said that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M. on January 27, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams moved adjournment and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 4:22 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 Bourbonnais Parkway/6000 N Road** – The initial activities of this project will be the removal of buildings and the completion to the relocation of utilities (electrical service, water lines, etc.). Dirt work has begun and will continue as long as the seasonal weather permits. Bourbonnais Pkwy./6000 N Road, between IL. 50 and US 45/52, will be closed to through traffic throughout the winter and into the spring of 2016.
2. **IL 17 – From Four Lane Pavement in City of Kankakee to N&S RR in Village of Limestone** – The application of leveling binder has been completed. It is hoped that the surface course can be applied before the cold weather arrives. Some incidental “touch up” work, such as seeding and matching pavement of intersecting roads, will most likely be accomplished in spring 2016.
3. **Interstate 57 at IL 17 (Court Street) Interchange in Kankakee** – Phase I engineering of the proposed interchange replacement is focused on the engineering design of the railroad crossing, located south of the interchange. IDOT District 3’s goal is to present the findings of the Phase I engineering study at a public hearing in Summer, 2016. Approximately \$3 million is included in IDOT’s multiyear program for Phase II engineering.
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. Steel work on the new northbound bridge continues. The crossover of traffic will remain in effect through the winter as the project will not be completed until mid-summer 2016.
5. **Illinois Route 102 bridge at Rock Creek** – This project is on IDOT’s November 6, 2015 contract letting. Proposed is the complete removal and replacement of the Rock Creek Bridge located at the Kankakee River State Park. Due to environmental sensitivity concerns, the site will be closed to all traffic from early spring (after the winter’s thaw) to the mid summer of 2016.
6. **Southbound Illinois 50 (Indiana Ave.) @ the Kankakee, Beaverville & Southern tracks** – Proposed are new circuitry, gates, flashing L.E.D. flashers and pavement improvements. Scheduled for a Spring 2016 contract letting, this project still needs to be amended to the KATS 2016-2019 multiyear TIP.