

Policy Committee
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)
Minutes
June 29, 2016

Policy Committee Members Present:

Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mr. Lindenmier	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Allen	River Valley METRO
Mr. Donovan	FHWA

Others Present:

Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Magolan and Mr. Lindenmier, IDOT; Mr. Stone, Manteno; Mr. Hoffmann, Mr. Koning, and Ms. Franke, METRO; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley.

Call to Order

Chairman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:24 P.M.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Chairman Epstein asked for any changes or corrections the minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting and, if none, a motion to approve them. Mayor Nugent motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chairman Epstein asked for any changes to the proposed agenda. Mr. Allen motioned approval of the Agenda. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

FY 2016 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

None.

METRO Update

Mr. Allen deferred to Mr. Hoffmann who explained METRO is currently working on a comprehensive operations analysis with AECOM to create a plan and recommendations for improving and optimizing service.

IDOT District 3 Update

Mr. Lindenmier referred everyone to the attached memo with project updates. He also explained that the work on US 45/52 over I-57 is not contracted work and likely operations maintenance. He said the bridge work has not currently gone to letting.

IDOT Urban Planning Update

Mr. Caldwell explained that IDOT's budget is dependent on the state legislature passing a stop gap budget. If passed, it would provide a full year of transportation funding. If not passed, construction work would have to be stopped except for essential safety projects. Mr. Magolan commented that if not passed, July would be the last month that motor fuel tax (MFT) payments would be made which would have been tax collected in June.

FHWA Update

None.

Safety Committee Update

None.

Brookmont Boulevard Update

Mr. McBurney said they applied for a TIGER grant and a FAST Lane grant. They are waiting to find out if the project has been awarded.

Riverfront Trail Update

Mr. McBurney said construction is expected to begin in August 2016. There may be some brush clearing in the next couple weeks. There are still some regulatory issues that need to be resolved and/or permits issued.

Industrial Drive Update

Dr. Gingerich said there were no updates.

Adoption of the FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Olson have the committee a presentation explaining the projects contained in the FY 2017 TIP. The public hearing was held on June 17 at the Land Use & Transportation Subcommittee meeting. There was no public comment. He explained the only changes to projects submitted was for Hobbie Avenue. The Construction and Construction Engineering had been moved from FY 2019 to FY 2020 by IDOT. Mayor Adams motioned to adopt the FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

Funding for ITEP Applications

Mr. Olson said he received a request asking about the possibility of using MPO Planning Funds to help cover the costs of the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant Applications being submitted by MPO member communities. He explained that he had discussions with IDOT and FHWA and the consensus was that they could be an eligible expense as long the only work performed was limited to the application itself and no preliminary engineering was being performed. Mr. Tyson was asked what the typical cost per application was and he replied that the typical cost per application was between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Mr. Olson also told the committee that although the ITEP applications are not done every year, future funding opportunities would have to be reviewed. He said due to the recent staff vacancies, a large amount of funds were made available. Mr. Tyson informed the Policy Committee that there was no objection by the Technical Advisory Committee for approving this expenditure. Mayor Nugent motioned that each member community submitting an ITEP grant application be eligible to submit an invoice to the MPO for up to \$2,000 or equal shares among all applicants if the total sum of all ITEP applicants is greater than the available funding. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Combining Urban and Rural HSTP Local Committees

Mr. Olson said he and Mr. Hoffmann discussed combining the two local committees that work with the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). He explained that the Rural Region 6 HSTP is maintained by McLean County Regional Planning Commission and Kankakee County has a local technical committee that reports to the regional committee. There is also the Kankakee Urban HSTP Committee.

The two committees consist of many of the same members and both address many of the same issues. By combining the committees it would reduce the number of meetings and committee processes by half for many of the members. River Valley METRO and the McLean County RPC do not have any objections to combining the committees. The Urban HSTP aspect would still be a part of METRO and the MPO and the rural aspect would still report to the Rural Region 6 HSTP. The next Kankakee County Transportation Committee is tentative to meet on August 30, 2016.

Proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad Discussion

Mr. Olson said he drafted a short list of comments to submit to the Surface Transportation Board for the section of the proposed Great Lakes Basin (GLB) Railroad that goes through the metropolitan planning area. He explained the biggest concern is the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) does not have the railroad listed because it wasn't a known project. GLB has proposed many road closures including 3000E Road and 5000E Road. The LRTP includes a new mile of 4000E Road across the section of the proposed railroad, as part of the eastern bypass. If the railroad were to be built, this would make the completion of that project extremely unlikely. Mayor Nugent asked if this was a known project that was overlooked while creating the LRTP. Mr. Olson said it was not considered a viable or imminent project during the two years it took to complete the plan. Mayor Epstein asked if there would be funding opportunities available to update the current LRTP or plan around the proposed project and perhaps it should be part of the project mitigations for affected areas. Mr. Olson said he was unaware of any opportunities and would include that in his comments he will submit.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Safety Crash Subcommittee will be held on August 10, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on August 31, 2016 starting at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mayor Adams motioned for adjournment and Mayor Nugent seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 3:58 P.M.

IDOT DISTRICT 3 PROJECT STATUS – KANKAKEE URBAN AREA June 29, 2016

Note: Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation of funds by the General Assembly

1. **I-57 at 6000N Road (Bourbonnais Parkway) New Interchange** – 6000N Rd. is completely closed between US 45/52 to IL 50 with limited access provided to residences and businesses on the road, and will continue to be until 2017. Embankment and bases are being constructed on 6000 Rd., the new interchange ramps, and the west side of US 45/52. Storm sewer and box culvert work continues in areas. Some concrete work may begin in mid-July beginning with the ramp tie-in areas of I-57 continuing on to US 45/52 and 6000N Rd. Stage construction will continue at the US 45/52 and 6000N Rd. intersection through the remainder of the construction season. A majority of the IL 50 intersection work will be in 2017, but the RR crossing work may be done this fall.
2. **IL 17 from west of S5000W Road to 0.3 miles east of W175 Road in Kankakee – New Two Way Left Turn Lane** – A section of the pavement will be resurfaced due to a rough ride. This should take place in July. Following that will include some striping repair and raised pavement markers. The job should be complete by the end of July.
3. **I-57 over the Kankakee River, south of IL 17 - Bridge Replacements** – Traffic may be on the NB structure as early as June 27th. Lane closures may continue until mid-July when the project should be finally completed.
4. **IL 102 over Rock Creek Bridge – Bridge Replacement** – Bridge deck is scheduled to be poured around end of June/start of July. Other work remaining will include bridge approaches, parapet walls, creek clean-up, ditchwork, etc. Reopening the road will take place before Labor Day.
5. **Southbound IL 50 (Indiana Ave.) at the KB&S RR crossing** – this project involves new signal circuitry, cantilever LED flashing light signals (gates will not be installed), reconstruction of the grade crossing and highway approach work. This project will not go to a letting. The railroad or their contractors will perform the work. Construction is anticipated to be initiated and completed in the summer of 2016.
6. **I-57 from Iroquois County Line to South of the IL 50 Interchange** – This project was on the June 10, 2016 letting and work involves intermittent milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement on the NB & SB driving and passing lanes.