

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

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Stone	Manteno
Mr. Koning	METRO
Mr. Lindenmier	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley
Mr. Donovan	FHWA

Others Present:

Mr. Magolan and Tom Caldwell, IDOT; Mayor Schore, Bourbonnais; Mayor Adams, Bradley; Mayor Epstein, Kankakee; Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Hoffmann, Mr. Allen, and, Ms. Franke, METRO;

Call to Order

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Chairman Tyson asked for any changes or corrections the minutes from the May 11, 2016 meeting and, if none, a motion to approve them. Mr. McBurney motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda

Chairman Tyson asked for approval of the proposed agenda. Dr. Gingerich motioned approval of the Agenda. Mr. Koning seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Technical Advisory Committee Elections

Chairman Tyson asked for nominations for chairman and vice-chairman for the Technical Advisory Committee. Dr. Gingerich nominated Chairman Rogers and Vice-Chairman Tyson. Mr. McBurney Seconded the nomination. Unanimous Vote, motion carried.

FY 2016 TIP Amendment

None.

Adoption of the FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Olson presented the committee with a final version of the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2017. 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. Mr. Lindenmier motioned to approve the FY 2017 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. 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 explained that the typical cost per application was about \$2,000.

Mr. Olson also told the committee that although the ITEP applications are usually accepted every two years, future funding availabilities would have to be reviewed and would be based upon available funds. He said due to the recent staff vacancies, a large amount of funds were made available. Dr. Gingerich motioned that each member community submitting an ITEP grant application be able 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. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Combining Urban and Rural HSTP Local Committees

Mr. Olson said Mr. Hoffmann suggested 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 that provides updates to METRO and the MPO Policy 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 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.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no old business.

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

Mr. McBurney motioned for adjournment and Dr. Gingerich seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:22 P.M.