

**Policy Committee**  
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)  
**Minutes**  
**August 17, 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 3:18 P.M.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Minutes**

Chairman Epstein asked for any changes or corrections the minutes from the June 29, 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. Chairman Bossert motioned approval of the Agenda. Mayor Fowler seconded the motion. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

**FY 2017 TIP Amendment**

Mr. Olson explained that one TIP amendment was received from IDOT to change the funding source of the IL-115 Gar Creek Bridge to be fully funded by IDOT, which removes the surface transportation program – rural (STP-R) funds. The total project cost remained the same. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the TIP amendment. Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FY 2017 UWP Amendment**

Mr. Olson said the county's GIS department had an intern position with the potential to be hired full time. The amendment would allow that staff member to assist in GIS work for the MPO. The funding for that position would be for about 7 percent of their time and was taken from the non-personnel section, which acts as a carryover pot for funds not used for staff. The change is revenue neutral to the budget. Mayor

Nugent asked if the GIS intern has already been hired. Mr. Olson said he has been working in the GIS office for a couple months. Mayor Nugent motioned to approve the amendment. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **METRO Update**

Mr. Koning said Mr. Allen and Mr. Hoffmann were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Hoffman wanted to say the comments on the proposed MPO rulemaking were well written and explained the concern the changes could have for the KATS MPO. There were no other updates.

### **IDOT District 3 Update**

Mr. Lindenmier referred everyone to the attached memo with project updates. Please see the last page for current updates.

### **IDOT Urban Planning Update**

Mr. Caldwell said the only news from IDOT is to remind staff to submit comments on the proposed MPO rulemaking.

### **FHWA Update**

None.

### **Safety Committee Update**

Mr. Tyson said the Safety Crash Subcommittee met last week and reviewed crashes and crash data for 2016.

### **Brookmont Boulevard Update**

Mr. McBurney said they were not awarded TIGER grant funds or FAST Lane funds for the project.

### **Riverfront Trail Update**

Mr. McBurney said construction is expected to begin this fall.

### **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.

### **Final Billing Report for FY 2016**

Mr. Olson referred everyone to their copy of the final billing report for FY 2016. The report outlines what MPO staff worked on for the year, broken down by each UWP work element. Chairman Epstein asked if it needed approval and if it was forwarded on IDOT or FHWA. Mr. Olson explained that it is the same document that is submitted with IDOT reimbursement invoices. After each fiscal year the annual report is sent to FHWA.

## **Functional Classification Review**

Mr. Olson said he recently received an email from IDOT notifying him that the roadway functional classification system is being reviewed and any comments can be submitted. Mr. Rogers said he only looked at the rural areas in the county because almost all the roads in a municipality are not county roads. He said he had comments for two proposed changes for N 11000W Road and S 12750E Road. Mr. Olson said changing N 4000E Road is beneficial because it will bring it should be eligible for federal aid and it identified in the long range plan. He also had comments for extending the proposed other principal arterial road segments on IL-102 and IL-17. There were no additional comments.

## **Proposed Rulemaking on MPO Coordination & Planning Area Reform**

Mr. Olson explained that FHWA has a proposed rulemaking that would require multiple MPOs within one urbanized area to consolidate. The concern is that after a decennial census, KATS MPO could be required to merge with the Chicago MPO. Chairman Epstein thanked Mr. Olson for preparing the comments. Mayor Nugent suggested having all the Policy Committee members sign the comments to show that all members are in full support of the comments. Mr. Olson said he would add a section for all members to sign and would bring it to all the members to sign.

## **Authorization for TIP Staff Amendments**

Mr. Olson explained that each MPO allows planning staff to make modifications to the TIP which are typically minor. He said he has been unable to find documentation that outlines conditions that are acceptable for staff modifications. He asked the Technical Advisory committee if they were any objections to allow staff modifications if a project in the multiyear element is requested to be moved to the current TIP year; a project has an advance construction update; a project has a minor cost change of less than 10 percent of the total project cost; and a project has federal funds removed as a funding source. Mayor shore motioned to approve the conditions for staff modifications to the TIP. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business

## **New Business**

None.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting of the Safety Committee will be held on September 14, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The next meeting of the Safety Crash Subcommittee will be held on October 12, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on October 26, 2016 starting at 3:00 PM.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Nugent motioned for adjournment and Chairman Bossert seconded. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried. Chairman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 3:34 P.M.

## IDOT DISTRICT 3 PROJECT STATUS – KANKAKEE URBAN AREA August 17, 2016

1. **I-57 at 6000N Road (Bourbonnais Parkway) New Interchange** – The tentative start date for the grade crossing reconstruction is Fall 2016. The signal work will coincide with the stage construction of 6000N road, probably during 2017. Pavement construction (both stabilized sub-base and PCC pavement) will commence in August and September. Pavements will be constructed along US45/52 and each new ramp. Parts of 6000N Rd. will also be paved this fall, weather depending. The overhead structure over 57 may be removed over the winter months. IL 50 intersection, US 45/52 Stage II work, and new overhead structure will remain for 2017.
2. **IL 17 from west of S5000W Road to 0.3 miles east of W175 Road in Kankakee – New Two Way Left Turn Lane** –The job is complete, waiting on some re-seeding to establish before final acceptance.
3. **I-57 over the Kankakee River, south of IL 17 - Bridge Replacements** – Project is complete
4. **IL 102 over Rock Creek Bridge – Bridge Replacement** – Project will be open by Labor Day. Miscellaneous ditchwork and bituminous paving remains.
5. **Southbound IL 50 (Indiana Ave.) at the KB&S RR crossing** – The grade crossing was reconstructed the week of July 25, 2016. The signal circuitry upgrade project will start once the KB&S Railroad receives approval of the circuitry plans from the Illinois Commerce Commission. It is anticipated that the signal project will be completed this fall.
6. **I-57 from Iroquois County Line to South of the IL 50 Interchange** – Scheduled start of project is August 22<sup>nd</sup> and should last 5-6 weeks. All lanes will be open on weekends.
7. **IL 1 from the S Junction of IL 1/IL 17 to Iroquois County Line** – This project was on the June 10, 2016 letting and involves placing aggregate wedge shoulders to eliminate drop-offs adjacent to the existing pavement. Project will start in October and last for a week or two. Very minimal impacts to traffic.
8. **IL 113 from Will County Line to W3000N Rd** – This project was on the June 10, 2016 letting and consists of 5.5 miles of bituminous shoulder widening and rumble strips. Scheduled to start in late-September and last a month. Minimal impacts to traffic.