

Policy Committee
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)
Minutes
February 22, 2017

Policy Committee

Dave Tyson
Vice- Chairman Steve Liehr
Joel Greer
Mayor Linda Fowler
Nick Allen
Ryan Lindenmier
Tom Caldwell
John Donovan

Members Present:

City of Kankakee
County of Kankakee
Village of Bradley
Village of Aroma Park
River Valley METRO
Illinois Department of Transportation
Illinois Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Others Present:

Tom Magolan, and Roger Blakley, IDOT; Mark Rogers, Kankakee County Hwy. Dept.; Jon-Paul Kohler and JD Stevenson, FHWA; Geoff Olson, and Delbert Skimerhorn, Kankakee County.

Call to Order

Mr. Tyson, presiding as chairman for Mayor Epstein, opened the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Mr. Tyson asked for approval of the minutes for the previous meeting. Mr. Allen motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda

Mr. Tyson asked for any changes to the agenda as proposed, and if none, a motion to approve it as presented. Mr. Allen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2017 TIP Amendment

Mr. Olson said there was one amendment to the fiscal year 2017 Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment was requested by Illinois Department of Transportation for milling and resurfacing of U.S. 45/52 from West Industrial Drive to 0.1 mile north of Peerbotle Avenue, HIL-017-002. The total project cost is \$1,000,000 with \$800,000 from national highway priority program funds and \$200,000 in IDOT funds. Mr. Tyson asked if there was a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Rogers responded that the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the amendment for approval. Mayor Fowler made a motion accept the amendment. Mr. Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2017 UWP Amendment

There were no amendments to the FY 2017 Unified Work program.

Draft FY 2018 UWP

Mr. Olson said the Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Work Program has been drafted and gave explanation of each section. He explained some of the differences compared to the current work program. He said the Executive Director position is programmed for the entire year, unlike last year when the position was vacant. Mr. Olson explained that Executive Director Skimerhorn will continue to function as the GIS coordinator, previously listed in the work program. He said another difference is with the indirect cost rate, which is currently drafted at 15.403% may be changed to the de minimus rate of 10% due to the additional documentation required under the Grant Accounting and Transparency Act. Mr. Allen motioned to accept the Draft Fiscal Year 2018 Unified Work Program. Mayor Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FHWA Review of KATS MPO

Mr. Olson explained that the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) was performing an on-site review of the MPO Program. He introduced Mr. Jon-Paul Kohler and Mr. JD Stevenson from FHWA who were performing the review with Mr. Donovan. Mr. Donovan reminded everyone that population areas of 50,000 or greater are required to have an MPO established. Areas with large MPOs of 200,000 or greater are required to have a joint review with FHWA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The review process for smaller MPOs is optional, but FHWA does them as a benefit to them and the MPO to understand current program status and provide guidance or a coordinated effort to solve any issues. He explained that each aspect of the MPO is discussed, such as the creation and content of the unified work program and transportation improvement program, as well as the long range transportation plan. The organization and structure and upcoming required performance measures of the MPO are also discussed.

Airport Improvements

There was no update on the airport improvement project, but Mr. Olson said there was a meeting in a couple days that may provide an update for the next meeting.

METRO Update

Mr. Allen said there hasn't been any updates since the previous meeting.

IDOT District 3 Update

Mr. Lindenmier referred everyone to the attached memo with project updates. Please see the last page for current updates. Mr. Lindenmier added that the 6000N Road bridge over I-57 could likely be removed within the next two weeks. Mr. Olson asked for clarification of the two projects on U.S. 45/52 near I-57 in Kankakee. Mr. Lindenmier explained that the U.S. 45/52 over I-57 was specifically for the bridge structure and the newly added project to the TIP is for the approaches to the bridge.

IDOT Urban Planning Update

Mr. Caldwell said there were no updates.

FHWA Update

Mr. Donovan said there haven't been any updates since the last meeting. The webinars on the two new performance measures (bridge and pavement condition and system performance) are still being postponed

but should be rescheduled in the near future.

Safety Committee Update

Mr. Tyson said the Safety Committee has been looking at crash data. Previously the committee suggested some low cost improvements along IL-102 at 3000W Road and 5000W Road. He said as far as he knew, the improvements seemed to be helping.

Brookmont Boulevard Update

Mr. Blakely commented that the Brookmont Blvd project is approaching ten years since the preliminary engineering was done and the funds may be rescinded due expiration. A request for extension would needed, or land acquisition needs to be done. Mr. Tyson said they city is planning on land acquisition in the near future and is still looking into TIGER and Fast Lane grants.

Riverfront Trail Update

Mr. Tyson said construction has halted and there was difficulty with the middle pier footing. The alternate pier construction has been approved. The changes in funding are in the process of being approved.

Industrial Drive Update

Mr. Greer said there were not updates.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on May 10, 2017 starting at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Allen motioned for adjournment and Mayor Fowler seconded. Motion Carried. Mr. Tyson adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

IDOT DISTRICT 3 PROJECT STATUS – KANKAKEE URBAN AREA February 22, 2017

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

State

I-57 at 6000N Road (Bourbonnais Parkway) New Interchange – Existing overhead structure of 6000N Rd. over I-57 will be demolished in the upcoming months with construction of the new structure shortly following. The structure should be complete by the end of the 2017 construction season. During the demolition and installment of the new structure beams, traffic on I-57 will be detoured over the new ramps of the interchange. This work will occur overnight. The railroad is scheduled in spring to widen the crossing just west of IL 50. During this work, 6000N Rd. will be completely closed to traffic. Additional work to expect this upcoming spring includes work on the east half of US 45/52, beginning construction along IL 50, and concrete pavement on 6000N Rd.

IL 102 over Rock Creek Bridge – Bridge Replacement – Waiting for seeding to establish before final acceptance of project.

US 45/52 over I-57 – Various Bridge Repairs - This project was awarded to Kankakee Valley Construction Company on February 14, 2017.

US 45/52: W Industrial Park Dr to 0.1 Miles N of Peerbotle Ave – Milling and Resurfacing - Tentative letting date set for June 16, 2017

IL 115 Gar Creek Bridge Replacement – Tentative letting date set for March 3, 2017

Local

Local agency federal allotments were sent out in late December. The Districts have assembled their FY18 – 21 multi-year programs for the local agencies and submitted them to central office. Central Office has submitted the local program to OP&P for inclusion with the State MYP.

FY2022 Local Major Bridge Program funding announcements will be made with the release of the IDOT multi-year program in April / May of 2017.

FY2019 Local HSIP solicitation for projects should be announced through a BLRS Circular Letter in February. Please note that we are soliciting for one fiscal year in advance to allow more time for the selection and announcement process prior to the start of the actual fiscal year of funding.

Safe Routes to Schools Program – The Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering has indicated there will likely be another solicitation this year, but it will likely be later in the year.

Monthly Motor Fuel Tax – Even though the State does not have a current budget in place, IDOT did receive a full year budget for FY2017. This includes the appropriation to continue distributing the monthly motor fuel tax receipts to the local agencies.