

**Policy Committee**  
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)  
**Minutes**  
**August 30, 2017**

**Policy Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Nugent – Chairman	Village of Manteno
Chairman Wheeler – Vice Chairman	Kankakee County
Mayor Adams	Village of Bradley
Mayor Schore	Village of Bourbonnais
Mayor Wells-Armstrong	City of Kankakee
Mr. Lindenmier & Mr. Magolan	IDOT District 3
Mr. Magolan	IDOT District 3
Mr. Caldwell	IDOT OP&P
Mr. Donovan	FHWA

**Others Present:**

Mr. Piggush, Mr. Tyson, Mr. Benoit, Mr. Hanley, Mr. Koning, Mr. McBurney, Mr. Blakley, Ms. Franke, Mr. Olson, Mr. Skimerhorn.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 3:11 P.M.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

Chairman Nugent asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Mayor Adams stated he was not listed as in attendance. Mayor Adams made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction. Chairman Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Chairman Nugent asked for changes to the agenda or to accept it as presented. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FY 2018 Unified Work Program Amendment**

There were no amendments to the FY 2018 Unified Work Program.

**FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program**

There were no amendment to the FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

## **2018 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment**

Mr. Olson explained to everyone that the amendment adds a paragraph to the section on future aviation needs for the Greater Kankakee Airport. It indicates the airport is looking into improving runway 4/22. The improvement would allow larger aircraft, such as the Boeing 737 and McDonnell Douglas MD-80 to regularly use the airport. The improvements would also include the necessary modifications to the taxiways. Chairman Nugent stated that the request was originated by Chairman Wheeler and would help facilitate the federal detainee program. Chairman Wheeler motioned to approve the 2040 Long Range Plan Amendment. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

## **Annual Report for FY 2017**

Mr. Olson explained that each year an annual report is created to summarize the main work items that have been completed during the previous fiscal year. The report is not required, but is created for informational purposes. Typical items included in the report amendment to the Unified Work Program and Transportation Improvement Program, proposed projects that staff have reviewed, and work being done to address the performance measures. He also said the format of the report is a work in progress and will be more refined next time.

## **Review of FHWA Recommendations**

Mr. Skimerhorn gave a presentation that reviewed each of the recommendations from FHWA that were from the KATS MPO review that took place on February 22 – 23, 2017. He stated that it is a goal for staff to implement the recommendations. These include the recommendations to expand the current environmental justice analyses currently being done and improving public involvement. Some of the more noticeable updates will be the development of a new website and a logo for the MPO as a way to improve public involvement. Chairman Wheeler asked what the expected primary audience is of the new website, whether it is transportation professionals versus the general public. Mr. Skimerhorn explained the goal is to have a website that will have information and resources that can be accessed by everyone. He also informed everyone that some work toward the recommendations is already underway and updates will be given in the future as work continues.

## **Safety Performance Measures**

Mr. Olson informed everyone that staff received charts with statewide crash data that were prepared as part of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which includes the performance goals. IDOT has set a goal of a two percent reduction in each of the categories. He said MPOs have until the end of February to decide whether to support the goals the state has set or each MPO may create its own goals. Chairman Nugent asked how the data for the MPO compared to the statewide data. Mr. Olson replied that the MPO rates were higher than the statewide average, but because some of the individual annual data counts are relatively small compared to the statewide data, a small change can have a greater statistical impact when viewed as a percentage. Chairman Nugent asked if MPO funds are affected if the goals of the MPO are not met. Mr. Olson stated that at past meetings hosted by IDOT, it was explained that MPOs and MPO funds wouldn't be directly affected. Each state DOT would be reviewed by FHWA to determine if goals were met or significant progress had been made, and if not, certain funds

would be required to be used on safety projects. More data is expected to be received from IDOT that will show similar data to the statewide figures, but at the MPO level. After that information is received, it will be reviewed and there will be an update at the next meeting.

## **Agency Updates**

### **IDOT Multi-Year Program Outreach/Open House**

Mr. Olson informed everyone that IDOT District 3 will be hosting the annual Multi-Year Program open house on September 12. Mr. Magolan explained that it will be like years past where information on highway projects at the state, county, and local level will be available to be viewed by the public which is encouraged to attend.

### **IDOT District 3 Update**

Mr. Lindenmier provided an update on current state highway projects and upcoming grant opportunities for local municipalities to apply for. The update sheet is attached to the end of these minutes.

### **IDOT Urban Planning Update**

Mr. Caldwell stated the MPO uniform grant agreements are awaiting signatures and executed copies should be sent to the MPOs in the near future.

### **FHWA Update**

Mr. Donovan said the end of the federal fiscal year is coming up soon and the FAST Act includes an annual increase in funds to be allocated. There are currently many discussions at the federal level regarding budgeting. He explained the newly renamed grant program INFRA (Infrastructure for Rebuilding America) was previously the FASTLANE grant program and has \$1.5 billion available for projects, which may be currently submitted. Chairman Nugent asked if there were specific allotments for states. Mr. Donovan replied that part of the review process is to ensure an equitable distribution of funds and project awards between regions of the nation, there is not a specific allotment at a regional or state level. These types of grants are very competitive and the total funding required for all applications received is usually several times greater than the amount of funds available for awarding projects.

### **Safety Committee Update**

Mr. Tyson said the committee will meet on September 13, 2017.

### **Brookmont Boulevard Update**

Mr. Piggush said there was no update.

### **Riverfront Trail Update**

Mr. McBurney said the super structure of the bridge is completed.

### **Industrial Drive Update**

Mayor Adams said there was no update.

## **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority Update**

Mr. Benoit said there was no update.

## **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 October 25, 2017 starting at 3:00 PM.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Nugent asked if there was any more business to discuss. There was none. Mayor Adams motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mayor Schore. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 3:52 P.M.