

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2004

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk	Kankakee County
Mr. Paukovitz	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Brooks	Aroma Park
Mr. Mayes	Bradley
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Hoffmann	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Skimerhorn and Mr. Sadler, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin, IDOT; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mayor Grimsley, Aroma Park; and Mr. Morgan, Journal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Piekarczyk called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the August 25, 2004 minutes. Mr. Mayes seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Lammey stated that the Washington Avenue Corridor Study required some further discussion between Bradley, Bourbonnais and Kankakee before discussions could be held at the Technical Advisory Committee level, and asked that the subject be pulled from the Agenda. Mr. Mayes moved approval of the Agenda, as amended, and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote.

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that a provision of the Open Meetings Act states that no action can be taken on a subject unless the Agenda bearing that subject is posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting. He requested that Technical Advisory Committee members bring any such subject on which they request action to the attention of Planning Department staff. Mr. Lammey stated that the most prevalent last minute action items are amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program, and that this general category will be placed on all future Agenda, to make sure that action can be taken at the appropriate time.

LONG-RANGE PLAN

Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the major item for the meeting today is the Long-Range Plan. Mr. Lammey stated that the current meeting is the deadline for adoption, and that two written amendments had been submitted for review. He stated that one was from the METRO Board and staff, and that the other was from Mr. Paukovitz. Mr. Lammey stated that these changes

would be made to the text.

Mr. Lammey reviewed the document section by section, and highlighted each of the tables, charts and graphics. Mr. Tyson asked that a comment on the safety concerns (substandard design, truck accident issues, on and off ramp issues) of Exit 312 be added into the Goals section. The Technical Advisory Committee authorized Mr. Lammey to add this language to this effect to the Goals section.

Mr. Tyson stated that the label at the edge of the Cross Section in the Corridor Preservation discussion is misleading, as what is labeled "Setback Line" does not mean what the text says it means. Chairman Piekarczyk stated that the Right-of-Way label is not exactly the right terminology either. Mr. Lammey stated that the Cross Section drawings would change, as the MFT guidelines have been revised, and the new Cross Sections would reflect these changes.

Mr. Tyson stated that the way to accomplish the change would be to insert the word "building" in front of the word "setback" in the table following Figure 20 in the text. The Technical Advisory Committee authorized Mr. Lammey to add this language to the Corridor Preservation section.

Mr. Tyson moved that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend adoption of the Long-Range Plan, as amended, to the Policy Committee, and Mr. Mayes seconded. Unanimous vote.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Mr. Lammey stated that the November 17 Technical Advisory Committee meeting is being cancelled, and that a schedule of meetings for calendar year 2005 would be mailed sometime in November.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Piekarczyk adjourned the meeting at 10:49 A.M.