

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 25, 2005

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Piekarczyk	Representing Kankakee County
Mr. Hoffmann	Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Lammey, Kankakee County; Ms. Durbin, , Mr. Threadgill, and Mr. Reed, IDOT; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Mayes, Bradley; Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park; and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Kent was introduced as a new member of the Policy Committee.

MINUTES

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the March 30, 2005 minutes. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval of the Agenda. Mr. Paukovitz seconded. Unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that officers were elected at the May meeting, and that the historical pattern had been to elect as Chairman the member from the jurisdiction with the next federal aid project. He stated that the next project would be Lowe Road in Aroma Park. Mr. Piekarczyk nominated Mayor Grimsley as Chairman. Mayor Green seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the current Vice-Chairman, Mayor Latham, would have the next federal aid project, and Mayor Green nominated Mayor Latham for Vice-Chairman. Mayor Kent seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Grimsley asked if there were any changes in appointments of the Technical Advisory

Committee members, and Mayor Latham stated that the Village of Bourbonnais wished to appoint Mr. McBurney from Tyson Engineering as their Technical Advisory Committee member.

TIP AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no TIP amendments at this time.

FINAL FY 2006 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the **FY 2006 Unified Work Program** to the Policy Committee. Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

DRAFT FY 2006 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that there was a language amendment to the draft document for all state projects – “Contingent upon approval of the governor and allocation of funds by the General Assembly”. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the draft **FY 2006 Transportation Improvement Program**, for the purposes of moving the document to its’ public comment phase. Mr. Piekarczyk moved approval, and Mayor Green seconded. Unanimous vote.

UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD

Mr. Brooks reported that required reports had been submitted, and that the project was on schedule.

UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD

Mr. Tyson reported that the files had just been turned over to his office, and that a report would be given at the next Policy Committee meeting.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the system had a 48% increase in ridership from the previous year, and that the night service expansion had been more successful than they had expected. He stated that a senate bill before the Illinois legislature for funding for full implementation was still alive. He reported that a student summer pass program was being implemented, with unlimited ridership for free, and that sponsors were being recruited. He stated that METRO would carry its’ 1,000,000th passenger sometime in August. Mayor Grimsley stated that the four communities would be happy to participate in the celebration of this milestone, and encouraged Mr. Hoffmann to include them in the planning.

UPDATE ON IDOT PROJECTS

Mr. Paukovitz gave the attached report.

UPDATE ON LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that a draft report from the consultant had been submitted, and that staff had given numerous suggestions for revisions. He stated that the consultant had requested extra time to respond to those revisions.

UPDATE ON COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey reported that the final Phase I report had been distributed at the May 17, 2005 Commuter Rail Task Force meeting, and that the application for Phase II funding was in progress.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for June 22, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piekarczyk moved adjournment, and Mayor Green seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:23 A.M.

IDOT PROJECT STATUS - KANKAKEE URBAN AREA

NOTE:

Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are
Contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation
Of funds by the General Assembly

1. **Proposed I-57 interchange at 6000 N Road**
Access Justification Report targeted to be completed by Fall 2005. If access is found to be justified, preliminary engineering I would follow.
2. **Illinois Route 113: Route 17 to Riverside Hospital**
Demolition of the northbound lanes has begun with traffic now utilizing the reconstructed southbound lanes. Widening of roadway to a five lane pavement section is to proceed into through this spring and summer's construction season.
3. **Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road**
Curve correction to existing highway alignment. Utility relocation is currently underway.
4. **Illinois Route 17 at Lowe Road** - Turn lanes to be added on Route 17 and traffic signals installed. Work is expected to begin in about a month.
5. **Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge**
Preliminary engineering I has been completed. Chamlin & Associates has been selected to begin Phase II engineering.
6. **Illinois Route 102: Bridge replacement at Davis Creek** - Pouring of south half of the deck is proceeding. Project should near completion in a month's time.
7. **Northbound Illinois Route 50 (Harrison Ave.) at Soldiers Creek** - Contract for this project was awarded on May 3, 2005. Work could be begin in 6 to 8 weeks.