

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**JUNE 28, 2006**

**POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Mayor Grimsley          | Aroma Park                               |
| Mayor Latham            | Bourbonnais                              |
| Mr. Tyson               | Representing Kankakee                    |
| Mayor Kent              | Bradley                                  |
| Mr. Mounts              | Illinois Department of Transportation    |
| Vice – Chairman McLaren | Kankakee County                          |
| Mr. Best                | River Valley METRO Mass Transit District |

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Lammey, Mr. Rogers and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. Smith, IDOT; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA; Mr. Paukovitz and Mr. Lang, IDOT; Mr. Hoffmann, METRO; Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park; and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Paukovitz suggested a change in the Minutes. Mayor Kent moved approval of the May 24, 2006 minutes, subject to the revision. Mayor Latham seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Tyson moved approval of the Agenda. Mayor Kent seconded. Unanimous vote.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Lammey introduced the new Transportation Planner, Sarah Billadeau. Chairman Grimsley had all of the participants introduce themselves.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mayor Kent moved that the current slate of officers (Mayor Grimsley – Chairman, and Mayor Latham, Vice – Chairman) be reelected. Mayor Latham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mayor Grimsley appointed Mr. James Brooks. Mayor Latham appointed Mr. Steve McBurney. Mayor Kent appointed Dr. Michael Gingerich. Mr. Mounts appointed Mr. Lou Paukovitz. Mr.

Tyson stated that he would be the appointee for Kankakee. Mr. McLaren appointed Mr. Jim Piekarczyk. Mr. Best appointed Mr. Rob Hoffmann.

### **FY 2006 TIP AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments.

### **FINAL FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Mr. Lang reported responses to the letter on STPU funding from Mr. Piekarczyk, among them the fact that the four currently programmed STPU projects would be funded by the end of FY 2008. This includes the Lowe Road projects for both the Village of Aroma Park and for Kankakee County, the Burns Road project for the Village of Bourbonnais, and the Cardinal Drive project for the Village of Bradley.

Mr. Brooks reported that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of the **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program** to the Policy Committee. Mayor Kent moved approval, and Mayor Latham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **EXIT 312**

Mr. Lammey stated that the Policy Committee at their last meeting had moved that this subject be placed on the Agenda for this meeting. Mr. Tyson stated that he wanted to convey the strong feelings of Mayor Green on the Exit 312 issue, and that a Phase I study on this project should be a priority above the other Interchange projects. He stated that a meeting had been held with IDOT representatives, and that discussions were being held with the local State Representatives and Senators on the subject.

### **LETTER TO MR. MOUNTS**

Mr. Lammey thanked Mr. Mounts for his attendance. Mr. Mounts stated that due to his added duties as Deputy Director to both Districts 2 and 3 (including 7 MPO agencies) his schedule would not allow him to regularly attend the Kankakee Policy Committee meetings. He stated that he would be sending Mr. Mestelle from District 3 to the Policy Committee meetings, in place of the District Engineer, a position that no longer exists.

### **UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD**

Mr. Brooks reported: Final Project Development Report was submitted to IDOT and was approved in January. Storm sewer layout and calculations are 100% complete. Plan and profiles are 100% complete. Right-of-way plats are complete. We will submit final road plans to IDOT this week. Final bridge plans will not be complete until the end of July.

### **UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD**

Mr. McBurney reported: Storm sewer layout and calculations are 90% complete. Profile is 80% complete. The intersection design study was resubmitted to IDOT. The final Project Development Report will be submitted to IDOT after approval of the intersection design study. FHWA approval of the Project Development Report will be approximately 2 months after the submittal to IDOT. We will attempt to have plans ready by September 2006.

## **UPDATE ON METRO**

Mr. Best reported that ridership had increased 60% over the same period from last year, and that the ridership on the University Park service was doing well. He stated that since the projects had been submitted for the TIP, \$600,000 had been made available for the purchase of heavy duty buses, and \$2 million had been made available by Congressman Weller for an administration – maintenance facility. He stated that Senate action was required. He further stated that the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District had been featured in an issue of Mass Transit.

## **IDOT REPORT**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

## **UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Mr. Lammey stated that Earth Tech has been selected as the consultant for the project, and that the contract was scheduled to be approved by the County Board on July 11.

## **UPDATE ON 6000 N ROAD INTERCHANGE**

Mr. Lammey stated that he had nothing to add to the comments of Mr. Paukovitz on this subject.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. DiPalma stated that proposed federal rulemaking related to Metropolitan Transportation Planning had been published in the Federal Register on June 9, and that comments should be coordinated with IDOT on the proposed rulemaking. The comment period closes on September 9, 2006.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2006 at 11:00 A.M.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kent moved adjournment, and Mayor Latham seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:32 A.M.