

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2006

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Brooks	Representing Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Nicholas	Representing Kankakee County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey, Mr. Rayman and Ms. Billadeau, Kankakee County; Mr. Lang, Mr. Reed, Mr. Nunes and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Latham called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Kent moved approval of the June 20, 2006 minutes. Mr. Paukovitz seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

With the addition of "Timeline for STPU Project" added to New Business, Mr. Nicholas moved approval of the Agenda. Mayor Kent seconded. Unanimous vote.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that three projects had been added to the TIP, requiring an amendment. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of the amendment. Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program** amendment. Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FY 2007 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Mr. Lammey stated that the proposed amendment is revenue neutral, and that staff time is being shifted between work elements to meet the current needs of the work program. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of the amendment. Mr. Paukovitz moved approval of the **FY 2007 Unified Work** Program. Mr. Tyson seconded the

motion, and it passed unanimously.

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 95% complete. Right-of-way plats are complete. Right-of-way acquisition has been ongoing. Final road plans will be submitted to IDOT during the week of October 30-November 3.

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. Basic geometrics are approved. Intersection capacity analysis needs minor changes for approval. Preliminary lighting calculations have been submitted 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 1 month after submittal to IDOT. The attempt will be made to have plans ready by November 2006 for submittal to IDOT.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that the Phase II Study is underway, with the second meeting of the Task Force occurring last week. He stated that Earth Tech, the consultant for the project is scheduling meetings with communities along the proposed line to discuss station issues, and that meetings have been held already with Monee, Peotone, and Manteno. He stated that a presentation was made to the River Valley METRO Mass Transit District, and that they had expressed interest in being the operating agency for the service in Kankakee County. He stated that the METRO Board had requested that the Mayors of their member jurisdictions have the same presentation made to them, and that this meeting would be scheduled.

UPDATE ON 6000 N ROAD INTERCHANGE

Mr. Lammey stated that the comments of Mr. Paukovitz on this subject covered everything except the potential date for the kickoff meeting for the project, November 30 at 3:30 P.M.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA COLLECTION

Mr. Lammey stated that the Planning Department had held meetings with the Police Departments of Bourbonnais, Aroma Park, and Kankakee to obtain access to accident records, and would soon be requesting meetings with the Sheriff's Department and with the Village of Bradley. He stated that the intent is to have a comprehensive accident layer on the GIS system for the years 2002 and ongoing.

SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE

Mr. DiPalma stated that the passage of the federal transportation bill, SAFETEA-LU, had placed some new requirements on the transportation planning process, and that July 1, 2007 is the target date for the requirements to be met. Mr. DiPalma indicated that although some additional

requirements will be in effect for MPOs throughout the country, much of what is required as part of SAFETEA-LU is a change in existing activities that are being carried out as part of the planning process. Additionally, many items that were listed as a “gap” in the planning process in this region merely require additional documentation of practices that are already being undertaken.

Mr. DiPalma stated that Mr. Lammey, Mr. Nunes and himself had met and discussed the current planning process, and had detailed a number of areas where the new regulations require more work for the Kankakee Area Transportation Study to be in compliance with the regulations. He gave a brief summary of those areas of work.

Mr. Nunes stated that IDOT recognizes that extra work will be required of every MPO in Illinois, and is in the process of selecting a consultant who will be available to assist MPO staff in meeting the requirements of SAFETEA-LU.

Mayor Kent asked how much work will be required to meet the new regulations, and Mr. Lammey replied that the task will require a significant amount of his time between now and July 1, 2007. Mr. DiPalma requested that all MPO member agencies remain patient with the MPO staff and provide support when requested. Mr. Piekarczyk reiterated that the goal of this process is to ensure that the flow of federal transportation funds to the region is not interrupted due to a lack of compliance.

TIMELINE FOR PROJECTS

Mr. Paukovitz stated that there is an area of concern for the timeline of STPU projects and introduced Mr. Lang and Mr. Reed. Mr. Lang stated that we can’t afford to have one of the four current federal aid projects not meet the timetable for getting to an appropriate letting. Mr. Reed stated that timeline examples were being distributed to the members of the Technical Advisory Committee for their use.

Mr. Tyson stated that IDOT reviewing delays had been experienced, particularly on lighting projects. He wanted to know how the local agencies were to handle the unexpected delays, and Mr. Reed stated that this was one of the reasons for the timeline charts, so that IDOT personnel could review when the critical time periods for review by IDOT were, and to plan for them.

Vice-Chairman Latham stated that he has experienced some frustration on the signal project at Bethel Drive, where the Village of Bourbonnais is willing to pay for the entire cost of the project, but has an issue with right-of-way being accepted by IDOT.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Vice-Chairman Latham stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007 at 11:00 A.M., and is to be held at the Highway Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Latham adjourned the meeting at 11:41 A.M.

October 2006

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

The FHWA found the Access Justification Report satisfactory and thereby on April 19, 2006 granted concept approval for an interchange. Concept approval constitutes the FHWA's determination that the proposal is operationally acceptable. The FHWA's final approval of the access revision will be considered after approval of the Phase I engineering report and completion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The firm T.Y. Lyn International is the consultant selected to begin the phase I engineering study. Phase I engineering will take an estimated 18 to 24 months to complete. The Kankakee County Planning Department plans to host a meeting sometime in November to be attended by local officials, IDOT 3 staff and the engineering consultants.

2. Illinois Route 113: From 0.30 mile south to 0.65 mile north of Tower Road

This project involving the realignment of Illinois 113 near Tower Road was completed last June.

3. Armour Road: US Route 45/52 to CNIC RR Bridge

Chamlin & Associates was selected in June 2005 to conduct Phase II engineering. The Phase II study is expected to be completed by the end of this year or early in the new year 2007