

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
MAY 23, 2007

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mr. McBurney	Representing Bourbonnais
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Paukovitz	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Kruse	Kankakee County

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Yates, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Videgar, Mr. Nunes, Ms. McNeill and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA, Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park, Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 11:16 A.M.

MINUTES

Mayor Green moved approval of the March 28, 2007 minutes. Mayor Kent seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that River Valley METRO proposed the attached amendment. Mr. Brooks stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve the amendment to the **FY 2007 Transportation Improvement** Program. Mayor Kent moved approval, and Chairman Kruse seconded. Unanimous vote.

SUMMARY OF FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that all of the IDOT required documents will be produced on time. He stated that staff was meeting with the consultant and with FHWA on the SAFETEA-LU compliance requirements the afternoon of May 23, and that he would know the amount of work to be done after that meeting.

DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that the Draft Public Participation Plan was in the middle of the 45 day review period, and that the Policy Committee would be asked to take action on the Plan at the June 27 meeting. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee had issue with a couple of the provisions, and that changes had been made in the draft.

FINAL FY 08 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the **FY 2008 Uniform Work Program** detailed the anticipated work of the staff through the coming year. Mr. Brooks stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve the **FY 08 Unified Work Program**. Mayor Green moved approval, and Mayor Kent seconded. Unanimous vote.

DRAFT FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that the major issue from the discussion of the draft **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** at the Technical Advisory Committee arose from the Burns Road project not making the FY 2008 program. He stated that the Technical Advisory Committee approved the draft document with a footnote, with the project slated into FY 2011.

Mr. Paukovitz explained his position on the footnote issue, stating that the state has no problem committing to a future Burns Road project in FY 2011 or FY 2012, but that the state could not vote in favor of a commitment for Burns Road, since funding is not presently available to program the project in FY 2008. Mr. Brooks stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve the draft **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program**.

After considerable discussion, Mayor Green moved approval of the draft **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** without the footnote on Burns Road, and with the project slated into FY 2011. Mayor Kent seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was requested.

Aroma Park – yes
Bourbonnais – yes
Bradley – yes
IDOT – abstain
Kankakee – yes
Kankakee County – yes

The motion carried.

UPDATE ON LOWE ROAD

Mr. Brooks reported that the project has been awarded.

UPDATE ON BURNS ROAD

Mr. McBurney reported that the project has been withdrawn from the FY 2008 by the Village of Bourbonnais.

UPDATE ON CARDINAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich reported that reports due to IDOT during May are being filed during the final week of May, and that the Project Meeting timeline will be revised.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project is being reviewed by the Village of Bourbonnais.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT

Mr. Tyson stated that the contract with the consultant has been forwarded by District 3 to Springfield for approval.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the location of the trail is still being decided, and that the Committee will meet to make that final decision soon.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Lammey reported that the system ridership continues to be just below a 20% increase above the previous year. He stated that METRO is moving its facility to the Village of Bourbonnais, and invited the Policy Committee to attend the dedication on May 30.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey invited the Policy Committee to participate in the Town Meeting on Commuter Transit, to be held on May 31 from 5 – 7 P.M.

UPDATE ON 6000 N ROAD INTERCHANGE

Mr. Lammey stated that he has heard nothing from IDOT since their presentation to an April 19 meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT DATA COLLECTION

Mr. Lammey stated that all of the accident records from the jurisdictions in Kankakee County for the years 2004-2006 have been collected. He stated that these records would be coded for GIS in the near future.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. Mr. Lammey stated that the meeting would be held at the new METRO office building on 5000 N. Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kent moved adjournment, and Mayor Green seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:52 A.M.

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May 10, 2007

Mr. Mike Lammey
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Dear Mr. Lammey,

This letter shall serve as a formal request to amend the proposed FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program.

The project appears on page 8 of the FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program as follows:

Project Name	Project Description	Fund Source	Cost	Applicant
Section 5309 (Capital)	Office furniture & Equipment	FTA	\$ 186,400	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
		IDOT		
		Local	\$ 46,600	
Section 5307 (Capital)	Support Vehicles & Equipment	FTA	\$ 96,000	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
		IDOT Toll Credit	\$ 19,200	
		Local		
Section 5307 (Capital)	Computers and Software	FTA	\$ 44,000	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
		IDOT	\$ 2,000	
		Local	\$ 7,200	
Section 5309 (Capital)	Transfer Facility and Ground Improvements	FTA	\$1,020,000	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
		IDOT	\$ 100,000	
		IDOT Toll Credit	\$ 100,000	
Section 5307 (Capital)	Bus Stop Signs Purchase and Install	FTA	\$ 16,000	River Valley METRO Mass Transit District
		IDOT	\$ 4,000	
		Local		

Please amend the project listed above to the Annual Element of the FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Hoffmann
 Managing Director, River Valley Metro Mass Transit District

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. IDOT held a public information meeting on January 30, 2007. IDOT District 3 staff met with the Tri Village transportation subcommittee to discuss the proposed interchange and upgrading 6000 N Road.

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

The Phase II study for this project has been completed. This project cannot proceed until funding for land acquisition and construction becomes available. The village of Bourbonnais has given consideration in assuming jurisdiction of the road upon its improvement.

3. US 45/52: 1.2 mile south of I-57 @ Minnie Creek & 1.6 mile south of I-57 at tributary

Both structures are to be replaced. This project was on the March letting. Replacement of Minnie Creek Bridge is underway and will be staged and thereby open to traffic at all times. The replacement of the tributary structure will require the closure of US 45/52 to traffic. The contractor has been given 16 days to complete the work to re-open the highway to traffic. The road closure will be between July 11th and 26th, but could be accomplished in a shorter time period.

4. I-57 over Illinois 50

This is a contract maintenance project involving the replacement of a damaged beam on the interstate structure that spans Illinois 50. The project was on the May letting. However work will not begin until after August 20, 2007 when the Bears summer camp is concluded. There will be restrictions on Illinois 50 of one lane being open for each direction of traffic. The contract provides 15 days for the work to be completed, but it is likely that the work will be completed in 3 or 4 days.

5. IL 17 & US 45/52:

Traffic signals are to be improved at 17 different locations along state routes in the city of Kankakee. The modernization of signals includes new fiber optic, controllers, LED lighting, etc.

6. IL. 17 @ I-57 & IL 17 @ US 45/52:

This contract maintenance work was initiated to address the extensive rutting of pavement that existed at these locations. Milling and resurfacing of pavement has been completed.