

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2007

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Latham	Bourbonnais
Mr. Tyson	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Ryan	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Kruse	Kankakee County
Mr. Hoffmann	Representing METRO

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Videgar, Mr. Paukovitz, Mr. Lang and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. DiPalma, FHWA, Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park, Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; and Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Grimsley called the meeting to order at 10:55 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Kruse moved approval of the May 23, 2007 minutes. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Kruse moved approval of the proposed Agenda. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Grimsley asked everyone present to introduce themselves. He thanked Mr. Ryan for coming to the meeting.

FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no proposed amendments.

**SUMMARY OF FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM
 REQUIREMENTS**

Mr. Lammey stated that all of the IDOT contractual documents will be completed today. He

stated that the amendment to the Long-Range Plan to make the Plan SAFETEA-LU compliant will be completed for the August 22, 2007 MPO meetings, to be placed into the public comment phase at that time. He stated that the amendment will be ready for adoption at the October 24, 2007 MPO meetings.

Mr. DiPalma stated that no amendments will be possible to the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program** until the compliance amendments are passed by the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees. He stated that the review of the compliance amendments by FHWA and IDOT will be done during the development of the amendments, so that the compliance amendments might be completed by the October 24 Technical Advisory and Policy Committee action, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Lammey stated that the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) for the Urbanized Area will not be complete by the August 22 MPO meetings. He stated that the consequence of the HSTP not being complete would be that no 5310 (Elderly and Disabled), 5316 (Job Access Reverse Commute), and 5317 (New Freedom) grants for any applicant could be processed until the HSTP was complete. He stated that there are no current applications for any of these grant funds, and that none were anticipated. Mr. DiPalma stated that he wanted to make sure that the member agencies of the MPO understood that if an application for any of these three grants were to be submitted for the Kankakee Urbanized Area, the federal funding agencies could not approve them until an HSTP was completed.

FINAL FY 2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reviewed the material in the **FY 2008 Transportation Improvement Program**, and answered questions about the document. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends adoption of the document. Mr. Kruse moved approval, and Mayor Kent seconded. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey stated that changes had been suggested and made in the draft document covering public participation, and that action by the Policy Committee was now required to place the document into a public comment phase. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends placing the document into the public comment phase. Mr. Kruse moved placing the Public Participation Plan into the 45 day public comment phase, and Mayor Kent seconded. Unanimous vote.

6000 N. ROAD

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

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT

Mr. McBurney stated that the contract with the consultant has been approved by both District 3 and Central Bureau IDOT personnel.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the Engineering Agreements and Intergovernmental Agreements are being pursued.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Hoffmann reported that the system ridership will be above the 415,000 rides at the end of the current fiscal year. He stated that a number of bus stop signs had been placed in various communities in incorrect locations, and that this would be resolved. He stated that if any MPO member is aware of an incorrect location to please notify him.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that the Town Meeting on Commuter Transit on May 31 went very well, and that the invited speakers, particularly Mayor Kent, did an excellent job.

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 a new glitch in the process has been discovered in the base geographic data, and that this hurdle would be resolved.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS ENDORSEMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that the deadline for the applications is June 29, and that at least 18 applications were being submitted for the Kankakee County area. He stated that an endorsement of these projects by the Policy Committee would be of assistance to those grant applications. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends the endorsement of the project applications. Mayor Kent moved endorsement of the applications, and Mr. Kruse seconded. Unanimous vote.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Grimsley stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2007 at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kent moved adjournment, and Mr. Kruse seconded. Chairman Grimsley adjourned the meeting at 11:34 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

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. Replacement of Minnie Creek Bridge has been completed. 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. A conflict with some utility relocation may delay the scheduling of the road closure. If not resolved soon the replacement of the tributary bridge and temporary closure of Route 45/52 will need to be further delayed until after the conclusion of the Kankakee County Fair scheduled in August. Route 45/52 will be open at all times while the county fair is in progress.

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:

Scheduled for an August letting, 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, emergency pre-emption units, etc.

