

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2007

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Van Mill, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Mr. Videgar and Mr. Kelso, IDOT; Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Brooks, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Ms. Denton, Harbor House; Ms. Scariano and Ms. Lockwood, Northeast Illinois Area on Aging

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Kruse moved approval of the August 22, 2007 minutes. Mayor Grimsley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

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

TIP AMENDMENTS

Mr. Lammey stated that amendments to the current **Transportation Improvement Program** would be accepted to be presented at the January 23, 2008 meeting.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SAFETEA-LU COMPLIANCE AMENDMENT

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends that the Policy Committee approve the Long-Range Transportation Plan Compliance Amendment. Mayor

Grimsley moved approval, and Mayor Latham seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING

Mr. Lammey stated that the Obligated Projects Listing is required to be submitted to IDOT prior to December 30, 2007, and covers obligated projects for the time period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. He stated that the report must be “accepted” by the Technical Advisory and Policy Committees. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee has suggested that the listing (when prepared) be sent to the Technical Advisory and Policy Committee via certified mail. Mayor Latham moved that preference be given to the Technical Advisory Committee procedural recommendation. Mayor Grimsley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CARDINAL DRIVE

Dr. Gingerich stated that there were two methods used on the timelines to provide information to the members of the Policy Committee, and that the feeling was that both methods should be employed. He stated that there was nothing further to report on the project. Chairman Kent stated that there was a new suggested bid letting date.

6000 N. ROAD

Mr. McBurney stated that the project is on schedule.

BROOKMONT BOULEVARD VIADUCT

Mr. McBurney stated that the project is on schedule.

RIVERFRONT TRAIL

Mr. McBurney stated that the engineering agreement has been approved. He further stated that a Public Hearing on the project will be held on November 28 between 5 and 6:30 P.M. at Kankakee Community College.

IDOT REPORT

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these minutes.

UPDATE ON METRO

Mr. Lammey reported that the four new buses obtained by METRO have DVD facilities, and that they will advertise local events. He asked that members of the Policy Committee give any event that they wish to be shown on these facilities to METRO staff.

UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Lammey stated that the Commuter Transit Study is due to finish the current phase in December, waiting only for ridership estimates from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning at present.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey stated that crash data is being compiled for the years 2004 through 2007. He stated that the data has been turned over to the Highway Department for GIS application.

SEGMENT ANALYSIS

Mr. Lammey stated that the MPO staff completed an analysis of the classified roadway system in 1997, and that this analysis will be revisited next year. He stated that a number of the “High” priority projects have been addressed by local jurisdictions.

REPRESENTATION

Mr. Lammey stated that Policy Committee members are being asked by FHWA to designate replacements for them if they cannot attend, and that those replacements should be either other elected officials, or village administrators. Since this topic was not part of the Technical Advisory Committee Agenda, Mr. Piekarczyk was recognized and inquired if the request also applied to Mr. Paukovitz and Mr. Piekarczyk as they are full time administrators for their respective agencies. Consensus was that the request pertained to avoiding appointment of acting Policy Committee representatives that have a financial interest in projects approved by the Policy Committee. No formal action was taken.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Kent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2008 at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kruse moved adjournment, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Chairman Kent adjourned the meeting at 11:21 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. Two or three different at-grade railroad crossing designs will be presented to the ICC.

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
Replacement of the two structures has been completed.

4. I-57 over Illinois 50

Replacement of the damaged beam on interstate structure over Illinois 50 has been completed.

5. IL 17 & US 45/52:

Was on the 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. Signal hardware still needs to be ordered and will not arrive for at least 6 months. Consequently, actual signal work will not occur until next spring.