

POLICY COMMITTEE
KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)
MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2009

POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Grimsley	Aroma Park
Mayor Green	Kankakee
Mayor Kent	Bradley
Mr. Liehr	Representing Kankakee County
Mr. McBurney	Representing Bourbonnais
Mr. Lang	Representing Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Hoffmann	Representing River Valley METRO Mass Transit District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Piekarczyk, Mr. Lammey and Mr. Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Ms. Pillion, IDOT; Mr. Morgan; Dr. Gingerich, Bradley; Mr. Stevenson, FHWA; Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee, and Ms. Marcotte

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kent called the meeting to order at 11:09 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mayor Grimsley moved approval of the March 25, 2009 minutes. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

AGENDA

Mr. Liehr moved approval of the Agenda, and Mayor Green seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT

Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends the Burns Road Project Phase 1 amendment for ARRA funding. A motion to approve the amendment was made by Mr. McBurney and seconded by Mayor Grimsley.

Chairman Kent clarified his position on the matter of the Burns Road Project in its' entirety, stating he is not opposed to the utilization of ARRA funds on a Phase 1 of the project. He went on to state that he believes the cost of the entire project should be considered and that

Bourbonnais should pay the same share of 20% for the entire project as for any other federally funded local project, making that adjustment as the MPO funds Phase 2 of the entire project. He stated that he was hopeful that his opinion would be communicated to the Policy Committee after his time of service had expired. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS (ARRA) UPDATE

Mr. Lammey gave an update on the projects to be funded using ARRA funds, and distributed a report with that update. The need for a “Dunn number” from Dunn and Bradstreet for any entity receiving ARRA funds, be they government, contractor or sub-contractor was discussed.

ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Mr. Lammey stated that no new applications for projects have been received. The new State budget does not include funding for this, but \$25,981 remains in our current IPAG Fund.

POLICY COMMITTEE TRAINING (MPO 101)

Mr. Lammey stated that as new mayors join the Policy Committee, it will be necessary to provide a training segment called MPO 101. He would hope to have that training at the June meeting. Mr. Stevenson stated the FHWA program takes about one hour.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers will take place at the May 6, 2009 meeting.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Lammey acknowledged and thanked the retiring Mayors for their service to the Policy Committee. Mayor Green, Mayor Grimsley and Mayor Kent will be greatly missed at these proceedings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hoffmann inquired as to the question of River Valley METRO Mass Transit District becoming a voting member of the Policy Committee. The matter is expected to be addressed, along with other by-laws change recommendations, in the review of the MPO done by FHWA and IDOT in January, but no report has yet been generated. Mr. Stevenson stated that should be coming early this summer.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Chairman Kent stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2009 at 11:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Green moved adjournment, and Mayor Grimsley seconded. Unanimous approval. Chairman Kent adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.