

**POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (K.A.T.S.)**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.)**  
**MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2009**

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Dykstra	Aroma Park
Mayor Epstein	Representing Kankakee
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mr. Paukovitz	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; Mr. Lang and Mr. Jones, IDOT; Mr. Mayes and Mr. Greer, Bradley; Mr. Piggush, Aroma Park; Mr. Donovan, FHWA; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Ms. Clumpner and Mr. Koning, Robinson Engineering; Mr. Ligas and Mr. Morgan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Schore called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Adams moved approval of the August 19, 2009 minutes. Mayor Epstein seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Lammey stated that Agenda Items 8 and 9 needed to be inserted before Agenda Item 6. Mayor Dykstra moved approval of the amended Agenda, and Chairman Bossert seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

**FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**AMENDMENT**

Mr. Lammey stated that there were no amendments at this time.

**REPOSENSE TO FHWA PLANNING PROCESS REVIEW**

Mr. Lammey stated that the recommendations of the Planning Process Review will be handled in

stages, based on the deadline dates. He stated that those recommendations with an October 2009 deadline will be handled at the current meeting. He stated that all of those issues were either being handled, or would be handled at the meeting.

## **LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lammey stated that the purpose of the exercise was to pick the next project to utilize federal transportation funding after the Burns Road Phase 2 project. He stated his assumption that the Village of Manteno will be a member of the Kankakee Area Transportation Study after the 2010 census. He explained the items which will be covered by each of the jurisdictions presenting a project for discussion.

Chairman Schore called on Mr. McBurney to present the 6000 N. Road project for the Village of Bourbonnais. He then called on Mr. Greer to present the Cardinal Drive project for the Village of Bradley. He then called on Mr. Tyson to present the Hobbie Avenue project for the City of Kankakee. He then called on Mr. Piekarczyk to present the County Highway 9 project for Kankakee County. He then called on Mr. McBurney to present the Maple Street project for the Village of Manteno.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that the roadway cross sections shown in the presentations did not show any provision for bus stop areas, and stated that the time to discuss these issues was in the design phase. Chairman Schore stated that he recognized this as an issue, and Mr. Piekarczyk stated that bus stops will be coordinated in the design phase for any potential project, and asked that this issue be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee for coordination.

Mayor Epstein moved that the Hobbie Avenue project for the City of Kankakee be the next project to use STPU funding after the Burns Road Phase 2 project. Chairman Bossert seconded, and Chairman Schore asked for a roll call vote. Mayor Dykstra voted yes, Chairman Schore voted yes, Mayor Epstein voted yes, Mayor Adams voted yes, Chairman Bossert voted yes, and Mr. Paukovitz voted yes. Unanimous vote.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**

Mr. Lammey stated that an amendment was required to the Public Participation Policy to deal with a typo issue, the fact that the Department newsletter is no longer active, and an issue dealing with public notice prior to meetings, to change it to read "Policy Committee" when referring to meetings. Mr. Piekarczyk stated that the Technical Advisory Committee recommends to the Policy Committee the passage of this amendment. Chairman Bossert moved approval, and Mayor Epstein seconded. Unanimous vote.

## **OBLIGATED PROJECTS LISTING**

Mr. Donovan stated that this report is the companion piece to the TIP, showing what was actually funded through federal transportation dollars in the past year. Mr. Lammey stated that the report does not require action, and that it was submitted prior to the September 30 deadline date.

## **METRO UPDATE**

Mr. Hoffmann stated that ridership continues on an upward trend, and that 215,000 rides have

been provided in the first three months of this year. He stated that blacktop is being poured in the METRO Centre parking lot, one of the ARRA projects for this year.

### **IDOT UPDATE**

Mr. Paukovitz gave the report attached to these Minutes.

### **6000 N. ROAD**

Mr. McBurney stated that the project report has been approved.

### **BROOKMONT BOULEVARD**

Mr. McBurney stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the CN Railroad on the project.

### **RIVERFRONT TRAIL**

Mr. McBurney stated that the project is essentially complete. Mr. Tyson stated that a ribbon cutting for the project will be held at noon, October 23.

### **BRADLEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS**

Mr. Mayes stated that the intersection design for Broadway and Schuyler is on schedule, and that the signals are being designed.

### **AROMA PARK SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROJECTS**

Mr. McBurney stated that the bids for the project came in under the estimate.

### **ILLINOIS PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS (IPAG)**

Mr. Lammey stated that a request for a project had been received from the Village of Bradley for a traffic calming study on Broadway Street for \$7,500 in IPAG funds. He stated that staff is recommending approval of the project. He stated that this would be the final IPAG project until and unless the State legislature approved the funding in next year's budget. Mayor Epstein moved approval of the project, and Mayor Adams seconded. Unanimous vote.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Chairman Schore stated that there were two choices of meeting schedule for 2010, one with both meetings on the same day, and one with the meetings a week apart. Discussion followed on this subject, with Mayor Adams stating two meetings, including travel twice, would seem to be an energy consumption issue. Mr. Donovan stated that events at the federal and state level may require more work of the two committees in the future, and the week between meetings might be needed. Mr. Ligas stated that a special case for the approval of the Long-Range Plan might require a week to resolve comments made at a Technical Advisory Committee meeting prior to the Policy Committee meeting. Chairman Schore stated that both meetings would be held on January 27, at the 2:30 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. times, and that the rest of the 2010 meeting schedule would be decided at that time.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Chairman Schore stated that the next Policy Committee meeting will be at 3:30 P.M., and that the meeting location would be announced.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Adams moved adjournment, and Mayor Dykstra seconded. Unanimous approval.  
Chairman Schore adjourned the meeting at 4:36 P.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 ; and/or the ARRA**

**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 for phase I engineering. A draft of the Environmental Assessment was submitted to the IDOT's Springfield Central Office on May 7, 2009 for review. After receiving review and comment from IDOT, the EA will be forwarded onto the FHWA for its review. It is IDOT's intent to host a public meeting relating to the interchange proposals this coming fall. This being a "Jobs Now!" capital bill project, approximately \$58 million has been identified for this project, as part of the 2010-2015 multi-year program. IDOT will be selecting a consultant this month to begin Phase II engineering, programmed in FY 2010 at \$800,000.

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

This project was on the April 24, 2009 letting as an American Recovery & Reinvestment Act project. A formal agreement has been jointly approved by Bourbonnais and the State regarding the transfer jurisdictional of Armour Road, (from US 45/52 to the west end of Structure #046-0063 spanning the CN RR). A pre-construction meeting for the project was held on June 17, 2009. Actual roadway construction is expected to start by October, 2009 due to significant amount of utilities relocation required. Most road construction will likely be delayed until next spring.

**3. Interstate 57 at the Kankakee River:**

Replacement of this structure remains on the multiyear program.

**4. IL. 17: From just east of Lowe Road East 4.3 miles to IL 1 (S)**

Scope of work includes the milling and resurfacing of pavement and improvement to shoulders. Project is completed.

**5. IL. 115: From Village of Irwin E & N. 6.9 Miles to Koerner Airport**

This project ARRA project of milling and resurfacing has been completed.

**6. Various Locations: End Terminal/Guardrail Replacement**

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations around IDOT District 3, including some locales within the MPO area.

**7. Various Locations: Pavement Markings**

This project was on the April 3, 2009 letting as an ARRA district wide contract where work will occur at various locations around IDOT District 3, including some locales within the MPO.

**8. Interstate 57: From North of Illinois 50 Northerly to the Will County Line**

Centerline patching & shoulder repair work has been completed.