

Policy Committee
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)
Minutes
January 27, 2016

Policy Committee Members Present:

Mayor Epstein	Kankakee
Mayor Schore	Bourbonnais
Mayor Adams	Bradley
Mr. Loete	Illinois Department of Transportation
Chairman Bossert	Kankakee County
Mayor Nugent	Manteno
Mayor Fowler	Aroma Park

Others Present:

Mr. Olson, Kankakee County; Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Blakely, Mr. Magolan, and Mr. Broviak, IDOT; Mr. Stone, Manteno; Mr. Koning, METRO; Mr. Tyson, Kankakee; Mr. Clevenger, Aroma Park; Mr. McBurney, Bourbonnais; Ms. Ruble, Kankakee Valley Airport Authority.

Call to Order

Chairwoman Epstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

Introduction

Chairwoman Epstein introduced Mr. Loete, Mr. Magolan, and Mr. Broviak.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Chairwoman Epstein asked for approval of the minutes from October 28, 2015. Mayor Nugent motioned to approve them, Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Agenda

Mr. Magolan commented that on the agenda the TIP Amendment should read “IL-50” instead of “IL-15” and that he would be giving the IDOT update instead of Mr. Paukovitz. Mayor Schore motioned approval of the Agenda. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

FY 2016 TIP Amendment

Mr. Olson stated there was one amendment. IDOT requested a railroad crossing project at IL-50 (Indiana Ave.) and the Kankakee, Beaverville, and Southern Railroad be added. The project includes new gates, circuitry, L.E.D. flashing lights, and highway approaches. The project is also going straight to Advanced Construction. Mayor Adams asked why the attached memo showed a local share from the Village of Bourbonnais. Mr. Olson explained that the attached memo page is the whole page from the TIP and the

green section is the program totals section for all the IDOT projects for FY 2016. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the amendment. Mayor Nugent seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2016 UWP Amendment

Mr. Olson stated there have been a number of changes in MPO staff and as a result the UWP has been modified to accommodate those changes. He explained that Mr. Lammey, Mr. Greenstreet, and Mr. Van Mill's hours have been reduced to the hours worked during the fiscal year. The remainder of those funds have been distributed to two new staff positions, a transportation planner and technical assistant, and non-personnel. Mayor Nugent asked if additional staff had been hired and if not will the positions be posted and will they be employees of the County? Mr. Olson answered that no employees have been hired yet and that the job openings will be posted and that they would be employees of Kankakee County. Mayor Adams motioned to approve the amended document, seconded by Chairman Bossert. Motion carried.

Presentation by IDOT Regional Engineer

Mr. Loete gave a presentation on how the program of projects in IDOT District 3 progresses. To begin with, IDOT produces a multi-year program that covers a six year period. The annual element for the State contains \$1.85 billion in programmed projects.

Mr. Loete explained the State's goal of maintaining "Acceptable" road conditions along roads, however there are more miles of road than there are funds to provide maintenance. As a result, IDOT is placing a greater emphasis on bridge maintenance in order to reduce the burden of traffic detours. To date, no state bridges have been closed due to needed repairs, however some have had weight restrictions causing heavier trucks to have to detour.

IDOT maintains a pavement condition survey to monitor road conditions. District staff also drive and inspect roads and bridges in person. This could help IDOT understand how the travelling public views the roads as they drive on them.

Mr. Loete explained the Secretary of Transportation is looking forward to working on a transportation sustainability plan that would allow the state to maintain its current needs and to reduce the backlog of roads in need of repair. In addition to the general funding source for roads, there are also special sources of funds that get directed to specific uses, such as bridges or safety projects. The Interstate 57 and 6000N Road interchange was funded from Illinois Jobs Now, which was a special fund. He also said that if local jurisdictions have ideas for projects, they can be submitted to IDOT at any time for consideration.

Road Jurisdiction Discussion

Mr. Olson gave a presentation to the committee about the laws pertaining to road ownership, enforcement, and speed limit alterations. He explained the main jurisdiction levels; state, county, township, and local municipalities. He said with the Deputy Chief of the Bourbonnais Police Department to confirm police can enforce traffic laws on all public roads within their jurisdiction. The Deputy Chief also said in Kankakee County, police officers are deputized they the sheriff and can provide enforcement anywhere within the county.

Mr. Olson explained the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and that it sets the national standards for roads. Both the MUTCD and Illinois Vehicle Code require a traffic study or investigation be performed in order to alter a statutory speed limit. Mr. Olson explained the statutory

speed limits and how they can be altered. The County maintains jurisdiction over county roads and township roads and may alter speed limits if the traffic study supports it. Local municipalities can alter speed limits for roads within their jurisdiction if it does not fall under the authority of another agency or entity. For a speed limit to be finalized, the governing body of the road owner must pass an ordinance for the alteration.

Mr. Olson explained the maximum and minimum speed limits set by state law and also explained where each speed limit applies. There are urban districts and residence districts that have their own minimum speed limits and definitions. He also provided a few other details pertaining to speed limit changes. There cannot be more than six speed limit alterations within a mile. As well as, adjacent altered speed limits cannot have a speed limit change greater than 10 miles per hour.

Mayor Adams asked if Armour Road qualified as a residential district and could have the speed limit reduced to 30 MPH. Mr. Rogers explained that numerous traffic studies have been performed and he would be willing to share the results. Mr. Olson mentioned that speed limits are set based on the speed that 85 percent of traffic is travelling at. Mayor Epstein asked if the presentation could be e-mailed to members. Mr. Olson said he would send it out.

IDOT District 3 Update

Mr. Magolan explained the IDOT construction report, attached to these minutes.

IDOT Urban Planning Update

Mr. Caldwell said there were no updates.

Safety Committee Update

Mr. Tyson stated that the committee was continuing presentations which have been very informative to members.

Brookmont Boulevard Update

Mr. McBurney said there were no updates.

Riverfront Trail Update

Mr. Tyson said that the project was just let and would be moving forward.

Industrial Drive Update

Dr. Gingerich said there were no updates.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

Mr. Olson said he has received several comments from members of various committees receiving hard copy agendas and minutes in the mail that they would prefer to receive an e-mailed version instead. Mr. Olson asked if the committee had a preference on how members received their meeting packets. The committee was unanimous in changing toward email. Mr. Olson said the MPO required documents, such as the UWP and TIP, would still be mailed in a printed format for members.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Chairwoman Epstein said that the next Policy Committee meeting will be on March 30, 2016 and would start after the adjournment of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Adjournment

Mayor Adams motioned for adjournment and Mayor Schore seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairwoman Epstein adjourned the meeting at 4:28 P.M.

Note: Targeted contract lettings of projects cited below are contingent upon approval of the Governor and allocation of funds by the General Assembly

1. **I-57 at 6000N Road (Bourbonnais Parkway) New Interchange** – Storm sewer work is on-going and dirt work is anticipated to begin in the spring. 6000N Road between US 45/52 and IL 50 will continue to be closed to through traffic throughout the winter and into the spring of 2016.
2. **IL 17 from west of S5000W Road to 0.3 miles east of W175 Road in Kankakee – New Two Way Left Turn Lane** – the majority of construction operations are complete except for entrance paving, raised reflective pavement markings and seeding, which will be accomplished in the spring/summer 2016.
3. **I-57 at IL 17 (Court Street) - Interchange Reconstruction** in Kankakee – Phase I engineering is on-going and a public hearing is planned for the summer 2016 to present the proposed scope of work. Funding is included in the FY 2016-2021 Proposed Highway Improvement Program for Phase II engineering (design).
4. **I-57 over the Kankakee River, south of IL 17 - Bridge Replacements** – setting structural steel operations is on-going. The crossover for shifted traffic will remain in effect through the winter and until the second stage of construction is complete enough to allow reopening the road to traffic for both directions of travel, which is currently anticipated for mid-summer.
5. **IL 102 over Rock Creek Bridge – Bridge Replacement** – construction is anticipated to be initiated in late February 2016. Total road closure will be established on March 1, 2016. State park access will continue to be provided on the Bourbonnais side. Reopening the road to traffic is currently planned for September 2016.
6. **Southbound IL 50 (Indiana Ave.) at the KB&S RR crossing** – this project involves new signal circuitry, cantilever LED flashing light signals (gates will not be installed), reconstruction of the grade crossing and highway approach work. This project will not go to a letting. The railroad or their contractors will perform the work. Construction is anticipated to be initiated and completed in the summer of 2016.