

Technical Advisory Committee
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)
Minutes
August 17, 2016

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Mr. Rogers	Kankakee County
Mr. Tyson	Kankakee
Mr. Clevenger	Aroma Park
Mr. Koning	METRO
Mr. Lindenmier	Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. McBurney	Bourbonnais
Dr. Gingerich	Bradley

Others Present:

Tom Caldwell, IDOT; Mayor Schore, Bourbonnais; Mayor Adams, Bradley; Mayor Epstein, Kankakee; Chairman Bossert and Mr. Olson, Kankakee County;

Call to Order

Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Chairman Rogers asked for any changes or corrections the minutes from the June 29, 2016 meeting and, if none, a motion to approve them. Dr. Gingerich motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. McBurney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda

Chairman Rogers asked for approval of the proposed agenda. Mr. McBurney motioned approval of the Agenda. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2017 TIP Amendment

Mr. Olson explained that one TIP amendment was received from IDOT to change the funding source of the IL-115 Gar Creek Bridge to be fully funded by IDOT, which removes the surface transportation program – rural (STP-R) funds. The total project cost remained the same. Mr. Lindenmier motioned to approve the TIP amendment. Mr. Clevenger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 2017 UWP Amendment

Mr. Olson said the county's GIS department hired an intern during summer with the potential to be hired full time. The amendment would allow that staff member to assist in GIS work for the MPO. The funding for that position would be for about 7 percent of their time and was taken from the non-personnel section, which acts as a carryover pot for funds not used for staff. Mr. Tyson motioned to approve the amendment. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

Final Billing Report for FY 2016

Mr. Olson said everyone should have received a copy of the final billing report for FY 2016. The report outlines what MPO staff worked on for the year, broken down by each UWP work element. Mr. Olson asked if there were questions. There were none.

Functional Classification Review

Mr. Olson said he recently received an email from IDOT notifying him that the roadway functional classification system is being reviewed and any comments can be submitted. Mr. Rogers said he only looked at the rural areas in the county because almost all the roads in a municipality are not county roads. He said he had comments for two proposed changes for N 11000W Road and S 12750E Road. Mr. Olson said changing N 4000E Road is beneficial because it will bring it should be eligible for federal aid and it identified in the long range plan. He also had comments for extending the proposed other principal arterial road segments on IL-102 and IL-17.

Proposed Rulemaking on MPO Coordination & Planning Area Reform

Mr. Olson explained that FHWA has a proposed rulemaking that would require multiple MPOs within one urbanized area to consolidate. The concern is that after a decennial census, KATS MPO could be required to merge with the Chicago MPO. The drafted comments explain the concerns of the MPO. Dr. Gingerich suggested adding list of bullet points outlining the key concerns in case it wasn't read in its entirety. Mr. Olson stated that with official public comments the agencies are required to fully read and review all comments received.

Authorization for TIP Staff Amendments

Mr. Olson explained that each MPO allows planning staff to make modifications to the TIP which are typically minor. He said he has been unable to find documentation that outlines conditions that are acceptable for staff modifications. He asked the Technical Advisory committee if they were any objections to allow staff modifications if a project in the multiyear element is requested to be moved to the current TIP year; a project has an advance construction update; a project has a minor cost change of less than 10 percent of the total project cost; and a project has federal funds removed as a funding source. There were no objections and the Technical Advisory Committee supported forwarding it to the Policy Committee.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting of the Safety Committee will be held on September 14, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The next meeting of the Safety Crash Subcommittee will be held on October 12, 2016 at 9:30 AM. The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on October 26, 2016 starting at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment

Dr. Gingerich motioned for adjournment and Mr. McBurney seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:17 P.M.