

# **MINUTES**

## **KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Training Room, Bourbonnais Fire Department,  
1080 Armour Road, Bourbonnais, IL

**Wednesday, July 11, 2018 @ 9:30 A.M.**

#### **Member in Attendance**

Dave Tyson, Village of Bourbonnais; David Verkler, Aaron Harsy, Jose De Jesus, Angela Kingster, Illinois State Police; David Anderson, Bourbonnais Police Dept.; Mark Rogers and Steve Blanchette, Kankakee County Highway Dept; Tom Caldwell, IDOT OP&P, Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3. Ed Zopf, Kankakee County Sheriff's Dept.

#### **Others Present**

Geoff Olson and Delbert Skimerhorn, KATS.

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Rogers made a motion to approve the March 7, 2018 minutes, seconded by Lieutenant Zopf. Motion carried.

#### **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

Mr. Olson gave a presentation summarizing intelligent transportation systems (ITS). He explained the goals of ITS and provided some examples of ITS implementation in the KATS area. Mr. Olson stated he began creating a basic list of agencies and that have a stake in existing ITS projects or possible future projects. He said if anyone had suggestions for agencies to include to let him know. The committee members discussed possible ITS projects in the county and how it could increase safety.

#### **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Mr. Olson said the Long Range Transportation Plan is a required document the MPO must update every five years. The next update is due in May 2020. He explained the current plan did not have finalized rules for performance measures at the time of adoption, but would like the committee to provide feedback on the safety section in the plan update.

#### **Report On Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue**

There was a brief discussion on cell phone usage while driving. There was a consensus that cell phone isn't changing.

## **Traffic Safety in the Media**

Mr. Olson directed everyone to two news reports included in the meeting materials. He stated the first was a new approach IDOT District 1 has had with increasing awareness about traffic safety using the dynamic message signs. The other article had information on how drivers can reduce congestion by using a zipper merge, not weaving between cars, and using adaptive cruise control if the vehicle is equipped with it.

Mr. Tyson asked if members regularly issued traffic safety information to the media. Master Sergeant De Jesus stated ISP has a press release distribution list that sends information out regularly to recipients.

## **New Business**

Mr. Olson directed everyone to copies of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan for Kankakee County that was prepared by IDOT in 2015. He explained that a previous version was handed out a few years ago and this was the most recent update. He asked if the committee would be supportive of an MPO staff updating the safety plan that would feed into the safety section of the long range plan update. Members voiced support for an update. Mr. Tyson asked if the committee would have to establish new performance measures. Mr. Olson said the continued support of IDOT's goals was fine and new goals were required and the plan could help outline strategies to help IDOT meet its goals.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Tyson asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 10:18 AM.