

**Policy Committee**  
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)  
**Minutes**  
**February 28, 2019**

**Policy Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Nugent, Chairman	Village of Manteno
Chairman Wheeler, Vice-Chairman	County of Kankakee
Mayor Adams	Village of Bradley
Mayor Schore	Village of Bourbonnais
Mayor Stump	Village of Aroma Park
Mr. Piggush	City of Kankakee
Mr. Caldwell	IDOT OP&P
Mr. Lindenmier	IDOT District 3
Mr. Magolan	IDOT District
Mr. Donovan	FHWA

**Others Present:**

Mr. Benoit, Mr. Blakely, Mr. Hanley, Mr. Koning, Mr. Mergenthaler, Mr. Olson, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Skimerhorn, Mr. Weber.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 3:56 P.M.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Minutes**

Chairman Nugent said the minutes from the October 28, 2018 meeting were before the committee for approval and asked if there were any corrections or comments. There were no corrections or comments. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Chairman Nugent asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent added that all members of the Policy Committee were present for the entire Technical Advisory Committee meeting and requested that the presentations for meeting agenda be limited, but questions and discussion would still occur.

## **FY 2019 Unified Work Program Amendments**

Mr. Olson explained the proposed amendment for the Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Work Program included two main parts. The first was shifting funds from work elements that haven't been work on as much as expected and placed into other work elements that staff have been focusing more heavily such as planning services and long range plan. The other component was increasing the number of hours for the GIS Coordinator. Mr. Olson stated it was expected there would be less work directed to the GIS Coordinator, but that hasn't been the case this year. He informed everyone that the amendment was revenue neutral. Mayor Adams motioned to approve the FY 2019 Unified Work Program Amendment. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Mr. Olson directed everyone to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment memo handed out to everyone and stated IDOT requested three new projects to be added to the TIP. The first project the resurfacing of IL-1 from IL-17 to the northern corporate limits of St. Anne (Project HIL-17-022). The sources of funding are \$2,000,000 from the National Highway Performance Program and \$500,000 from IDOT state funds.

The second project included in the amendment is for the installation of high tension cable median barrier along I-57 from 0.2 mi. north of 6000N Road to south of Manteno Road (HIL-19-002). Originally the funding amounts were \$315,000 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and \$35,000 from IDOT State funds. Mr. Lindenmier stated there was an increase to project cost since the original request for amendment was made. The updated total project cost was \$450,000, of which \$405,000 is funded by HSIP and the remaining \$45,000 was to be IDOT State funds.

The third project included in the amendment is at-grade railroad crossing improvements at IL-50 (northbound) / Harrison Ave at the Norfolk Southern Railroad (Project HIL-19-003). The project includes reconstructing the grade crossing and installing constant warning time signal circuitry, new signal housing, LED flashing light signals and gates. The project cost was \$575,000 and was to be funded entirely from the federal railroad protection funds.

Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the amendment, included the updated project costs for Project HIL-19-002. Chairman Wheeler motioned to approve the FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program amendment, including the updated project costs to project HIL-19-002. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Discussion of Local Project Priorities**

Chairman Nugent said the intersection at Armour Road and Illinois State Route 50 is expected to face a significant increase in traffic in the upcoming years due to new economic development in the vicinity, starting with the expansion of CSL Behring. There has been a local effort to coordinate with the State to fund a project that will help address the expected increase in traffic. He also added that when the project is discussed it is always conveyed that everyone acknowledges that this is the most important project currently in Kankakee County and in order

to help ensure this statement, the number one project on the MPO's project list should be this project.

The project currently programmed to expend federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds is Hobbie Avenue from Court Street (IL-17) to Fair Street (IL-50) in Kankakee. Chairman Nugent asked Mr. Piggush what the current status of the Hobbie Avenue project was. Mr. Piggush explained the City of Kankakee has gone through the bidding process for preliminary engineering phase 1, selected and entered into an agreement with an engineering firm, and submitted the agreements to Springfield for approval. The letting for construction is expected to be in 2021.

Chairman Wheeler asked what the current balance of the MPO's federal funds were. Mr. Olson directed everyone page III-6 to their copy of the FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program, which showed the MPO's allocation and expenditures. He said the table showed a balance of \$1,893,995.44 of federal funds after the Hobbie Avenue project was completed. Chairman Wheeler said he thought it didn't make sense to spend the majority of the MPO's allotted federal funds on Hobbie Avenue because a new transportation project need has been identified. He added that the newly identified project is a truly regional and multi-jurisdictional project that would benefit the entire MPO area.

Chairman Nugent asked what the current federal funding amount for preliminary engineering phase 1 is. Mr. Piggush said it was \$480,000.00 and that the agreements would likely not be signed until June. Chairman Nugent commented that Kankakee has had the project programmed for several years and consideration should be given to ensure it does not get removed from the project list. Mayor Adams added that when the Village of Bradley was expected to have Cardinal Drive improved with MPO funds, the Policy Committee had decided to place Lowe Road ahead of Cardinal Drive, and this would be a similar action.

Chairman Wheeler motioned to move Illinois State Route 50 to be the number one project for the MPO and that Hobbie Avenue would be the number two project. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Votes in favor of the motion: Mayor Adams, Mr. Magolan, Chairman Nugent, Mayor Schore, Mayor Stump, Chairman Wheeler. Votes opposed to the motion: none. Those abstaining from voting: Mr. Piggush. Motion Carried.

## **Fall 2018 Travel Time Survey**

Mr. Olson explained the highlights of the fall 2018 travel time survey results. He stated morning peak period travel times have improved since spring 2018, the mid-day travel times were consistent with spring 2018, and the travel times for the afternoon peak period were slightly longer since spring 2018. I also said that travel times in general were consistent with historical data. Travel times were not significantly better or worse than in the past few years.

## **Long Range Transportation Plan Update**

Mr. Olson gave a quick review of the presentation on population projections that Mr. Mergenthaler gave to the Technical Advisory Committee. He stated the new projections are less than those in the current long range plan and that they do not currently include major

economic developments in the future, such as CSL Behring's expansion as well as the Illiana Expressway and South Suburban Airport which were both included in the current long range plan population projections.

Mr. Olson informed everyone that the first survey for the long range plan update is available. He said he emailed a link to all committee members. The question asks respondents to rank the seven national goals of the FAST Act and the results will be used to prioritize projects in the updated plan.

## **FAST Act Performance Measures**

### **Transit Asset Management**

Mr. Olson said the two public transit providers for the area are River Valley METRO and Kankakee County, both of which have opted into the Tier 2 Statewide Transit Asset Management Plan. He also said both providers expect to meet the targets. IDOT adopted the plan on October 1, 2018 and the MPO has 180 days to either accept and support the statewide targets or establish its own. Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee recommended to accept and support the statewide targets for transit asset management. Mayor Adams motioned to accept and support the statewide targets. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

### **Highway Safety**

Mr. Olson stated IDOT adopted its new set of highway safety performance targets on August 31, 2018. He said the statewide targets are a two percent reduction for all five performance measure categories: number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The MPO has 180 days to accept and support the state or establish its own. Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee recommended to accept and support the statewide safety targets. Mayor Stump motioned to accept and support the statewide targets. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

### **Highway Safety Plan**

Mr. Olson said there was no update on the Highway Safety Plan.

## **Agency Updates**

### **METRO**

None.

### **IDOT District 3 Update**

Mr. Lindenmier provided an update on the status of projects in the area. He stated one item not included on the list was the traffic signal improvements and resurfacing along Illinois State Route 1 are tentative for the April Letting.

### **IDOT Urban Planning Update**

None.

## **FHWA Update**

None.

## **Safety Committee Update**

None.

## **Brookmont Boulevard Update**

Mr. Piggush informed everyone that an engineering firm has been selected to perform preliminary engineering phase 2. It's expected to be completed in late summer of 2020. The City of Kankakee will be pursuing BUILD grants to secure the remaining funding necessary to proceed construction.

## **Hobbie Avenue**

Mr. Piggush reiterated the agreements for preliminary engineering phase 1 have been sent to Springfield for approval. He asked Chairman Nugent to confirm that the previous action regarding Hobbie Avenue placed all project phases on hold, including preliminary engineering phase 1. Chairman Nugent stated that was correct and that before the MPO's funds are spent, the costs pertaining to Illinois State Route 50 project needed to be investigated. Mr. Piggush asked if there were any problems with the agreements in Springfield proceeding to be approved because no funds are being spent at this time. Chairman Nugent stated that was not a problem.

## **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority Update**

None.

## **Updates from MPO Staff**

None.

## **New Business**

Chairman Wheeler informed everyone the South Suburban Airport is being discussed again and may have the potential to be included in a state capital bill.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on March 27, 2019 starting at 3:00 PM.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Nugent asked if there was any more business to discuss. There was none. Mayor Adams motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 4:32 P.M.

**IDOT DISTRICT 3 PROJECT STATUS – KANKAKEE URBAN AREA February 28, 2019**

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

**STATE**

**I-57: North of Kankakee River Bridge to South of the IL 50 Interchange: Resurfacing, Patching, & Structure Repairs** – Tentatively scheduled for the April 2019 Letting

**I-57: 0.2 Miles North of 6000N Rd to 0.7 Miles South of Manteno Rd: High Tension Cable Median Installation** – Tentatively scheduled for the April 2019 Letting

**IL 17: Baker Creek, 2.3 Miles East of Kankakee: Superstructure Replacements and Substructure Widening** – Project was on the January 2019 Letting. Tobey's Construction was low bidder. District recommended contract award based on favorable bid results.

**I-57: Under St. George Rd in Bourbonnais: Bridge Replacement** – Project was on the November 2018 letting and awarded to D. Construction, Inc. Contractor estimates starting work around mid-April.

**IL 50 (NB): 0.1 Miles North of Willow St in Kankakee: Railroad Crossing Improvement** – Installation of constant warning time signal circuitry, new signal house, and LED flashing light signals and gates, and reconstruction of the grade crossing – Work order with the railroad is in progress and executed pending Secretary signature. Reconstruction of the railroad crossing may be done this calendar year with signal work possibly extending into next year.

**I-57: Under North Street, 2.0 Miles N of IL 17 in Bradley: Bridge Replacement** – The bridge deck is poured. Adjacent asphalt and concrete work is dependent on weather/temperature conditions. Project will continue through the Spring of 2019 and possibly into summer.

**I-57: 1.5 Miles South of US 45/52 to 0.2 Miles North of River Rd: High Tension Cable Median Installation** – Project Complete