

**Policy Committee**  
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)  
**Minutes**  
**October 30, 2019**

**Policy Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Tim Nugent, Chairman	Village of Manteno
Chairman Andrew Wheeler, Vice-Chairman	County of Kankakee
Mayor Paul Schore	Village of Bourbonnais
Mayor Brian Stump	Village of Aroma Park
Mayor Mike Watson	Village of Bradley
Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong	City of Kankakee
Tom Caldwell	IDOT Office of Planning & Programming

**Others Present:**

Mike Gingerich, Cortney Koning, Dave Tyson, Terry Memenga, Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M and took roll call. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Minutes**

Chairman Nugent asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2019 and September 25, 2019 meetings. Mayor Schore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Stump seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda**

Chairman Nugent asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda with the addition of an item under new business for a discussion on the intersection project at Illinois State Route 50 and Armour Road. Mayor Watson motioned to approve the agenda with the included addition. Mayor Wells-Armstrong seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**FY 2020 Unified Work Program Amendments**

Mr. Wilson stated there were two changes included in the Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Work Program that was presented. The first was a shift of some staff hours for the Transportation and Development Division Manager from the planning services work element to the long range

plan work element. The change was made because the Division Manager was expected to work directly on the KATS 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The other change to the document was the inclusion of telecommunications under non-personnel expenses and to move funds from a different non-personnel line item. Mr. Wilson said a wi-fi hotspot could then be purchased so staff could have internet access outside of the office.

Chairman Nugent asked if there was a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Rogers said the Technical Advisory Committee recommended the amendment for approval. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the proposed FY 2020 Unified Work Program amendment as presented. Mayor Watson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

### **FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Mr. Wilson said there were two requests for amendment to the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The first was the addition of City of Kankakee's Safe Routes to School Program grant that would install of two flashing beacons with speed feedback signs, as well as a pedestrian countdown timer and flashing signal head with a controller cabinet, which will be allow pedestrians to activate the signal outside of pre-programmed morning drop off and afternoon pickup times. Additional sidewalk and pavement work will also be included. Construction and construction engineering will be funded under the Federal Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). The costs for construction are \$178,309.00 and \$21,691.00 for construction engineering. He noted that the 2019 funding cycle did not require a local match.

Mr. Wilson said the second request for amendment was from Village of Bradley to change of the years that phase 1 and 2 preliminary engineering was programmed for the Illinois Route 50 enhancement project (BKA-17-001). Preliminary engineering phase 1 was requested to be moved from FY 2019 to FY 2020 and preliminary engineering phase 2 was requested to be moved from FY 2020 to FY 2021. There were changes in costs or to other phases of the project. Chairman Nugent asked if there was a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Rogers said the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and forwarded the amendment to the Policy Committee for approval. Mayor Schore motioned to approve the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program amendment as presented. Mayor Wells-Armstrong seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that at the September 25, 2019 meeting, the Policy Committee approved the criteria and scoring tool to evaluate the highway projects that were submitted to be included in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. He referred everyone to a handout that showed the total score of each project. He explained that projects were categorized in the same way as the 2040 plan with tier 1, tier 2, and tier 3 projects. Tier 1 projects were the projects that could most likely be funded in the near term. Tier 2 projects were projects that would be expected to be given greater consideration in the long term. Tier 3 projects are projects that did not have a formal sponsor are were recognized as possible transportation

needs in 25 years. Mr. Wilson noted that both local and state projects were included in the project list.

Mr. Wilson said the top 5 scoring projects were mostly state projects, which included intersection improvements at IL-50 and Amour Road, the I-57 interchange at 9000N Rd in Manteno, the I-57 interchange at IL-17 in Kankakee, the intersection of U.S. 45/52 and IL-102, and Hobbie Avenue from IL-17 to IL-50 in Kankakee. He said the Policy Committee did not need to program a project, but asked if they would select the top five projects to include in the plan.

Chairman Nugent asked if there was a recommendation from the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Rogers said the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the projects as submitted. Mayor Wells-Armstrong motioned to approve the projects in the order presented. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Agency Updates**

### **Kankakee County Update**

None.

### **METRO**

None.

### **IDOT District 3 Update**

None.

### **IDOT Urban Planning Update**

Mr. Caldwell informed everyone that the IDOT Multi-Year Program was recently released and it included projects that would need to be amended into the Transportation Improvement Program.

### **FHWA Update**

None.

### **Safety Committee Update**

None.

### **Brookmont Boulevard Update**

Mr. Piggush said phase 2 engineering was continuing and the project engineering firm was coordinating with Canadian National Railroad.

### **Hobbie Avenue**

Mr. Piggush said surveying of the project was getting started and there was going to be a coordination meeting with the City, FHWA, and IDOT on December 12.

### **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority Update**

None.

## **Updates from Transportation and Development Division Manager**

Mr. Wilson said the Department of Commerce was in the process of establishing programs for grant funds that were going to become available. He said they were requesting projects from potential grantees for those future programs.

## **New Business**

### **Broadway Street Discussion**

Mayor Watson requested that Policy Committee members program the MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant funds for the Broadway Street project. He also asked to include it as an item on the January 2020 agenda.

### **Meeting Schedule for 2020**

Mayor Nugent referred everyone to a memo outlining the meeting dates for the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee.

### **Illinois State Route 50 at Armour Road Intersection Project**

Chairman Nugent informed everyone that the intersection improvement project at Illinois State Route 50 and Armour Road was included in the IDOT Multi-Year Program. He asked if it could now be included in the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Wilson said it would be included as an amendment at the January 2020 meeting.

## **Old Business**

Chairman Nugent said the second survey for the Long Range Plan update was still available and encouraged everyone to take it if they hadn't already and to share it with others.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be on January 29, 2019 starting at 2:30 PM and the Policy Committee meeting will be on January 29, 2019 starting at 3:00 PM.

## **Adjournment**

Chairman Nugent asked if there was any more business to discuss. There was none. Mayor Wells-Armstrong motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 3:14 P.M.