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MINUTES

KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 @ 9:30 A.M.

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Member in Attendance

11 Dave Tyson, Village of Bourbonnais; Dave Verkler and Aaron Harsy, Illinois State Police;
12 Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3; Scott O'Brien, Manteno Fire Dept.; Mark Rogers and Steve
13 Blanchette, Kankakee County Highway Dept.; Dave Lurhsen, Bradley-Bourbonnais High
14 School; Therese Schultz.
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Others Present

17 Mike Mergenthaler and Geoff Olson, KATS.
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Call to Order

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

23 Ms. Schultz gave public comment stating there is construction in all areas, north, south, east, and
24 west and she didn't see any improvements. She also stated the signal sequencing on Illinois
25 State Route 50 needed to be improved.
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Approval of Minutes

28 Chairman Tyson asked members to review the presented minutes. Mr. Rogers motioned to
29 approve the minutes as presented. Chief O'Brien seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.
30 Motion carried.
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Long Range Transportation Plan Update

33 Mr. Olson said KATS staff were in the process of updating the metropolitan area's long range
34 transportation plan and was going to present the traffic safety updates to the Committee. Mr.
35 Mergenthaler began the presentation with explaining the 5 safety performance measures of the
36 FAST Act; five-year rolling average of total fatalities, five year rolling average of fatality rates,
37 five-year rolling average of serious injuries, five year rolling average of serious injury rates, and
38 the combined total of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. He stated that IDOT set a
39 statewide goal of a two percent reduction for all five categories and that the plan update included
40 a reporting section on how the Kankakee Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) performed. Mr.
41 Olson explained that the KATS MPO elected to support statewide targets rather than establish
42 independent targets. As a result, the plan would report of whether the KATS MPA was a
43 positive or negative contributor to the statewide targets. If the KATS MPA experienced a
44 reduction of two percent in a category, it was considered a positive contributor; otherwise it was
45 a negative contributor. The only category the KATS MPA was a positive contributor for was the

46 serious injury rate.

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48 Mr. Mergenthaler continued the presentation by going through IDOT's fourteen statewide traffic
49 safety emphasis areas and stating the number of crashes for each category that occurred in
50 Kankakee County between 2013 through 2017. The fourteen statewide emphasis areas
51 established by IDOT were Roadway Departure, Impaired Driver, Unrestrained Occupants,
52 Intersection Related, Speeding/Aggressive Driver, Older Driver, Young Driver, Motorcycle,
53 Heavy Vehicle, Pedestrian, Pedal-cyclist, Work Zone, Distracted/Fatigued/Drowsy Driver, and
54 Highway-Railroad Grade Crossings.

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56 **Safety Performance Measures**

57 Mr. Mergenthaler gave presented updated traffic fatality and serious injury information to
58 members and how the next round of two percent reductions of performance targets would look
59 like for the KATS MPA. Mr. Olson reminded everyone that the federal requirement is to adopt
60 statewide targets set by the state department of transportation or the MPA could establish
61 individual targets. Chief O'Brien motioned to continue to support statewide targets. Mr.
62 Blanchette seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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64 **Report on Hands Free Cell Enforcement Issue**

65 There were no updates on cell phone enforcement.

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67 **Traffic Safety in the Media**

68 Mr. Olson said he saw a news story that showed a driver and passenger in an autonomous vehicle
69 sleeping while the car was driving on an expressway and that it could be a concern when more
70 autonomous vehicles are on the road. Mr. Rogers said there was a meeting about crashes that
71 have occurred at U.S. 45/52 and the Kankakee and Iroquois County Line and would report back
72 about any updates.

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74 **Meeting Schedule**

75 Members had no objections to tentative meeting dates for 2020. Mr. Olson said the May meeting
76 conflicted with the KATS Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings and it
77 would have to be rescheduled.

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79 **New Business**

80 None.

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82 **Other Business**

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86 **Next Meeting**

87 The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM.

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89 **Adjournment**

90 Chairman Tyson asked if there was any more business to discuss. Hearing none, he adjourned
91 the meeting at 10:15 AM.