Technical Advisory Committee

Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)

Minutes May 8, 2019

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Mr. Piggush, Vice Chairman City of Kankakee

Mr. Benoit Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

Dr. Gingerich Village of Bradley
Mr. Hanley Village of Manteno
Mr. Koning River Valley METRO
Mr. Lindenmier IDOT District 3

Mr. Tyson Village of Bourbonnais
Mr. Weber Village of Aroma Park

Others Present:

Mayor Nugent, Mayor Schore, Mayor Stump, Mayor Watson, Mayor Wells-Armstrong, Mr. Romo, Mr. Mergenthaler, Mr. Olson, Mr. Skimerhorn, Mr. Wilson.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Vice-Chairman Piggush asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 28, 2019. Mr. Hanley motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Koning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion Carried. Vice-Chairman Piggush asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on March 27, 2019. Dr. Gingerich motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Koning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Vice-Chairman Piggush asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Tyson motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Gingerich seconded to motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2019 Unified Work Program Amendments

None.

Adoption of the FY 2020 Unified Work Program

Mr. Olson gave a presentation of the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2020 Unified Work Program (UWP). He explained that it is one of the documents that the MPO is required to produce every year. The regular schedule for adoption is to accept the draft at the March meeting and approve the final version at the May meeting. He said the UWP is essentially a budget for the planning staff of the MPO and outlines what staff will be working on through the year and what outputs will be produced.

Mr. Olson explained that there have been a couple changes to funding the MPO for both the federal funds and local match. IDOT has worked out an arrangement with FHWA that the FTA allocated funds will be routed through FHWA. This essentially provides a single source of federal funding when requesting reimbursement for program expenses. Historically, local match has been provided by Kankakee County. This year the local match will be provided by IDOT, using their State Metro Planning Fund. If the state funds are no longer available, the County will continue to provide the local match.

Mr. Olson stated the amount of program budget increased about two thousand dollars more than the previous year. The federal funding allocation was \$253,557 and the local match amount was \$63,389. Mr. Olson provided a brief description of each of the work elements in the UWP and noted that about fifty percent of the program is budgeted for planning services and public involvement.

Vice-Chairman Piggush asked for a motion to refer the FY 2020 Unified Work Program to the Policy Committee for approval. Dr. Gingerich made that motion and Mr. Tyson seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Olson said there were several amendments for the FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He started by explaining the first group of projects was from Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) which included the addition of project HIL-19-004 located at the Interstate 57 and US 45/52 Interchange for cleaning and painting structural steel of the overpass. The project was being programmed for construction and was funded by the national highway performance program (NHPP) for the amount of \$306,000 and a state match of \$34,000 for a total project cost of \$340,000. The second project to be added is HIL-18-032 (bridge replacement of US 45/52 over the north branch of Rock Creek, 1.5 miles north of Manteno Road). The project was being programmed for engineering and was funded by the surface transportation program (STP) for the amount of \$88,000 and a state match of \$22,000. The total project cost is \$110,000.

The third project IDOT requested as part of the amendment was for project HIL-19-005. This project was for crack and joint sealing in the following locations: IL-1/17 from IL-1 in Grant Park to 0.5 miles east of IL-1 in Sun River Terrace, US 45/52 from the IL-115 Junction to Industrial Park Drive, IL-50 from 0.1 miles north of Armour Road to Brookmont Boulevard, and IL-50 from north of 5th Street in Manteo to 0.7 miles north of St. George Road. The project includes centerline microsurfacing joint repair from US 45/52 from the Will County Line to north of Manteno-Deselm Road. The overarching project was to be funded by NHPP for \$266,000, STP for \$110,000 and a state match of toll credits for \$94,000. The total project cost programmed was \$470,000.

The other changes being proposed to the TIP were for the change in the year of programming for project HKA-16-041 (Hobbie Avenue from IL-17 (Court Street) to IL-50 (Fair Street)). This amendment would place preliminary engineering phase 1 in fiscal year 2020. Kankakee County also requested moving project HKC-17-021 (resurfacing of CH 9 from IL-50 to IL-1/17) from fiscal year 2020 to 2019. Funding sources and amounts for both projects were unchanged.

Dr. Gingerich motioned to a recommendation to the Policy Committee to approve the amendments as presented. Mr. Hanley seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Draft FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Olson said the draft Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been prepared. The regular preparation schedule for TIP is to a draft version at the May meeting, which places it into the public comment period, and is adopted at the June meeting. He said the majority of content is remaining the same as the programmed years of the FY 2019 TIP. IDOT is still preparing the statewide Multi-Year Program, which after being released will be incorporated into the FY 2020 TIP. Mr. Olson said he will give a more in-depth presentation on the TIP at the June meeting when everything has been finalized.

Mr. Tyson motioned to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Long Range Plan Update

Mr. Olson said staff conducted the first survey for the long range transportation plan update, which ended on May 4. The survey was a single question, which asked respondents how they would prefer to prioritize each of the seven national priorities of the FAST Act. There were 152 respondents during the sixty-five days the survey was open. The survey was sent to all contacts on the MPO's meeting distribution lists, the Economic Alliance, the convention and visitor's bureau, and county farm bureau to forward to their members.

Mr. Olson stated the highest prioritized goal was infrastructure condition, followed closely by safety. The next highest ranked priority was congestion reduction and then system reliability. The fifth ranked goal was reduced project delivery delays, followed very closely by freight movement and economic vitality. The goal that ranked last was environmental sustainability.

Mr. Olson directed everyone to the memo included in the meeting materials for long range plan highway projects. He said everyone should start consider which projects should be included in the plan update and to get everyone started, a project map that showed projects by similar type was created. He said some projects may be removed from the list, while new projects are added and that some will likely remain on the list. Project will be discussed again at the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on June 26, 2019 starting at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Piggush asked if there was any more business to discuss. There was none. Dr. Gingerich motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hanley seconded. Vice-Chairman Piggush adjourned the meeting at 3:31 P.M.