

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

Minutes
June 26, 2019

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Mark Rogers, Chairman	County of Kankakee
Neil Piggush, Vice-Chairman	City of Kankakee
Jeff Benoit	Kankakee Valley Airport Authority
Mike Gingerich	Village of Bradley
Cortney Koning	River Valley METRO MTD
David Tyson	Village of Bourbonnais
David Weber	Village of Aroma Park
Tom Caldwell	IDOT Office of Planning & Programming
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration
Ryan Lindenmier	IDOT District 3
Tom Magolan	IDOT District 3

Others Present:

Mayor Paul Schore, Mayor Brian Stump, Mayor Mike Watson, Chairman Andrew Wheeler, Dennis Peters, Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

None.

Minutes

Chairman Rogers asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 8, 2019. Mr. Piggush motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion Carried.

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Chairman Rogers asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Koning motioned to approve the agenda. Dr. Gingerich seconded to motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Technical Advisory Committee Elections

Chairman Rogers asked for nominations for the Technical Advisory Committee Chair. Mr. Piggush nominated Mr. Rogers. Mr. Weber seconded the nomination. No others nominations were made. Mr. Piggush motioned to close nominations. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Rogers asked for nominations for the Technical Advisory Committee Vice-Chair. Dr. Gingerich nominated Mr. Piggush. Mr. Weber seconded the nomination. No others nominations were made. Mr. Tyson motioned to close nominations. Mr. Koning seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2019 Unified Work Program Amendments

Mr. Olson explained the proposed FY 2019 Unified Work Program amendment contained adjustments to the work elements programmed for staff and better reflected to work done during the year. The largest change was increasing the budget for work done on the long range plan. The amendment was revenue neutral. Mr. Piggush motioned to approve the amendment as presented. Dr. Gingerich seconded the amendment. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2020 Unified Work Program Amendments

Mr. Olson said Mr. Wilson was recently made the Transportation and Development Division Manager and as part of the duties that go along with that is time spent administering the MPO program. The amendment for the FY 2020 Unified Work Program included a change of work elements that Mr. Wilson was programmed for. The change shifts a portion of his salary from planning services to program administration. The amendment is revenue neutral. Dr. Gingerich motioned to approve the amendment as presented. Mr. Weber seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

None.

Adoption of FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Olson gave a presentation of the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The presentation included transit projects, local and state highway projects, and bike and pedestrian facility projects. Mr. Olson stated the state projects have been carried over from the FY 2019 TIP because the state Multi-Year Program (MYP) hasn't been released. He said after IDOT provides updates of the MYP, they can be amended into the TIP.

Dr. Gingerich motioned to forward the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program to the Policy Committee for their consideration. Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Spring 2019 Travel Time Survey Results

Mr. Olson and Mr. Mergenthaler gave a presentation on the results of the spring 2019 travel time survey. Mr. Olson reminded everyone that staff perform the survey twice a year and recently modified the survey method. The purpose of the surveys allows travel times along the busiest roads to be measured and monitored. The data can be used to quantify congestion. It

can also be used for the calibration and validation of the travel demand model to ensure accuracy. Mr. Mergenthaler said the corridors surveyed in spring were North St, Armour Rd., Larry Power Rd., St. George Rd., Bourbonnais Pkwy, and IL-102. He noted that because the North St. Bridge over I-57 was closed, the eastern terminus was Pierce St. He said the current methodology surveys each corridor at three specified periods during the morning, mid-day, and afternoon peak travel periods.

Mr. Olson said the results for these east-west roads showed Armour Rd. as the most congested corridor since fall 2017. This spring was also the most congested since the survey project was started in fall 2014. He said this may be due to construction and road closures requiring motorists to take detours. Mr. Mergenthaler referred everyone to a map included in the meeting materials that showed the average travel times along all segments for the all roads that get surveyed from last fall and spring survey. Chairman Wheeler asked if the roads surveyed were chosen based on congestion or why some roads may have been excluded. Mr. Olson said they were chosen by staff on perceived congestion and if any roads were excluded, to let staff know and they will be considered.

Long Range Plan Update

Mr. Olson and Mr. Mergenthaler gave a presentation on updates to the long range plan. Mr. Olson said staff have been updating the chapter on current roadway conditions and was providing the committee with current trends. He started by explaining current traffic volumes. He said over the last couple years there has been a reduction on the number of vehicle miles traveled in both the metropolitan planning area and the county. He provided information on the most heavily driven areas in the planning area. The top three busiest intersections in 2017 were, in order, Armour Rd. at Illinois Route 50, Armour Rd. at U.S. Route 45/52, and U.S. Route 45/52 at North Street. The three busiest road segments, in order, were U.S. Route 45/52 from North Street to Illinois Route 102, US 45/52 from Broadway St to North Street, and Illinois Route 50 from Armour Rd. to Interstate 57.

Mr. Mergenthaler provided an update on commuter flows in the county. He explained that that data showed two main themes; the number of workers that live inside the county and work outside the county and number of workers that live outside the county and work inside the county. He noted that in 2010 there were 22,991 workers that lived and worked in Kankakee County and the most recent data for 2015 showed an increase to 36,887. The overall total number of workers commuting increase from about 38,000 in 2010 to nearly 48,000 in 2015. The counties with the largest number of workers that lived in Kankakee County were Cook County, Will County, and Iroquois County. The counties with the largest number of workers that work in Kankakee County were Iroquois County, Will County, and Cook County. Of the workers that live in Kankakee County, 90 percent got to work by private automobile. Eight percent of all workers carpooled. Only 2 percent used public transit.

The last part of the presentation was about traffic safety. Mr. Olson said during the last couple years there have been an increase in the number of traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries. He said the majority are occurring inside the metropolitan planning area, but the rate of occurrence is much higher in the rural areas of the county.

New Business

Meeting Schedule

Mr. Wilson said there has been consideration for changing the meeting times for the Technical Advisory Committee start at 2:30 PM and Policy Committee at 3:00 PM. He asked if the change would create any difficulties for members. No one said it would create any problems.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Committee meetings will be on August 28, 2019.

Adjournment

Chairman Rogers asked if there was any more business to discuss. There was none. Mr. Tyson motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Weber seconded. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:28 P.M.