

**Policy Committee**  
Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)  
Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)  
**Minutes**  
**January 29, 2020**

**Policy Committee Members Present:**

Mayor Tim Nugent, Chairman	Village of Manteno
Nick Allen (Proxy)	River Valley METRO MTD
Jeff Benoit (Proxy)	Kankakee Valley Airport Authority
Mr. Rogers (Proxy)	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
John Donovan	FHWA

**Others Present:**

Mike Gingerich, Cortney Koning, Dave Tyson, Terry Memenga, Siron Sims, Rob Hoffmann, Neil Piggush, Jim Hanley, Keith Mulholland, David Weber, Joel Greer, Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Nugent called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Minutes**

Chairman Nugent asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2019 meeting. Mayor Schore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Watson 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 as presented. Mayor Watson motioned to approve the agenda with the included addition. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

**FY 2020 Unified Work Program Amendments**

None.

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

Mr. Wilson said there were three requests for amendment to the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). City of Kankakee submitted requests for their Hobbie Avenue and Safe Routes to School projects and IDOT submitted their list of projects for the FY 2020 (through FY 2023) TIP. City of Kankakee's request of amendment to the Hobbie Avenue project was for project cost increases to preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering. Mr. Piggush explained that scope of the project had not changed, but the cost estimate that was in the TIP had not been adjusted since it was first added in 2008 or 2009. The request increased the total federal STP-Urban funds from \$4,000,000 to \$5,440,000 with. The twenty percent match for the additional federal funds was identified as motor fuel tax (MFT) funds from the City of Kankakee.

City of Kankakee also requested an amendment to their Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project. The project amendment shifts SRTS funds into the construction phase of the project with no funding increase. The amendment added MFT funds to the construction phase and construction engineering phase. All funding increases were city MFT funds.

Mr. Wilson said IDOT requested an amendment to the FY 2020 TIP to update the state project lists since the Multi-Year Program was released. IDOT revised the entire list of projects for the next four fiscal years with a total amount of \$109,557,000.

Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed and forwarded the amendments to the Policy Committee. Mayor Watson motioned to approve the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program amendments as presented. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Safety Performance Measures**

Mr. Wilson reminded everyone that safety performance measures needed to be set for the MPO or to accept and support statewide targets established by IDOT. The KATS Safety Committee recommended accepting and supporting IDOT statewide targets. Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee recommended accepting and supporting statewide targets. Mayor Schore motioned to accept and support IDOT statewide targets. Mayor Watson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Long Range Transportation Plan Project Selection**

Mayor Watson motioned to place the Broadway Street project as the next project, after Hobbie Avenue. Chairman Nugent asked if members wanted to discuss the topic. Dr. Gingerich stated the Village of Bradley has the local match available for the project. Mr. Rogers said the 9000N Road project also has local match available and would need minor engineering work to adjust the 5-lane project to a 3-lane project. Members of the committee discussed the project selection process, the evaluation of projects, and project readiness. Mr. Donovan stated the evaluation of project was to identify projects that best meet the criteria that are important to the MPO and to place them into groups of varying levels of priority.

Mayor Watson restated his motion and Mr. Allen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

Members voting aye: Mr. Allen, Mr. Benoit, Mayor Stump, Mayor Watson.

Members voting nay: Chairman Nugent, Mr. Rogers, Mayor Schore, Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

The motion did not pass.

## **Agency Updates**

### **Kankakee County Update**

None.

### **METRO**

Mr. Hoffmann introduced Mr. Sims and explained that Mr. Sims would be the CEO of METRO beginning July 1. Mr. Hoffmann also informed everyone that IDOT was going to be releasing their downstate capital bill soon.

### **IDOT District 3 Update**

None.

### **IDOT Urban Planning Update**

None.

### **FHWA Update**

Mr. Donovan informed everyone that INFRA grant applications were being accepted by FHWA and the deadline for submission was February 25, 2020.

### **Safety Committee Update**

None.

### **Brookmont Boulevard Update**

Mr. Piggush said phase 2 engineering was continuing.

### **Hobbie Avenue**

Mr. Piggush said engineering was continuing.

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

None.

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

Mr. Wilson said the Illinois Statewide Freight Advisory Committee was meeting on January 30, 2020. He also informed everyone that the first draft of the 2045 long range transportation plan update would be sent out to members for review. He said the review period would allow members to provide comments prior to the initial public release which was tentative for February 27, 2020 at a Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion of River Valley METRO Board Member**

Mr. Hoffmann explained that the MPO meetings can be difficult for the METRO Board Chairman to attend due to scheduling conflicts and that understanding the MPO process can take time.

Mr. Allen added that the METRO Board Chair is for a two-year term so it can be a new chairperson that needs to learn about the MPO. Chairman Nugent asked if there was a preference of amending the bylaws to allow the CEO of METRO to be the voting member or to continue under the current bylaws of the METRO Board Chair appoint a proxy. Mr. Hoffmann stated that either would accomplish the goal of having a representative, with a thorough understanding of the MPO process, attend the Policy Committee meetings. Chairman Nugent recommended maintaining the current bylaws with the ability to designate a proxy.

## **Old Business**

None.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next MPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be on March 18, 2020 starting at 2:30 PM and the Policy Committee meeting will be on March 18, 2020 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 Watson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 3:51 P.M.