

# **Policy Committee**

Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S.)

Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)

## **Minutes**

**June 24, 2020**

### **Policy Committee Members Present**

Mayor Tim Nugent, Chairman	Village of Manteno
Chairman Andrew Wheeler, Vice-Chairman	County of Kankakee
Mr. Rob Hoffmann (Proxy for Mr. Argeylan)	River Valley METRO MTD
Mr. George Ryan Jr. (Proxy for Mr. Langlois)	Kankakee Valley Airport Authority
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
Mr. Tom Caldwell	IDOT Office of Planning and Programming
Mr. John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration

### **Others Present:**

Mark Rogers, Dave Tyson, Mike Gingerich, Neil Piggush, Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson.

### **Open Meeting**

Chairman Nugent opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

### **Roll Call**

Chairman Nugent asked for a roll call. A quorum was present.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Watson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 13, 2020 as presented. Mayor Wells-Armstrong seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Schore motioned to approve the agenda and Mayor Stump seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **FY 2020 Unified Work Program Amendments**

Mr. Wilson explained the amendment for the FY 2020 Unified Work Program was expense neutral and adjusted the budget to better align with actual work performed during the year. Mayor Stump motioned to approve the FY 2020 Unified Work Program Amendment as presented. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Wilson explained that the amendment request for the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program was from River Valley METRO. The amendment included changes to projects and funding in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Capital Project TME-20-001 (4 replacement vehicles through IDOT's Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program) was requested to be removed from the TIP. Capital project TME-17-042 (3 expansion vehicles) received a decrease in project costs from a total of \$3,081,000 to \$2,361,000. The updated costs were shared between FTA Section 5339 funds in the amount of \$1,967,500 and a match of \$393,500 of Illinois Toll Revenue Credits. The third change to FY 2020 was the addition of project TME-20-002, which was funded by FTA Section 5307 CARES Act funds in the amount of \$5,384,484. The project included urban transit operating (\$2,160,384), Kankakee Transfer Center Phase 2 (\$2,500,000), vehicle replacement (\$454,100), two support vehicles (\$60,000), and driveway replacement (\$210,000). The last project included in METRO's amendment request was a cost increase to project TME-15-001 (METRO Maintenance Facility). The total cost increased from \$7,450,000 to \$10,020,000. The updated project costs are split between FTA Section 5339 funds for \$8,020,000 and IDOT Toll Revenue Credits for \$2,000,000.

Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the amendment and forwarded it to the Policy Committee.

Mayor Watson motioned to approve the FY 2020 TIP Amendment as presented. Mayor Wells-Armstrong seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Adoption of FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Wilson stated that the FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program was approved for a public comment period at the May 13, 2020 meeting and that it was very similar to the FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program. A public hearing was held on June 18, 2020. No comments were received.

Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the amendment and forwarded it to the Policy Committee.

Mayor Schore motioned to adopt the FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Watson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Approval of Draft Updated Public Participation Plan**

Mr. Wilson explained that staff updated the KATS Public Participation Plan. The changes were relatively minor and mainly consisted of updating it to be consistent with the FAST Act. Approval will place the plan in a 45-day public comment period.

Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the updated Public Participation Plan.

Chairman Wheeler motioned to approve the Draft Updated Public Participation Plan. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Approval of Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Update**

Mr. Wilson explained the updates to the KATS Title VI Non-Discrimination Program were very minor and made some areas consistent with the Public Participation Plan Update.

Mayor Wells-Armstrong motioned to approve the Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Update. Mayor Watson seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

## **Broadway Street Engineering Funding Request**

Dr. Gingerich explained the Village of Bradley was asking for approval to fund preliminary engineering phases one and two for \$550,000 and the total costs for all engineering, including construction engineering would be \$890,000. Construction was estimated to be \$4,230,000.

Mayor Wells-Armstrong stated the project ranking process had been approved and asked if any work had been done. Dr. Gingerich stated some PE work was completed in the last six months. He also said the project would not have any impact on the Hobbie Avenue project.

Mr. Wilson showed a draft project sequencing of projects from the long range transportation plan with the engineering costs for Broadway included in fiscal year 2021. Mayor Wells-Armstrong asked if the Armour and Illinois Route 50 project was the project that had previously been moved up. Chairman Nugent responded that it was. He also asked if there was a reason to move the Broadway project up on the list. Dr. Gingerich stated the project wasn't moving ahead of other projects because other projects were not programmed and the Broadway project was fiscally constrained and ready to move forward. Chairman Nugent recounted a previous meeting when the project was discussed and not approved to move forward. Mayor Schore added that he didn't think there was anything shown that justified moving the project forward.

Chairman Wheeler stated he supported the project if it didn't affect the sequencing of other projects and the Village of Bradley recognized they had 10 years to complete the project and have to pay back the federal engineering funds. Chairman Nugent asked if the project would be funded through other funds, besides MPO funds, if the MPO approved funds only for engineering. Mayor Watson stated the rest of the project could be funded through other funds

such as bonds. He added that there are future expectations in the area that would make it a good project.

Chairman Nugent asked if Mayor Watson would like a committee vote to approve a request with a revised TIP sheet for the Broadway Street project. Mr. Ryan Jr. asked if the vote would be approving the project to be placed in front of the other projects.

Dr. Gingerich said the village would be responsible for a local match of \$110,000.

Mayor Wells-Armstrong asked if preliminary engineering was funded like this on previous projects. It was stated that the Brookmont Boulevard viaduct project received funding for preliminary engineering.

Chairman Wheeler made a motion to approve a request to revise the Broadway Street project TIP sheet. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Chairman Nugent asked for a roll call vote. The vote was 4 – 4. Motion failed.

Ayes: Mr. Ryan Jr., Mayor Stump, Mayor Watson, Chairman Wheeler.

Nays: Mr. Hoffmann, Chairman Nugent, Mayor Schore, Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

## **Kankakee County Update**

Mr. Wilson explained that the natural gas projects in Pembroke Township was moving forward. He also informed everyone that the new CSL Behring entrance on IL-50 at the Lowe's traffic signal has been completed and thanked everyone who was involved in getting the project completed.

## **METRO**

Mr. Hoffmann stated that they working on going out to bid for the METRO Transfer Center and hope to break ground next spring. He also informed every one of his upcoming retirement and thanked everyone at the for working with METRO and incorporating transit into the regional transportation system.

## **IDOT District 3 Update**

None.

## **IDOT Urban Planning Update**

Mr. Caldwell said IDOT staff were still continuing to work and that invoices were still being paid, a letter was held recently. and that things are moving forward.

## **FHWA Update**

None.

## **Safety Committee Update**

None.

## **Brookmont Boulevard Update**

Mr. Piggush said phase two engineering was continuing and the drainage plan was being completed. He also noted the federal funds used for preliminary engineering were federal High Priority Projects (HPP) Program funds and not MPO allocated funds.

## **Hobbie Avenue**

Mr. Piggush said they were hoping for the preferred alternative design approval by winter and starting construction next summer.

## **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority Update**

None.

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

None.

## **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

Chairman Nugent stated the next KATS Technical Advisory Committee was scheduled for August 26, 2020 at 2:30 PM. The next Policy Committee meeting would be scheduled for August 26, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

## **Adjournment:**

Mayor Wells-Armstrong motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 3:51 PM.