

Policy Committee

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

Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)

Minutes

August 26, 2020

Policy Committee Members Present

Mayor Tim Nugent, Chairman	Village of Manteno
Chairman Andrew Wheeler, Vice-Chairman	County of Kankakee
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. Lindenmier	IDOT District 3
Mr. Tom Caldwell	IDOT Office of Planning and Programming

Others Present:

Roger Blakley, Jim Hanley, Mark Rogers, Dave Tyson, Mike Gingerich, Cortney Koning, Neil Piggush, Terry Memenga, Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson.

Open Meeting

Chairman Nugent opened the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Schore motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 24, 2020 as presented. Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

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

FY 2021 Unified Work Program Amendments

There were no amendments to the FY 2021 Unified Work Program.

FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Wilson stated there was an amendment request for the FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The amendment replaced the state projects in the FY 2021 Transportation Improvement Program and consisted of the projects from the IDOT Multi-Year Program. The programmed projects had a total of \$122,712,000 with \$103,652,000 coming from federal programs and a state match of \$19,060,000. Projects continued progress toward FAST Act safety, infrastructure condition, and congestion reduction performance targets. Mr. Wilson stated some projects were for construction and others were for preliminary engineering and that smaller engineering projects would be completed by IDOT and large engineering projects would be contracted out.

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

Mayor Watson motioned to approve the FY 2021 TIP Amendment as presented. Mayor Schore seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Adoption of Draft Updated Public Participation Plan

Mr. Wilson explained that the KATS Public Participation Plan received only minor updates and the changes mainly consisted of updating it to be consistent with the FAST Act and that the qualitative and quantitative performance metrics were reviewed and consolidated where they were duplicative.

Mr. Rogers stated the Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the updated Public Participation Plan and recommended it for approval by the Policy Committee.

Mayor Schore motioned to approve the Draft Updated Public Participation Plan. Mayor Wells-Armstrong seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Greenways and Trails Plan Update

Mr. Mergenthaler gave a presentation on updating the Greenways and Trails Plan. He explained the goals of the 2009 plan and the benefits of having non-motorized amenities. The presentation included a regional map of bike trails in northeast Illinois and a list of non-motorized facilities that were constructed since 2009 when the previous plan was adopted. Mr. Mergenthaler informed everyone that staff were looking to have participation from a couple members of the RPC, but also individuals from the community, too.

2020 KATS Transportation Brochure

Mr. Wilson explained the brochure part of the KATS Public Participation Plan to inform the public about KATS. The brochure covered general information about the MPO and included MPO projects and IDOT projects. It also has a page on the Greenways and Trails Plan update.

Chairman Wheeler asked how far into Will county the Waubonsee Trail went and how close it got to the Boy Scout Camp along IL-102. Mr. Wilson said the Waubonsee went to Lockport and the existing trail was only a few miles away from the camp. Chairman Wheeler asked if it would be a good project to coordinate with Will County for an ITEP application. Mayor Schore stated the existing trail extended to nearly Chicago Road. Mr. Wilson mentioned having access across I-57 is an important goal. Chairman Nugent asked if anyone from the board had thoughts reaching out to Will County. No members voiced opposition. Chairman Wheeler also asked to update the existing map to include existing paths along both sides of IL-50.

Kankakee County Update

None.

METRO

None.

IDOT District 3 Update

Mr. Lindenmier informed everyone that Nick Spence was made the new Regional Expense and Programming Engineer and that a new proxy letter from Regional Engineer Ahmad would be sent to KATS Staff.

Chairman Nugent asked about construction work that was being performed on I-57. Mr. Lindenmier said a median crossover was being constructed as part of the bridge replacements over Grinnell Road and the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

IDOT Urban Planning Update

None.

FHWA Update

None.

Safety Committee Update

None.

Brookmont Boulevard Update

Mr. Piggush said phase two engineering was continuing and engineers were reviewing the plan of highways and made changes to the right-of-way. A petition was expected to be filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission soon.

Hobbie Avenue

Mr. Piggush said preliminary engineering was underway and planned to have something submitted to IDOT by the end of the year with construction starting in Fall 2021. Chairman Wheeler asked what the original project cost was. Mr. Piggush said the cost had not been updated since 2008 and the current cost sheet indicated the total cost was \$6.8 million.

Kankakee Valley Airport Authority Update

None.

Updates from Transportation and Development Division Manager

None.

New Business

Mayor Schore asked about the possibility of placing a cap of MPO federal funds for projects because as projects costs increase each year it takes longer for the next MPO project to be funded. Mayor Watson stated he agreed and suggested capping the amount at four years of allocations. Chairman Nugent added that inflation costs take up more of the allocated funds. Chairman Wheeler added that members don't want to have to wait a significant number of years before funding new projects. Mr. Rogers stated he recalled the MPO having a cap when Lowe Road was programmed, which may have been about \$2 million. Mayor Schore said Burns Road had a similar cap. Mr. Rogers said he thought it was a cap of three or four years. Mr. Wilson said having a cap may require some large cost projects to be split into phases. Chairman Nugent asked staff to see how other MPOs fund projects.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Chairman Nugent stated the next KATS Technical Advisory Committee was scheduled for October 28, 2020 at 2:30 PM. The next Policy Committee meeting would be scheduled for October 28, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Mayor Schore motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Stump seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Nugent adjourned the meeting at 3:38 P.M.