

# MINUTES

## KANKAKEE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY SAFETY COMMITTEE

4<sup>th</sup> Floor County Board Room,  
Kankakee County Administration Building,  
189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @ 9:30 A.M.**

### **Member in Attendance**

Dave Tyson, Village of Bourbonnais; Roger Blakley, IDOT District 3; Scott O'Brien, Manteno Fire Dept.; Mark Rogers Kankakee County Highway Dept.; Dave Luhrsen, Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School, Tom Caldwell, IDOT Office of Planning and Programming

### **Others Present**

Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, and Ben Wilson, KATS.

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Tyson called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Tyson asked members to review the presented minutes. Mr. Rogers motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Luhrsen seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

### **Safety Performance Measures**

Mr. Olson gave a presentation on safety performance measures for the Kankakee Metropolitan Planning Area. The presentation provided updated information about traffic fatalities and serious injuries and how the next round of two percent reductions for each of the five categories would look like for the Kankakee MPA. Mr. Olson reminded everyone that the federal requirement is to adopt statewide targets set by the state department of transportation or the MPO could establish individual targets. Mr. Rogers motioned to continue to support statewide targets. Chief O'Brien seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

### **Highway Safety Plan**

Mr. Olson stated some preliminary work was on the highway safety plan, such as national and statewide trends. He said he wanted to wait until the 2019 data was available before working on data for Kankakee County so that the data would be the most up to date.

### **Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Olson said meeting dates for 2021 would be sent out to members. He said the Safety

Committee decided to have quarterly meetings in February, May, August, and November. He said the next meeting would be February 3, 2021.

### **Committee Membership**

Mr. Olson explained that in reviewing the past minutes from when the Safety Committee was formed, there were many members put on the committee that have not attended for at least a few years. He asked to update the membership to those attend regularly to ensure a quorum is present for meetings. He said one possibility would be to have agencies as members and those agencies would have staff appointees to the committee. Chairman Tyson asked that proposed membership be sent out so that feedback could be given.

### **New Business**

Chief O'Brien said when Bourbonnais Parkway was under construction and the lane merge was present for a long period of time, there had been an increase in crashes on I-57. He expressed concern for I-57 when the Exit 312 interchange in under construction.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Tyson asked if there was any more business to discuss. Mr. Rogers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chief O'Brien seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion Carried. Chairman Tyson adjourned the meeting at 10:06 AM.