

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

Minutes

October 28, 2020

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Mr. Mark Rogers, Chairman	County of Kankakee
Mr. Neil Piggush, Vice-Chairman	City of Kankakee
Dr. Mike Gingerich	Village of Bradley
Mr. Jim Hanley	Village of Manteno
Mr. Cortney Koning	River Valley METRO
Mr. Dave Tyson	Village of Bourbonnais
Ryan Lindenmier	IDOT District 3
Tom Caldwell	IDOT Office of Planning and Programming
John Donovan	Federal Highway Administration

Others Present:

Mayor Paul Schore, Joel Greer, Mike Mergenthaler, Geoff Olson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson.

Open Meeting:

Chairman Rogers opened the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Tyson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 26, 2020 as presented. Dr. Gingerich seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Piggush motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Mr. Hanley seconded. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2021 Unified Work Program Amendments:

There were no amendments for 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 was to add a new project to the State Highway Project Section of the FY 2021 program year. The project was HIL-21-004, railroad crossing safety improvements at IL-50 northbound, 0.4 miles north of IL-17 in Kankakee. The project had a total cost of \$275,000 and was funded entirely by federal railroad protection funds.

Mr. Tyson motioned to forward the FY 2021 TIP Amendment, as presented, to the Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Piggush seconded the motion. Unanimous vote. Motion carried.

FY 2020 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects

Mr. Olson said the FY 2020 Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects was completed. It is one of the required documents for the MPO to publish each year. He explained that it is complementary to the Transportation Improvement Program and indicates which projects had funds obligated. Mr. Wilson said over \$9 million in federal funds and \$2.1 million in state funds were obligated. Mr. Olson added that an additional \$4.6 million were obligated as advance construction, which could be converted to federal funds at any point in the future. Mr. Olson listed the projects contained in the report. Mr. Caldwell noted that the document shows which projects were completed.

Greenways and Trails Plan Update

Mr. Mergenthaler gave a presentation on the status of the greenways and trails plan update. He informed everyone that a survey was going to be released soon and that a steering committee was going to be formed. He provided a summary of the Riverfront Trail gaps that would be addressed in the plan. He said twelve trails were added to the inventory of trails since 2009. He also said two new sections in the plan would include a review of non-motorized crash data and bicycle parking.

Traffic Counters

Mr. Olson said staff were looking into purchasing traffic counters. He explained they were interested in the in-lane, magnetic counters that could count cars and trucks as well as vehicle speeds. He said they could be used for collecting truck counts on local roads, and noted the statewide traffic counts only collect truck counts on state highways.

New Business:

Mr. Wilson said the meetings schedule for 2021 was tentative for January 27, March 31, May 5, June 30, August 25, and October 27. He said the list would be sent out to members.

Old Business:

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

Chairman Rogers stated the next KATS Technical Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for January 27, 2020 at 2:30 PM and the KATS Policy Committee meeting was scheduled for January 27, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Dr. Gingerich motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Tyson seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote. Motion carried. Chairman Rogers adjourned the meeting at 2:55 P.M.