

1 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

4 **MINUTES**

5 **January 26, 2022**

6 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

- 7 Chairman Andrew Wheeler – Kankakee County
- 8 Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee
- 9 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno
- 10 Mayor Schore– Village of Bourbonnais
- 11 Mr. Keith Mulholland – Village of Aroma Park, Engineer
- 12 Mr. Cortney Koning – River Valley METRO
- 13 Mr. Lindenmier/Mr. Spence/Mr. Ahmad – IDOT District 3

14 **Others Present:**

15 Mr. Larry Kerkstra, Mr. Brandon Geber – IDOT, and Marta Perales.

16 **Staff:**

17 Mr. Ben Wilson, Mr. Delbert Skimmerhorn, Mr. Geoffrey Olson, Mr. Rob Fischer, Mr. Jack
18 Kowalis,

19 **Open Meeting:**

20 Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting at 3:03 PM.

21 **Public Comment:**

22 There were no public comments at this meeting.

23 **Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:**

24 Mayor Nugent motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 8th, 2021. The
25 motion was carried by Mayor Schore. Motion carried, unanimously.

26 **Approval of Proposed Agenda:**

27 A motion was made by Mayor Schore, and seconded by Mayor Nugent. Motion carried,
28 unanimously.

29 **FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment:**

30 Two amendments to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) have been
31 received from both IDOT and the City of Kankakee. The amendment request from IDOT is to
32 change project costs for construction of HIL-18-031 (I-57: 0.7 mi. north of IL 17 to 0.8 mi. south
33 of North Street in Kankakee). Also proposed by IDOT was a funding change to HIL-17-032 (I-57:
34 Over Norfolk Southern RR, Ditch & Grinnell Rd, north of IL-17). The last amendment was

35 requested by City of Kankakee for cost updates to HKA-16-041 (Hobbie Ave from Court Street
36 to Fair Street).

37 **FY 2022 Unified Work Program:**

38 Mr. Wilson told the committee the Unified Work Program (UWP) has been updated to reflect
39 the number of staff members involved in processes which affect the UWP. Mr. Wilson
40 introduced Jack Kowalis to the committee. His presence, as it pertains to the UWP is a cost-
41 neutral hire. During the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, Dr. Gingerich and Mr. Piggush
42 motioned to advance this matter to the Policy Committee, with a first and second motion,
43 respectively. The motion was approved by the Policy Committee, with a primary motion from
44 Mayor Schore, and a secondary motion from Mayor Curtis.

45 **Annual Safety Performance Measures:**

46 Geoffrey Olson presented the annual KATS safety performance measures to the Policy
47 Committee.

48 Highlights from Olson included informing the committee that there were only 16 total traffic
49 fatalities in 2021. 8 of those were within the metropolitan planning area borders, and 8 of
50 which were outside the borders. He added that there were 10 non-motorized fatalities in 2021,
51 which is above the county's rolling average of 4 per year, measured over the last 5 years. He
52 also mentioned that overall vehicle miles traveled in the county have been decreasing each
53 year, which may contribute to some decrease in accidents and fatalities.

54 IDOT has a recommendation of setting a 2 percent annual reduction goal in 5 categories:
55 average fatalities, average fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, average of combined
56 bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries, average of serious injuries, and average of
57 serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled. All of the aforementioned categories are
58 measured in terms of a 5-year rolling average.

59 The Technical Advisory Committee had previously approved the IDOT recommendations, as
60 well as the performance data, and advanced the measures to the Policy Committee, which
61 passed this recommendation per a primary motion by Mayor Nugent. Mayor Schore followed
62 his action with a secondary motion.

63 **Transit Performance Measures:**

64 Mr. Wilson presented transit performance measures to the Policy Committee. Earlier, the
65 Technical Advisory Committee made a motion to recommend adoption of IDOT's targets and
66 measures for safety and performance. The motion to accept their recommendation was first
67 made by Mayor Curtis, and seconded by Mayor Nugent.

68 **Highway Infrastructure Program – Additional Funds:**

69 Mr. Wilson discussed the additional CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental
70 Appropriation Act) funds received by the county, and the need to use them sooner than later.
71 He added there are no issues with the CRRSAA funds as it pertains to dollar matching issues.

72 **Updates from Agencies:**

73 There were no updates at this time.

74 **New Business:**

75 None to report at this time.

76 **Old Business:**

77 None to report at this time.

78 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

79 a.) March 23rd, 2022 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

80 b.) March 23rd, 2022 @ 3:00 PM – Policy Committee

81 **Adjournment:**

82 The meeting adjourned at 3:23PM, with a motion from Mayor Nugent, and a secondary motion
83 from Mayor Schore.