

1 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

4 **MINUTES**

5 **March 30, 2022**

6 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

- 7 Chairman Andrew Wheeler – Kankakee County
- 8 Neil Piggush via proxy of Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee
- 9 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno
- 10 Dr. Gingerich via proxy of 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. Brandon Geber – IDOT.

16 **Staff:**

17 Mr. Ben Wilson, Mr. Delbert Skimmerhorn, and Mr. Rob Fischer.

18 **Open Meeting:**

19 Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting at 3:07 PM.

20 **Public Comment:**

21 There were no public comments at this meeting.

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

23 Mayor Nugent motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 8th, 2021. The  
24 motion was seconded by Dr. Gingerich. Motion carried, unanimously.

25 **Approval of Proposed Agenda:**

26 A motion was made by Mr. Piggush, and seconded by Dr. Gingerich. Motion carried,  
27 unanimously.

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

29 One amendment to the FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program has been  
30 submitted by IDOT. The amendment includes cost changes to two projects: traffic signal  
31 modernization and construction on HIL-20-007 (IL-102 from the Will County Line to US 45/52 in  
32 Bourbonnais, as well as construction on HIL-21-002 (IL-17 & IL-1: .1 Mi. E of Lowe Rd in  
33 Kankakee to .5 Mi. E of IL-1 in Sun River Terrace). The amendment also adds shoulder widening  
34 and rumble strips to project HIL-22-001 (IL-115: S 3000W Rd. to E. of W 1000S Rd in Kankakee).  
35 Funding will be \$810,000 in HSIP dollars and \$90,000 State matching funds. The motion to

36 forward this amendment to the Policy Committee for approval was made by Mr. Greer and  
37 seconded by Dr. Gingerich. The Policy Committee unanimously approved the measure via a  
38 motion from Mayor Nugent and a second from Dr. Gingerich.

39 **FY 2022 Unified Work Program:**

40 Mr. Wilson told the committee the Unified Work Program (UWP) has been updated to reflect  
41 the number of staff members involved in processes which affect the UWP. Mr. Mulholland and  
42 Mr. Hanley motioned to advance this matter to the Policy Committee, with a first and second  
43 motion, respectively. The Policy Committee unanimously approved the measure with a motion  
44 from Mayor Nugent and a second from Mr. Piggush.

45 **Approval of Draft – FY 2023 Unified Work Program:**

46 Mr. Wilson told the committee that the UWP (Unified Work Program) is the document which  
47 covers all the activity of the MPO for any given year. He added a bulk of the allocated hours are  
48 in “bulk” planning services. Wilson cited an increase from \$300,000k to \$376,000 in funding for  
49 the KATS Municipal Planning Organization. A draft is to be delivered to IDOT by April 1<sup>st</sup> and is  
50 to be reviewed at the May 11<sup>th</sup> TAC and Policy Committee Meetings.

51 **Fall 2021 Travel Time Survey Presentation:**

52 Rob Fischer presented the results of the Fall 2021 Travel Time Study to the Technical Advisory  
53 Committee, which covered the following corridors: Bourbonnais Parkway, St. George Rd., Larry  
54 Power Rd., Armour Rd., North St., and IL Route 102 (Main Street in Bourbonnais). He noted that  
55 different roads are covered during the Spring travel time study.

56 Fischer also presented the committee with data for three different times of day for each of the  
57 aforementioned corridors, as well as historical data dating back to 2014 for each road. Mr.  
58 Piggush asked how average speed limit is obtained, and Mr. Fischer explained the method by  
59 which it is gathered, and also expounded on efficiency percentages for each corridor.

60 **Updates from Agencies:**

61 Kankakee County Chairman Wheeler discussed potential changes in costs of projects. On behalf  
62 of the City of Kankakee, Neil Piggush told the committee he expects a June letting on the  
63 Hobbie Boulevard project, and easements are still being obtained. Of behalf of Kankakee  
64 County, Mr. Wilson told the committee that a webapp will be available in the coming months,  
65 with traffic count and data point activity.

66 **New Business:**

67 Chairman Wheeler and Mr. Wilson discussed the need for members to appoint proxies prior to  
68 meetings.

69 **Old Business:**

70 None to report at this time.

71 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- 72 a.) May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee  
73 b.) May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 3:00 PM – Policy Committee

74 **Adjournment:**

75 The meeting adjourned at 3:25PM, with a motion from Mayor Nugent, and a secondary motion  
76 from Dr. Gingerich.