

1 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

4 **MINUTES**

5 **June 29, 2022**

6 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

7 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

8 Mayor Schore– Village of Bourbonnais

9 Mr. Ahmad – IDOT

10 Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee

11 Mr. Langlois via proxy of Mr. Ryan

12 Mayor Stump – Village of Aroma Park

13 Mayor Watson – Village of Bradley

14 Greg Heiden as proxy for Chairman Andrew Wheeler

15 **Others Present:**

16 Mr. Keith Mulholland – Village of Aroma Park, Engineer

17 Mr. Cortney Koning – River Valley METRO

18 Mr. Brandon Geber – IDOT.

19 Mr. Ben Wilson, Mr. Delbert Skimmerhorn, Mr. Geoff Olson, and Mr. Rob Fischer – Kankakee
20 County

21 **Open Meeting:**

22 Mayor Schore opened the meeting at 3:01 PM.

23 **Public Comment:**

24 There were no public comments at this meeting.

25 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

26 The minutes for the March 30 and May 11 meetings were unanimously approved by all, after a
27 primary motion from Mayor Nugent and a secondary motion from Mayor Schore.

28 **Policy Committee Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2023:**

29 The committee unanimously elected Chairman Andrew Wheeler and Mayor Schore to be
30 Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Policy Committee in FY 2023. A motion was made by
31 Mayor Nugent and was unanimously approved by the committee.

32 **Technical Advisory Committee Appointments for FY 2023:**

33 The committee reconfirmed membership from the various governmental bodies for FY 2023.

34 **FY 2022 Unified Work Program Amendments:**

35 Mr. Wilson showed the committee the allocated funds for the UWP, which totaled \$325, 214
36 for FY22. He added that there was no substantial change from FY 2022 to FY 2023, except for
37 slightly less money allocated to the administering of the Transportation Improvement Program
38 and slightly more toward the Travel Demand Model category.

39 A motion to approve and pass forward to the Policy committee was made by Mr. Hanley and
40 seconded by Mr. Koenig. The motion unanimously passed the Policy Committee.

41 **FY 2023 Unified Work Program Adoption:**

42 The document was unanimously adopted by the Policy Committee.

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

44 None.

45 **Adoption of the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program:**

46 Rob Fischer presented the committee an overview of the FY 2023-2026 TIP. The slideshow
47 focused on the annual and multiyear elements of the TIP, which consist of the scheduled projects
48 for Urban and Rural Transit, State Highways, Local projects, as well as bicycle and pedestrian
49 projects.

50 A highlight of the presentation included discussion of local and state highway projects slated for
51 FY 2024, which include widening of County Highway 9 (9000N), Interchange improvements at I-
52 57 with both U.S. 45/52 and 9000N, as well as projects on IL-113, IL-115, and IL-50 in Kankakee.

53 A motion was made by Dr. Gingerich to advance the TIP to the Policy Committee for approval,
54 with a second made by Mr. Hanley. The motion was unanimously approved. The Policy
55 Committee then unanimously adopted the document.

56 **Agency Updates:**

57 **Kankakee County & IDOT District 3:** Ryan Lindemeyer and Ben Wilson discussed the money
58 being made available to offset the \$4 million dollar discrepancy in the Armour Rd. and Rt. 50
59 project letting. The bids of 13.9 million were \$4 million more than projected. Lindemeyer told
60 Mr. Wilson that “there is money available”.

61 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush has been in contact with IDOT regarding a potential September
62 letting for the Hobbie Avenue project.

63 **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority:** Mr. Benoit told the committee that the airport has a pilot
64 school, as he reported the state of pilot shortages in the aviation industry.

65 Transportation and Development Division Manager: Mr. Wilson told the board about the trail
66 counters being placed in Kankakee River State Park ahead of the 4th of July holiday weekend. “It
67 will be nice to have quite a few points out there”, he told the committee.

68 **New Business:**

69 Dave Tyson, due to retirement, is no longer a member of the Safety Committee. A motion was
70 made by Mayor Schore and seconded by Mr. Benoit to add Dr. Gingerich to the committee. The
71 motion unanimously passed.

72 **Old Business:**

73 None to report at this time.

74 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

75 a.) August 31st, 2022 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

76 b.) August 31st, 2022 @ 3:00 PM – Policy Committee

77 **Adjournment:**

78 The meeting adjourned at 3:19PM.