

1 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

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

5 **MINUTES**

6 **October 26, 2022**

7 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

8 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

9 Mayor Schore– Village of Bourbonnais

10 Mr. Ahmad – IDOT Regional Engineer (by Proxy Mr. Lindenmier)

11 Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee (by Proxy Mr. Heiden)

12 Mayor Stump – Village of Aroma Park (by Proxy Mr. LaRocque)

13 Kankakee County Board Chairman - Andrew Wheeler

14 **Others Present:**

15 Mr. Ben Wilson, Mr. Delbert Skimmerhorn, Rob Fischer – Kankakee County

16 **Open Meeting:**

17 Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting at 3:01 PM.

18 **Public Comment:**

19 There were no public comments at this meeting.

20 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

21 The minutes for the June 29<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved by all.

22 **FY 2023 Unified Work Program Amendments:**

23 None.

24 **FY 2023 Unified Work Program Amendments:**

25 On the recommendation of the Technical Advisory Committee, the amendment passed  
26 unanimously by the Policy Committee. A primary motion was made by Mayor Nugent, followed  
27 by another motion from Mr. Ryan.

28 **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment:**

29 Ben Wilson provided the committee a list of TIP projects for the 2023-2026 period. He added  
30 that in 2026, there were additional culvert replacement projects added to the existing projects.  
31 Neil Piggush asked if one comprehensive copy of the project list would be given to the  
32 committee moving forward. Mr. Wilson affirmatively replied and mentioned that IDOT provides  
33 this list, which is easier for all parties. He also added the list does not feature local projects. One  
34 cost change was highlighted: TIP project HIL-20-011 showed an increase in total cost from 1.7

35 million dollars to 2.2 million dollars. A primary motion was made by Mr. Nugent and a  
36 secondary motion was made by Mr. Schore to approve the motion, which was sent to the Policy  
37 Committee from the Technical Advisory Committee.

38 **Performance Measure Adoption:**

39 Ben Wilson discussed IDOT's roadway performance measures with the committee. He  
40 mentioned that approximately 50 miles of National Highway System miles run through the  
41 KATS area, and the NHS pavement is in "good shape". He presented the committee with a  
42 slideshow illustrating the projected adoption dates for performance measures 1, 2, and 3  
43 (safety, pavement and bridges, and performance measures) by both IDOT and KATS.

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45 Wilson discussed with the committee the nature of the roadway system and how "the whole  
46 system ages". He added that vehicle miles traveled, as well as the aging of the system are  
47 factors in considering performance targets, and whether to adopt IDOT's standard ones, or for  
48 KATS to create their own.

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50 Wilson also told the committee of new data, which includes not just NHS system roads, but also  
51 non-NHS system pavement. Wilson added that "this gives us two buckets to put the road data  
52 in and now we can look at this on a local level as well". He also mentioned that once KATS has  
53 the state target numbers, we can adopt them".

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55 Mr. Lindenmier explained to the committee that if an agency set targets, they may be able to  
56 get money for Surface Transportation Block Grants. He also discussed returning money to an  
57 MPO for the purpose of expanded asset management data. Mr. Nugent mentioned the  
58 possibility of unused MPO money can be set aside for KATS to study non-NHS routes in the  
59 MPO. Mr. Wilson told him "We could target additional planning dollars for that". The  
60 committee concluded that once the state metrics are available, the committee can then decide  
61 to adopt them, or create their own.

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63 **Agency Updates:**

64 **Kankakee County:** None.

65 **IDOT District 3:** None.

66 **IDOT Urban Planning:** Mr. Geber explained to the committee that the FHWA gives money to  
67 MPOs and he is getting feedback about amounts for 2024. He also thanked Ben Wilson for  
68 coming to Peoria to discuss several issues with him.

69 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee of a September 23<sup>rd</sup> letting for the Hobbie  
70 Avenue project. Road work is scheduled to commence in the spring. He added that NICOR is  
71 still needing to complete a relocation of their line.

72 **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority:** None.

73 **Transportation and Development Division Manager:** Mr. Wilson told the committee that  
74 Requests for Proposal for vendors working with KATS on the Long-Range Transportation Plan

75 would soon be in the works, as the next version is slated for May of 2025. He also discussed a  
76 county safety plan, as “only three or four other counties in the state have one”.

77 **New Business:**

78 None.

79 **Old Business:**

80 None to report at this time.

81 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

82 a.) January 25th, 2023 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

83 b.) January 25th, 2023 @ 3:00 PM – Policy Committee

84 **Adjournment:**

85 The meeting adjourned at 3:16PM, with a first motion made by Mr. Nugent, and a second by  
86 Mr. Schore.