

1 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

4 4th Floor County Board Room, 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

5 **MINUTES**

6 **March 29, 2023**

7 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

8 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

9 Mayor Schore– Village of Bourbonnais

10 Mr. Ahmad (by Proxy Mr. Lindenmier) - IDOT

11 Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee

12 Mayor Watson – Village of Bradley

13 Mr. Langlois (by Proxy Mr. Benoit) - KVAA

14 Kankakee County Board Chairman - Andrew Wheeler

15 **Others Present:**

16 Mr. Ben Wilson, Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn, Mr. Rob Fischer – Kankakee County. Tom Caldwell and
17 Tony Greep, on behalf of IDOT. Also, Neil Piggush.

18 **Open Meeting:**

19 Mayor Schore (via Chairman Wheeler) opened the meeting at 2:45 PM.

20 **Public Comment:**

21 There were no public comments at this meeting.

22 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

23 The minutes for the January 25th, 2023 were unanimously approved by all. A motion was made
24 by Mayor Nugent, followed by a second motion from Mayor Curtis.

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

26 Ben Wilson presented the committee with an amendment to the UWP, regarding a trial use of
27 “UrbanSDK”, a Software as a Service (SaaS) which highlights their “Insights” program. This
28 program will provide the MPO with more specific data on the origin, crash data, speeds, and
29 other attributes of incidents. Wilson reported that the service would cost \$5500 and would run
30 through the end of this June. If the program is worthwhile, Wilson will consider the long-term
31 viability of “Insights”, as it pertains to ongoing use by the MPO.

32 A motion was made by Mr. Larocque to forward the matter to the Policy Committee for
33 approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koning, and was unanimously approved. During the
34 Policy Committee meeting, the FY 2023 UWP amendment was approved unanimously, with a
35 primary motion from Mayor Nugent, and a second from Mayor Curtis.

36 **FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:**

37 None at this time.

38 **Approval of Draft of FY 2024 Unified Work Program:**

39 Mr. Wilson submitted a draft of the 2024 UWP to the committee, in an effort to have it passed
40 onto the Policy Committee for approval. With a total dollar amount slightly over \$466,000, Mr.
41 Wilson told the committee that amount includes funding allocated towards the upcoming 2050
42 Long Range Transportation Plan, which is required to be submitted by May of next year. He
43 added the amount is also a reflection of Michelle Sadler’s move from her Office Manager
44 position to her new Planner II role. A motion was first made by Mr. Hanley, and second motion
45 was made by Mr. Heiden, to advance the draft to the Policy Committee, for the purpose of
46 placing the document into the realm of public comment. During the Policy Committee meeting,
47 the draft version of the FY 2024 UWP was approved unanimously, with a primary motion from
48 Mayor Watson, and a second from Mayor Curtis.

49 **Census Urbanized Area Discussion:**

50 A discussion on the recently revised Census Urbanized Data for the Kankakee Urbanized area
51 took place. Mr. Wilson addressed the committee and told the membership that despite a
52 geographic definition change, which added segments of Limestone and removed Manteno from
53 the Urban area, the overall planning area should remain the same. Tom Caldwell reiterated Mr.
54 Wilson’s sentiments and told the committee to “continue operating as you were”. Mayor
55 Nugent inquired about any changes to funding. Wilson reiterated that despite the change, IDOT
56 and the FWHA will continue to treat the area in the same manner as it did, prior to the Census
57 adjustments. No action was taken on this item, as it was placed on the agenda to spur
58 discussion.

59 **Agency Updates:**

60 **Kankakee County:** Nothing at this time.

61 **IDOT District 3:** Mr. Lindenmier told the committee that 2024-2027 KATS TIP submissions will
62 be on the way in the near future.

63 **IDOT Urban Planning:** Tom Caldwell reintroduced himself to the committee, after an absence
64 away from the meetings.

65 **Metro:** Nothing at this time.

66 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee that utility relocation work is underway on
67 Hobbie Avenue. Aqua should be completing their work in April. Nicor should be doing the
68 same in May. AT&T should be finished with their part in June. He added that he anticipates
69 roadwork to commence in June or July.

70 **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority:** Nothing at this time.

71 **Transportation and Development Division Manager:** Nothing at this time.

72 **New Business:**

73 Mr. Wilson told IDOT staff he was grateful for their assistance in addressing the shoulder issues
74 on Southbound I-57, approaching Illinois Route 17. IDOT returned the compliment to Mr.
75 Wilson as well.

76 **Old Business:**

77 None to report at this time.

78 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

79 a.) Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

80 b.) Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

81 **Adjournment:**

82 The meeting adjourned at 3:07PM, with a motion made by Mayor Curtis, and a second by

83 Mayor Nugent.