

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 **August 30, 2023**

7 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

8 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

9 Mayor Schore (via proxy of Dr. Gingerich) – Village of Bourbonnais

10 Mayor Stump (via proxy of Mr. Larocque) – Village of Aroma Park

11 Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee

12 Mr. Lindenmier – IDOT Region 2 - District 3

13 Kankakee County Board Chairman - Andrew Wheeler

14 **Others Present:**

15 Ben Wilson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler – Kankakee County. Also, Neil
16 Piggush.

17 **Open Meeting:**

18 Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting at 2:45 PM.

19 **Public Comment:**

20 There were no public comments at this meeting.

21 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

22 The minutes for the June 28th, 2023 were unanimously approved by all. A motion was made by
23 Mayor Nugent, followed by a second motion from Mayor Curtis.

24 **Resolution Adopting Planning Process Certification:**

25 Ben Wilson introduced a self-certification resolution to the committee. The document lays out
26 laws and requirements that are to be carried out by KATS. The document is to be signed by
27 Chairman Wheeler and Vice-Chairman Schore. A motion was made by Mayor Nugent and a
28 second motion was made by Mayor Curtis. The motion unanimously passed.

29 **FY 2023 Unified Work Program Amendments:** None at this time.

30 **FY 2024 Unified Work Program Amendments:** None at this time.

31 **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program:**

32 Ben Wilson reviewed the updated Kankakee urbanized area transportation projects that are
33 scheduled to be included in the KATS TIP for fiscal years 2024-2027. Highlights include
34 continued improvements along the I-57 corridor, as well as interchange improvements in

35 Manteno and Kankakee. Also mentioned to the committee is a bridge replacement project at
36 Route 17 and I-57, scheduled for 2027. Wilson also added items highlighted in yellow indicated
37 that the item was a new project.

38 During the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, a motion was made by Mr. LaRocque and
39 seconded by Dr. Gingerich to forward the amendment to the Policy Committee for approval.
40 The items would then be reflected in the FY 2024-2027 TIP. The motion carried unanimously.
41 The Policy committee then adopted the program with a first motion from Mayor Curtis,
42 followed by a second motion from Mayor Nugent. The motion carried, unanimously.

43 **Agency Updates:**

44 **Kankakee County:** Mr. Wilson brought up the widening of 9000N Road, between U.S. 45 and
45 Interstate 57. He called the project “relatively fluid” as he discussed the possibilities of the road
46 being widened to either three or five lanes, based on changing needs and conditions.

47 **IDOT District 3:** Mr. Lindenmier will be contacting Mr. Wilson with any construction updates.

48 **FHWA:** Tom Caldwell reported that John Donovan is slated to be the next Chief of Operations
49 for IDOT.

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

51 **Safety:** Ben Wilson and Rob Fischer discussed a safety committee project which will take a
52 “deep dive” into ATV crashes and safety efforts, via official accident reports. The data will be
53 used to complete a comprehensive report on ATVs and similar vehicles, as it pertains to rider
54 specifics and overall safety.

55 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee that Hobbie Avenue should be fully open to
56 traffic by next summer. He added that sewer and stormwater improvements on the project
57 should begin after the holiday.

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

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

60 **New Business:**

61 None at this time.

62 **Old Business:**

63 A Census Urbanized Area Discussion came before the committee. Mr. Wilson told the
64 committee that “our current planning area did not entirely incorporate the new census
65 urbanized area”. He added that the area will be amended.

66 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

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

68 b.) October 25th, 2023 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

69 **Adjournment:**

70 The meeting adjourned at 3:03PM, with a motion made by Mayor Curtis, and a second by
71 Mayor Nugent.