

1 **TECHNICAL ADVISORY 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 **August 30, 2023**

7 **Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:**

8 Neil Piggush, Chairman – City of Kankakee

9 Dr. Gingerich – Village of Bourbonnais

10 Mr. Greer – Village of Bradley

11 Mr. Hanley – Village of Manteno

12 Mr. Koning – River Valley Metro

13 Greg Heiden – Kankakee County

14 Timothy LaRocque – Village of Aroma Park

15 **Others Present:**

16 Staff: Delbert Skimerhorn, Ben Wilson, Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler. Tom Caldwell – IDOT,

17 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno & Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee

18 **Open Meeting:**

19 Chairman Piggush opened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

20 **Public Comment:**

21 There was no public comment at this meeting.

22 **Approval of Minutes:**

23 Chairman Piggush brought forth the minutes for the June 28th, 2023 meeting. There were no

24 changes. With a unanimous vote, led by a motion from Dr. Gingerich and seconded by Mr.

25 Greer, the motion to approve the minutes carried.

26 **Technical Advisory Committee Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2024:**

27 Voting was opened to the committee to nominate candidates for the Technical Advisory

28 Committee’s Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2024.

29 Dr. Gingerich nominated Greg Heiden to become the committee’s new Chair. Mr. LaRocque

30 nominated Joel Greer to be Vice-Chair of the committee.

31 A motion was made to close candidate nominations by Dr. Gingerich and seconded by Mr.

32 Greer. After that motion, Greg Heiden and Joel Greer were both unanimously approved to

33 become the FY2024 Technical Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

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

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

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

37 Ben Wilson reviewed the updated Kankakee urbanized area transportation projects that are  
38 scheduled to be included in the KATS TIP for fiscal years 2024-2027. Highlights include  
39 continued improvements along the I-57 corridor, as well as interchange improvements in  
40 Manteno and Kankakee. Also mentioned to the committee is a bridge replacement project at  
41 Route 17 and I-57, scheduled for 2027.

42 A motion was made by Mr. LaRocque and seconded by Dr. Gingerich to forward the  
43 amendment to the Policy Committee for approval. The items would then be reflected in the FY  
44 2024-2027 TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

45 **New Business:**

46 Mr. Wilson advised committee members to notify him of any Safe Routes to School (SRTS) or  
47 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) projects they are currently working on,  
48 with the goal of adding them to the project list.

49 **Old Business:**

50 None at this time.

51 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- 52 a.) October 25th, 2023 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee  
53 b.) October 25th, 2023 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

54 **Adjournment:**

55 The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM, with a motion made by Mr. Koenig, and a secondary  
56 motion from Mr. Greer.