

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 **October 25, 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 (via proxy of Mr. Piggush)

12 Mr. Langlois – (via proxy of Mr. Ryan)

13 **Others Present:**

14 Ben Wilson, Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler – Kankakee County. Also, Tom Caldwell – IDOT

15 **Open Meeting:**

16 Mayor Nugent opened the meeting at 2:45 PM.

17 **Public Comment:**

18 There were no public comments at this meeting.

19 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

20 The minutes for the August 30th, 2023 were unanimously approved by all. A motion was made
21 by Dr. Gingerich, followed by a second motion from Mr. Piggush.

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

23 **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendments:**

24 Ben Wilson brought forth an amendment to the FY 2024-2027 TIP, which was received from
25 IDOT. The request is to place 5 projects into the 2024 TIP, which carry over from the previous
26 year’s tip. 4 of the projects pertain to I-57 and one is relevant to Armour Rd. The projects are
27 cost-neutral in nature, except for one I-57-related preliminary engineering (phase two) project,
28 which sees a reduction in cost.

29 A motion was made by Mr. Piggush and seconded by Mr. Greer to forward the amendment to
30 the Policy Committee for approval. The items would then be reflected in the FY 2024-2027 TIP.
31 The motion carried unanimously. During the Policy Committee meeting, the motion to accept
32 the amendment was made by Mr. LaRocque and seconded by Dr. Gingerich, which passed,
33 unanimously.

34 **Performance Measure Adoption:**

35 Mr. Wilson presented the most recent highway safety performance measures to the
36 committee. These were presented to the committee in the form of a five-year average, both in
37 terms of number of fatalities as well as rate of fatalities. Wilson told the committee that “we
38 typically match the state’s overall goal of a 2% reduction (of fatalities)”, in terms of setting a
39 fatality number and rate reduction goal for the MPO.

40 The 2022 fatality rate was 1.151 per hundred million vehicle miles traveled, with a two percent
41 reduction target for 2024 of 1.105 per HMVMT.

42 Based on a five-year rolling average, the number of fatalities for 2022 was 1,168.2, with a
43 targeted reduction mark of 1,121.9 for 2024. The motion was made first by Dr. Gingerich and
44 seconded by Mr. Hanley to forward the matter to the Policy Committee for approval.

45 During the Policy Committee, a motion was made for approval by Mr. LaRocque and seconded
46 by Mr. Piggush. The motion unanimously passed to accept the standards.

47 **2024 Meeting Schedule:** a 2024 TAC and Policy Meeting schedule was proposed to the
48 Technical Advisory Committee and unanimously passed onto the Policy Committee for
49 approval. The 2024 scheduled dates are as follows: January 31, March 27, May 8, June 26,
50 August 28, and October 30.

51 During the Policy Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Piggush to accept the schedule, and
52 was seconded by Mr. LaRocque. The motion unanimously passed.

53 **Agency Updates:**

54 **Kankakee County:** Mr. Wilson told the committee of a community meeting, in which the
55 widening of 9000N Road in Manteno was discussed. He said the meeting had “positive
56 feedback”. He also added that there have been discussions about additional right-of-way along
57 the corridor.

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

59 **FHWA:** Ben Wilson told the committee that John Donovan, who was formerly with the FHWA, is
60 now the new Chief of Operations for IDOT.

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

62 **Safety:** Dr. Gingerich told the committee that there will be a Safety Committee meeting
63 November 1st and 9:30AM.

64 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee that the goal to complete construction on
65 Hobbie Avenue is “this time next year”. He added that AT&T is still relocating their utilities and
66 that storm sewer work is ongoing. Piggush also added that land acquisition has started on
67 Brookmont Boulevard.

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

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

70 **New Business:**

71 None at this time.

72 **Old Business:**

73 None at this time.

74 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

75 a.) January 31st, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

76 b.) January 31st, 2024 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

77 **Adjournment:**

78 The meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM, with a motion made by Dr. Gingerich, and a second by
79 Mayor Nugent.