

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 **January 31st, 2024**

7 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

8 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

9 Mayor Schore– 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 Chairman Wheeler – Kankakee County

13 **Others Present:**

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

16 **Open Meeting:**

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

18 **Public Comment:**

19 There were no public comments at this meeting.

20 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

21 The minutes for the October 25th, 2023 were unanimously approved by all. A motion was made
22 by Mayor Schore, followed by a second motion from Mayor Nugent.

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

24 **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendments:** None
25 at this time.

26 **Travel Time Survey:** Rob Fischer presented Travel Time Surveys to the committee from the
27 Spring and Fall of 2022, as well as Spring of 2023. The survey highlights the year-over-year
28 tracking of time driven from one end of major corridors to the other, throughout the county.
29 Highlights included Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 studies from East-West directional roads such as
30 Bourbonnais Parkway, St. George Road, Armour Road, Illinois Route 102, North Street in
31 Bradley, and Larry Power Road.

32 North-South directional roads traveled in Spring of 2022 were US 45/52, Illinois Route 50, as
33 well as County Road 9000N, which is also East-West in direction.

34 Individual travel times for each road were discussed, as well as the efficiency of each corridor
35 driven during three different times of day: morning, midday, and afternoon. The Fall 2023
36 results, containing the previously aforementioned North-South routes, will be presented at the
37 next meeting.

38 **Agency Updates:**

39 **Kankakee County:** Mr. Wilson told the committee there will be a letter of support from the
40 MPO going to IDOT, in an effort to capture more funding for the 9000N Road widening project.
41 Chairman Wheeler stressed the need to be able to get people in and out of the upcoming
42 Motion battery facility, as the operation is anticipated to bring 2,600 jobs to Manteno, along
43 with approximately 150 trucks a day to 9000N Road. Wilson added that the project is currently
44 slated to be striped as a 3-lane road, yet constructed as a 5-lane project.

45 **IDOT District 3:** Nothing at this time.

46 **FHWA:** Nothing at this time.

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

48 **Safety:** Nothing at this time. A meeting is set for February 7th, 2024.

49 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee that AT&T is still relocating their utilities on
50 the North end of Hobbie Avenue and that storm sewer work is ongoing. He also informed the
51 committee that improvements on the South portion of Hobbie Avenue are in progress.

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

53 **Transportation and Development Division Manager:** Ben Wilson told the committee the State
54 of Illinois will be setting their Greenhouse Gas standards in February. He added there is a 180-
55 day window after the state's announcement for the county to set their own.

56 **New Business:**

57 A motion was made Mayor Nugent and a second made by Mayor Schore to initiate the process
58 of seeking Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the county's Long Range Transportation Plan. Ben
59 Wilson told the committee he anticipates receiving responses from interested parties by March
60 1st, with the approval of a vendor anticipated on March 27th. The motion passed, unanimously.

61 **Old Business:**

62 None at this time.

63 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

64 a.) March 27th, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

65 b.) March 27th, 2024 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

66 **Adjournment:**

67 The meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM, with a motion made by Mr. Piggush, and a second made
68 unanimously by the collective committee.