

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 27, 2024**

7 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

8 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

9 Mayor Schore – Village of Bourbonnais

10 Mayor Stump – Village of Aroma Park

11 Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee

12 Mayor Watson – Village of Bradley

13 Mr. Langlois – (via proxy of Mr. Ryan) - KVAA

14 Chairman Wheeler – Kankakee County

15 **Others Present:**

16 Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler, Delbert Skimerhorn, & Ben Wilson – Kankakee County. Also, Tom

17 Caldwell & Mr. Lindenmier – IDOT

18 **Open Meeting:**

19 Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting at 2:53 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 31st, 2024 were unanimously approved by all. A motion was first
24 made by Mayor Nugent, followed by a second motion from Mayor Schore.

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

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

27 Amendment #3 to the TIP was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee. The
28 amendment featured work on a railroad signal and grade crossing in Kankakee, which was
29 furnished by IDOT. It also contained River Valley Metro’s funded items for FY 2024-2027. During
30 the Technical Advisory Committee, the motion was made by Mr. Piggush and seconded by Mr.
31 Greer to be moved to the Policy Committee for approval. Mayor Nugent motioned the measure
32 for approval and Mayor Curtis seconded the motion for unanimous approval by the Policy
33 Committee.

34 **Approval of Draft FY 2025 Unified Work Program:** Mayor Schore, with a second
35 motion by Mayor Stump, approved a motion to place the draft of the Unified Work Program in
36 Public Comment for 45 days. Presented by Mr. Wilson, The draft of the UWP is a document
37 which is prepared annually to coordinate and direct transportation planning in the Kankakee
38 Urbanized Area. It also identifies responsibilities and expected work products throughout the
39 body of the document.

40 **Metropolitan Planning Area Amendment:** During the Technical Advisory Committee
41 meeting, a motion was made by Dr. Gingerich and seconded by Mr. LaRocque to move a
42 boundary amendment to the Policy Committee for approval. The amendment would add area
43 to the MPA (Metropolitan Planning Area) in the Western portion of the current boundaries, as
44 well as include small portions in the Southern, Northern, and Eastern portions. The majority of
45 the addition is West of the City of Kankakee and East of the Village of Limestone. A map was
46 presented to all members for examination. Ben Wilson told the committee that the new
47 additions align with the most recent census blocks. IDOT's Tom Caldwell added that "the
48 urbanized area is census-driven". Mayor Nugent made a primary motion for approval, followed
49 by a second from Mayor Curtis. The motion was passed by the Policy Committee.

50 **Travel Time Survey:** Rob Fischer presented a Travel Time Survey to the committee from the
51 Fall of 2023. The survey highlights the year-over-year tracking of time driven from one end of
52 major corridors to the other, throughout the county. North-South directional roads traveled in
53 the Fall of 2023 were US 45/52 and Illinois Route 50. County Road 9000N and Illinois Route 17
54 were also studied, which are East-West in direction.
55 Individual travel times for each road were discussed, as well as the efficiency of each corridor
56 driven during three different times of day: morning, midday, and afternoon. Fischer and Wilson
57 discussed efficiency with members of the committee as well.

58 **Agency Updates:**

59 **Kankakee County:** Mr. Wilson told the committee that the county is still looking for additional
60 funding to be available for the 9000N Road project. Chairman Wheeler also brought up safety
61 concerns on Illinois Route 1 near the State Line Road area, to which Mr. Lindenmier mentioned
62 that IDOT District 1 is taking the lead on examining that particular area.

63 **IDOT District 3:** Mr. Lindenmier hopes to have updated construction projects available in the
64 near future.

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

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

67 **Safety:** Nothing at this time.

68 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee that AT&T finished relocating their utilities
69 on Hobbie Avenue and added that Aqua is relocating a 24" water main, North of the railroad
70 tracks. He also added that construction should be completed by the end of the year.

71 **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority:** Mr. Ryan told committee members to be sure to tell
72 representatives of Gotion, the electric battery manufacturer set to begin operations in
73 Manteno, that the airport is there for their needs.

74 **Transportation and Development Division Manager:** Ben Wilson told the committee that there
75 is a Request for Proposals in the works for the upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan and
76 that he expects a vendor selection by May.

77 **New Business:**

78 **Old Business:**

79 None at this time.

80 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

81 a.) May 8th, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

82 b.) May 8th, 2024 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

83 **Adjournment:**

84 The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM, with a motion made by Mayor Nugent, and a second made
85 by Mayor Watson.