

1 **TECHNICAL ADVISORY 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 **Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:**

8 Greg Heiden – Chairman - Kankakee County

9 Mr. Benoit – (via proxy of Mr. Ryan) - KVAA

10 Neil Piggush, – City of Kankakee

11 Dr. Gingerich – Village of Bourbonnais

12 Mr. Hanley – Village of Manteno

13 Mr. Greer – Village of Bradley

14 Mr. LaRocque – Village of Aroma Park

15 Ryan Lindenmier - IDOT

16 **Others Present:**

17 Staff: Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler, Delbert Skimerhorn, and Ben Wilson.

18 Also, Tom Caldwell – IDOT, Mayor Schore – Village of Bourbonnais, Mayor Curtis – City of
19 Kankakee, and Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno.

20 **Open Meeting:**

21 Chairman Heiden opened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

22 **Public Comment:**

23 There was no public comment at this meeting.

24 **Approval of Minutes:**

25 Chairman Heiden brought forth the minutes for the January 31st, 2024 meeting. There were no
26 changes. With a unanimous vote, led by a motion from Mr. Larocque and seconded by Mr.
27 Hanley, the motion to approve the minutes carried.

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

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

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

35 **Metropolitan Planning Area Amendment:** A motion was made by Dr. Gingerich and
36 seconded by Mr. LaRocque to move a boundary amendment to the Policy Committee for
37 approval. The amendment would add area to the MPA (Metropolitan Planning Area) in the
38 Western portion of the current boundaries, as well as include small portions in the Southern,
39 Northern, and Eastern portions. The majority of the addition is West of the City of Kankakee
40 and East of the Village of Limestone. A map was presented to all members for examination. Ben
41 Wilson told the committee that the new additions align with the most recent census blocks.
42 IDOT's Tom Caldwell added that "the urbanized area is census-driven".

43 **Travel Time Survey Presentation:** Rob Fischer presented a Travel Time Survey to the
44 committee from the Fall of 2023. The survey highlights the year-over-year tracking of time
45 driven from one end of major corridors to the other, throughout the county. North-South
46 directional roads traveled in the Fall of 2023 were US 45/52 and Illinois Route 50. County Road
47 9000N and Illinois Route 17 were also studied, which are East-West in direction.
48 Individual travel times for each road were discussed, as well as the efficiency of each corridor
49 driven during three different times of day: morning, midday, and afternoon. Fischer and Wilson
50 discussed efficiency with members of the committee as well.

51 **New Business:**

52 None at this time.

53 **Old Business:**

54 None at this time.

55 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- 56 a.) May 8th, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee
57 b.) May 8th, 2024 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

58 **Adjournment:**

59 The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM, with a motion made by Dr. Gingerich, and a secondary
60 motion from Mr. Piggush.