

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 **June 26, 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

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

13 **Others Present:**

14 Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler, & Delbert Skimerhorn – Kankakee County. Also, Tom Caldwell –
15 IDOT & Jon Paul Diipla - FHWA.

16 **Open Meeting:**

17 Vice-Chair Schore opened the meeting at 2:49 PM.

18 **Public Comment:**

19 There were no public comments at this meeting.

20 **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

21 The minutes for the May 8th, 2024 were unanimously approved by all. A motion was first made
22 by Mayor Nugent, followed by a second motion from Mr. Ryan.

23 **Policy Committee Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY2025:**

24 Nominations were opened to elect Chair and Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee for FY2025.

25 The committee members discussed retaining Andrew Wheeler as Chair. With a motion to close
26 nominations from Mayor Nugent and a second from Mr. Ryan, nominations were closed and
27 Mr. Wheeler was retained as Chair. Nominations were opened to elect Vice-Chair of the Policy
28 Committee for FY2025 as well. The committee members discussed retaining Mayor Schore as
29 Vice-Chair. With a motion to close nominations from Mayor Nugent and a second from Mr.
30 Ryan, nominations were closed and Mayor Schore was retained as Vice-Chair.

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

32 **FY 2025 Unified Work Program Amendments:** None at this time.

33 **FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendment:**

34 Three amendment requests to the FY 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
35 were received. The first is a project description change from River Valley Metro Mass Transit
36 District, while the second amendment is from IDOT. The IDOT amendment is a FY 2024 program
37 revision featuring additional funds to study the Phase I Engineering of pavement replacement along
38 IL-115 and US-45 (construction currently funded in FY 26 during the FY 24-29 MYP).
39 In addition, additional amendments from the City of Kankakee have been received. The
40 amendments include a reconstruction and bike lane project on Curtis Avenue, as well as two
41 reconstruction and bike lane projects on Station Street. In total, 5 projects were requested to be
42 added to the FY 2024-2027 TIP.

43 During the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Piggush and a
44 second was made by Dr. Gingerich to forward the matter to the Policy Committee for approval, in
45 order to make an addition to the FY 2024-2027 TIP. With a motion from Mr. Ryan and a second
46 from Mayor Nugent, the motion was passed by the Policy Committee to adopt the amendments.

47 **Approval of Draft: FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program:**

48 Delbert Skimerhorn brought forth the FY 2025-2028 TIP for approval. The document is required
49 by Federal Law and made public, as is required for transit projects. Public hearings are
50 suggested for highway projects, and the document is required to be fiscally constrained.

51 Projects in the metropolitan planning area (MPA), all federally funded surface transportation
52 projects, and regionally significant projects are to be included in the document as well.

53 The next 4 years of projects are included in the document. This includes an annual element;
54 which are projects for the current fiscal year; a multi-year element, which are projects
55 scheduled for the subsequent 3 years, and a sectioned format featuring public transit projects,
56 a highway section, and a bicycle and pedestrian section. Performance measures are also
57 featured, as the TIP must describe how projects will achieve satisfactory goals.

58 During the Technical Advisory Committee meeting, a motion was made by Mr. LaRocque, and a
59 secondary motion came from Mr. Piggush to advance the measure to the Policy Committee for
60 approval. With a motion from Mr. Ryan and a secondary motion from Mayor Curtis, the FY
61 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the Policy Committee.

62 **Agency Updates:**

63 **Kankakee County:** Nothing new at this time.

64 **IDOT District 3:** Nothing new at this time.

65 **IDOT Urban Planning:** Tom Caldwell told the committee this would be the last meeting he
66 would be attending, as Julie Kaschke would be taking his place. He thanked the committee for
67 having him and the committee returned the gratitude. Caldwell mentioned his first meeting
68 with KATS was March of 2010. He also added KATS is “well suited to receive” funds in the most
69 recent budget passed by the State of Illinois.

70 **FHWA:** John Paul Dipla told the committee of a public outreach workshop to be held in Chicago
71 on July 30th. It is being held by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

72 **Metro:** Nothing new at this time.

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

74 **City of Kankakee:** Neil Piggush told the committee that the work on Hobbie Avenue continues.
75 He reported that Aqua is progressing forward with their work and that railroad track work is
76 doing the same.

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

78 **Transportation and Development Division Manager:** None at this time.

79 **New Business:** None at this time.

80 **Old Business:**

81 None at this time.

82 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

83 a.) August 28, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

84 b.) August 28, 2024 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

85 **Adjournment:**

86 The meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM, with a motion made by Mayor Nugent, and a second made
87 by Mayor Curtis.