

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kankakee Area Transportation Study (K.A.T.S)

Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

4th Floor County Board Room, 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

MINUTES

June 26, 2024

Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Greg Heiden – Chairman - Kankakee County

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

Neil Piggush, – City of Kankakee

Jim Hanley – Village of Manteno

Dr. Gingerich – Village of Bourbonnais

Mr. LaRocque – Village of Aroma Park

Others Present:

Staff: Rob Fischer, Michelle Sadler, & Delbert Skimerhorn.

Also, Tom Caldwell – IDOT, Jon Paul Diipla – FHWA, Mayor Schore – Village of Bourbonnais and Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno.

Open Meeting:

Chairman Heiden opened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Heiden brought forth the minutes for the May 8th, 2024 meeting. There were no changes. With a unanimous vote, led by a motion from Mr. Larocque and followed by a second Mr. Piggush, the motion to approve the minutes carried.

Technical Advisory Committee Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY2025:

Nominations were opened to elect Chair and Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for FY2025. The committee members discussed retaining Greg Heiden as Chair. With a motion to close nominations from Dr. Gingerich and a second from Mr. Ryan, nominations were closed and Greg Heiden was retained as Chair. Nominations were opened to elect Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for FY2025 as well. The committee members discussed retaining Neil Piggush as Vice-Chair. With a motion to close nominations from Dr. Gingerich and a second from Mr. LaRocque, nominations were closed and Neil Piggush was retained as Vice-Chair.

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

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

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

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

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

49 Delbert Skimerhorn brought forth the FY 2025-2028 TIP for approval. The document is required
50 by Federal Law and made public, as is required for transit projects. Public hearings are
51 suggested for highway projects, and the document is required to be fiscally constrained.
52 Projects in the metropolitan planning area (MPA), all federally funded surface transportation
53 projects, and regionally significant projects are to be included in the document as well.
54 The next 4 years of projects are included in the document. This includes an annual element;
55 which are projects for the current fiscal year; a multi-year element, which are projects
56 scheduled for the subsequent 3 years, and a sectioned format featuring public transit projects,
57 a highway section, and a bicycle and pedestrian section. Performance measures are also
58 featured, as the TIP must describe how projects will achieve satisfactory goals.
59 A motion was made by Mr. LaRocque, and a secondary motion from Mr. Piggush to advance the
60 measure to the Policy Committee for approval.

61 **New Business:**

62 None at this time.

63 **Old Business:**

64 None at this time.

65 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- 66 a.) August 28, 2024 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee
67 b.) August 28, 2024 @ 2:45 PM – Policy Committee

68 **Adjournment:**

69 The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM, with a motion made by Dr. Gingerich, and a secondary
70 motion from Mr. Ryan.