

1 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

3 Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

4 4<sup>th</sup> Floor County Board Room, 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901

5 **MINUTES**

6 **October 30, 2024**

7 **Policy Committee Members Present:**

8 Matthew Alexander-Hildebrand (via proxy of Mr. Heiden) – County of Kankakee

9 Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

10 Mayor Schore – Village of Bourbonnais

11 Mr. Langlois – (via proxy of Mr. Ryan) – KVAA

12 Mayor Curtis – (via proxy of Mr. Piggush) – City of Kankakee

13 **Others Present:**

14 Ben Wilson, Michelle Sadler, and Delbert Skimerhorn – Kankakee County. Julie Kaschke – IDOT  
15 & Jon Paul Diipla - FHWA.

16 **Open Meeting:**

17 Mayor Schore 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 August 28th, 2024 were unanimously approved. A motion was first made  
22 by Mayor Nugent, followed by a second motion from Mr. Ryan.

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

24 **FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendments:** The Mr.  
25 Wilson brought forth four projects to the committee, including some from the City of Kankakee and  
26 River Valley Metro. During the Technical Advisory Committee, Mr. Piggush made a motion, which  
27 was seconded by Dr. Gingerich, to move the matter forward to the Policy Committee. With a  
28 motion to approve from Mayor Nugent and second from Mr. Piggush, the amendments were  
29 adopted.

30 **Adoption – 2024 FHWA PM2 & PM3 Targets:** As he did with the Technical Advisory  
31 Committee, Mr. Wilson discussed performance measures with a companion piece before the Policy  
32 Committee, where he recommended adopting the state targets and updating all roadways. He  
33 added that if we do not, there are penalties. He added that the is assisting the state in meeting the  
34 targets and have 180 days to adopt the state recommendations. A motion was made by Mr. Hanley,  
35 with a second from Mr. Gingerich to move the issue to the Policy Committee for adoption.

36 **2025 Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Wilson told the committee that calendar invites will be coming to  
37 the committee in the next week.

38 **Election of Vice-Chairman:** The committee nominated Matthew Alexander-Hildebrand. The  
39 motion carried with an initial motion from Mayor Nugent and a second from Mayor Schore.

40 **Agency Updates:**

41 **Kankakee County:** Wilson told the committee that the Long-Range Transportation plan is going  
42 well with meaningful public outreach. He added that a meeting at a local church went well and  
43 mentioned outreach to the Hispanic community, of which he is happy to help.

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

45 **IDOT Urban Planning:** Julie Kaschke complemented the public outreach effort and mentioned  
46 if the MPO hasn't adopted PM2 and PM3 that the organization would have to come up with  
47 their own.

48 **FHWA:** Nothing new at this time.

49 **Metro:** Mr. Koenig reported that Metro is looking for a consultant to prepare a comparable  
50 system analysis.

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

52 **City of Kankakee:** On Hobbie Avenue, storm sewer is near completion along with curb and  
53 sidewalk. Hobbie will be closed through the winter with pavement anticipated in the spring.

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

55 **Transportation and Development Division Manager:** Ben Wilson told the committee that a  
56 public outreach survey has been created for the purpose of obtaining public feedback for the  
57 upcoming creation of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Wilson also told the  
58 committee that the survey is now live on the KATS website for the public to share their input.

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

60 **Old Business:** Mr. Wilson told the committee that Federal Highway and transit systems are  
61 maintained as fixed routes as long as they start and end in the metro area. An update on the  
62 9000N interchange project at I-57 featured news that the right-of-way is a "yes" for 9000N and  
63 letting for 9000N would be in January.

64 **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

65 a.) January 29, 2025 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

66 b.) January 29, 2025 @ immediately following TAC – Policy Committee

67 **Adjournment:**

68 The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM, with a motion made by Mayor Nugnet, and a second made  
69 by Mr. Ryan.