

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)

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

## MINUTES

January 29, 2024

### Technical Advisory Committee Members Present:

Greg Heiden – Chairman - Kankakee County

Jim Hanley – Village of Manteno

Mr. Greer – Village of Bradley

Dr. Gingerich – Village of Bourbonnais

Mr. Koenig – River Valley Metro

### Others Present:

Staff: Ben Wilson, Rob Fischer, & Delbert Skimerhorn.

Also, Julie Kaschke – IDOT, Melissa King – City of Kankakee, Mayor Curtis, Mayor Schore, and Mayor Nugent.

### Open Meeting:

Greg Heiden opened the meeting at 2:32PM

### Public Comment:

There was no public comment at this meeting.

### Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 30, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Koenig and seconded by Dr. Gingerich. The motion unanimously passed.

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

### FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendment:

Two amendments to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) have been submitted, with one by the Village of Bradley and a second from the City of Kankakee.

The Village of Bradley amendment is to add a pedestrian project from the Village's ITEP application.

This Project consists of constructing a new 10' wide path along Herman Place and Croswell Avenue from Route 45 (Kennedy Drive) to Perry Farm shared path at Perry Street.

The project cost is \$245,950. The project funds are ITEP Funds (NTE \$245,950).

The City of Kankakee amendment is in reference to Phase 3A of the Riverfront Trail. This project consists of constructing a 10' concrete path along the Kankakee River, connecting the existing East end of the pedestrian bridge with a termination point at Station Street.

The project cost is estimated at \$580,800, with funding from multiple sources.

A motion was made to approve and advance these amendments to the Policy Committee. The first motion was made by Dr. Gingerich and a second was made by Mr. Greer.

**Title VI Desk Audit Review Results:** Ben Wilson discussed with the committee a document from the IDOT Bureau of Civil Rights, in which he suggested that KATS use FTA guided language to address any concerns regarding Title VI. Julie Kaschke made mention of Wilson’s outreach to the community, which involved attending a church service and providing donuts. Kaschke said that KATS went “above and beyond” in addressing outreach in the community. Wilson reiterated that “we don’t discriminate, period”. Language will be sent forward and a revision will appear in March.

**Spring ’24 Travel Time Survey:** Rob Fischer presented the results of KATS’ Spring Travel Time survey. Corridors surveyed included Armour Road, Route 102 (Main Street in Bourbonnais), North Street, Larry Power Road, St. George Road, and Bourbonnais Parkway. One highlight that Fischer pointed out was the increased efficiency of traffic flow during the evening rush hour, while efficiency decreased during the midday drive.

**Annual Safety Performance Measures:** Wilson presented the committee with rolling averages of traffic fatalities and serious crashes over the past five years, which included bike/pedestrian, as well as vehicular fatalities and serious crashes. With a target of a 2% reduction, the committee voted to move the matter to adopt this reduction to the Policy committee. A first motion from Mr. Hanley, followed by a second from Dr. Gingerich pushed the matter forward.

**New Business:**

None at this time.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**Next Scheduled Meetings:**

- a.) March 26, 2025 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee
- b.) March 26, 2025 - immediately following the conclusion of the Policy Committee meeting.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:59PM, with a motion from Mr. Greer and a second from Mr. Hanley.