

POLICY 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

February 5, 2025

Policy Committee Members Present:

Matthew Alexander-Hildebrand – County of Kankakee

Mayor Nugent – Village of Manteno

Mayor Schore – Village of Bourbonnais – (via proxy of Dr. Gingerich)

Mayor Watson – Village of Bradley (via proxy of Mr. Greer)

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

Mayor Stump – Village of Aroma Park

Mr. Langlois – (via proxy of Jeff Benoit) - KVAA

Others Present:

Ben Wilson, Rob Fischer, and Delbert Skimerhorn – Kankakee County. Julie Kaschke – IDOT &

Jon Paul Dipla – FHWA (via Zoom), Alex Ault – KVAA, & Larry Kerkstra – Kankakee County

Board.

Open Meeting:

Chairman Alexander-Hildebrand opened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the October 30, 2024 were unanimously approved. A motion was first made by

Mayor Nugent, followed by a second motion from Mr. Curtis.

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

FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendments: 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. During the Policy Committee meeting, a first motion was made by Mayor Curtis and a second motion came from Mayor Stump to adopt the TAC motion to accept the amendments.

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. During the Policy Committee meeting, a first motion was made by Mayor Nugent and a second motion came from Mayor Curtis to adopt the TAC motion to accept the document.

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. No motion was needed for this presentation.

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. During the Policy Committee meeting, a first motion was made by Mayor Curtis and a second motion came from Mayor Nugent to adopt the TAC motion to accept the measures.

Agency Updates:

Kankakee County: Wilson told the committee that the bids for 9000N opened in January and that right-of-way and utility costs are higher than expected. He added that he is working on an EDP grant to procure the shortage of funding needed to complete the project. The original estimate was 9.1 million dollars but projected current cost is closer to 12.3 million.

IDOT District 3: Nothing new at this time.

IDOT Urban Planning: Nothing new at this time.

FHWA: Nothing new at this time.

Metro: Nothing new at this time.

Safety: Dr. Gingerich discussed Rob Fischer's presentation at the most recent Safety Committee meeting. He added that the committee may be bringing an "anatomy of a crash" to the county board at some point in the future.

City of Kankakee: Mayor Curtis added that on Hobbie Avenue, the project will resume once weather warms up and concrete and asphalt work can be completed. He expects the project to be complete this summer. He added that efforts on the Brookmont Boulevard viaduct project are on pause for now.

Kankakee Valley Airport Authority: Jeff Benoit introduced Alex Ault to the committee as their new airport operations leader.

Transportation and Development Division Manager: Ben Wilson told the committee that there are drawings for gift cards for those respondents who complete the LRTP survey, which is now in both Spanish and English, as well as on social media.

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 TAC – Policy Committee

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM, with a motion made by Mayor Dr. Gingerich, and a second made by Mayor Nugent.