

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

March 26, 2025

Policy Committee Members Present:

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

Mayor Nugent (via proxy of Mr. Skimerhorn) – Village of Manteno

Mayor Schore – Village of Bourbonnais

Mayor Curtis – City of Kankakee

Mr. Langlois (via proxy of Mr. Ault) – KVAA

Others Present:

Ben Wilson – Kankakee County. Julie Kaschke – IDOT & Jon Paul Diipla – FHWA (via Zoom).

Open Meeting:

Vice-Chairman Schore opened the meeting at 2:56 PM.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments at this meeting.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the February 5th 2025 were unanimously approved. A motion was first made by Mayor Curtis, followed by a second motion from Mr. Skimerhorn. All ayes.

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

FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendments: One amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been submitted by IDOT District 3.

The proposed project is traffic signal modernization at two locations on US 45/52. The proposed locations are River Road and South Tec Drive.

The project cost is estimated at \$400,000, with funding from NHPP and IDOT funds.

A motion was made to approve this amendment by Mayor Curtis and a second was made by Mr. Skimerhorn. All ayes.

Approval of Draft FY 2026 Unified Work Program: Ben Wilson discussed with the committee draft UPWP with the committee. Th UPWP is the document that outlines the work program for FY2026. This years work program looks similar to previous years as PL funding is relatively stable. A motion to approve the draft Unified Work Program was made by Mayor Curtis and a second motion came from Mr. Skimerhorn to approve. All ayes.

Project Evaluation Results for LRTP: Mr. Wilson presented the results of the recent LRTP project scoring. This year some new elements were included in the scoring criteria after input from IDOT D3 and the Kankakee County RPC. Like other years, available funding will not fund but a portion of the project list. Mr. Wilson did indicate that the current program projects of 9000 N and Career Center Road will utilize funds through FY 2029. When the 2055 LRTP is being drafted the next project should be evaluated for funding.

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: Nothing new at this time..

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.

Kankakee Valley Airport Authority: Nothing new at this time.

Transportation and Development Division Manager: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Old Business: None at this time.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

a.) May 7, 2025 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

b.) May 7, 2025 @ immediately following TAC – Policy Committee

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM, with a motion made by Mayor Curtis, and a second made by Mr. Skimerhorn.