

1 **Minutes**

2 **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

4 **Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O)**

5 **4<sup>th</sup> Floor County Board Room, 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901**

6 **Wednesday, January 28, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

7 **Members in attendance:**

8 Mr. Greg Heiden (via proxy of Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn) – Kankakee County

9 Mr. Jeff Benoit (via proxy of Mr. Alex Ault) – KVAA

10 Mr. Mike Gall – Village of Aroma Park

11 Mr. Cortney Koning – River Valley Metro

12 Mr. Neil Piggush – City of Kankakee

13 **Others Present:**

14 Ben Wilson, Steven Kretz, and Tyler Goodrich – Kankakee County

15 Ms. Julie Kaschke – IDOT

16 Mayor Brian Stump – Village of Aroma Park

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18 **Open Meeting:**

19 Mr. Piggush opened the meeting at 2:34 PM

20 **Public Comment:**

21 Mr. Piggush asked for public comment.

22 Mr. Piggush closed public comment.

23 **Approval of Minutes:**

24 Motion by Cortney Koning, second by Mike Gall to approve minutes from October 29, 2025. All  
25 ayes.

26 **FY 2026 Unified Work Program – Amendment**

27 Mr. Wilson stated there were no updates at this time.

28 **FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendment**

29 Mr. Wilson stated that one amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement  
30 Program (TIP) has been submitted as an update of the Riverfront Trail project from Kennedy  
31 Drive to Station Street. The proposed project consists of constructing a 10' concrete path along  
32 the Kankakee River. The proposed path will connect at the existing east end of the existing  
33 pedestrian bridge and continue along the east bank of the Kankakee River, traverse over Soldier  
34 Creek and south beneath IL Route 17 and then terminate at Station Street. The proposed path  
35 will allow for connection to routes that current pedestrians and cyclists use to get to

36 downtown. The project is being funded from 3 sources: ITEP, MFT-General, and IDOT state  
37 match.

38 Mr. Piggush stated this was an amendment to include Local Project Funds (LPF).

39 Motion by Cortney Koning, second by Delbert Skimerhorn to approve the TIP Amendment. All  
40 ayes.

41 **Travel Time Survey**

42 Mr. Wilson presented on the 2025 Spring Travel Time Survey. Six segments of road were  
43 measured between April and May of 2025. Mr. Wilson stressed the importance of efficiency  
44 and speed limits while doing these surveys. This showed a slight decrease in inefficiencies in the  
45 AM, and the PM was the least efficient. Overall efficiency was calculated as the average speed  
46 divided by the average speed limit. The roads surveyed averaged between 69% and 76%  
47 efficient.

48 Mr. Piggush asked if we knew other MPO's efficiencies.

49 Mr. Wilson stated they will reach out and obtain that information if it is available.

50 **New Business:**

51 Mr. Wilson stated there was none at this time.

52 **Old Business**

53 Mr. Wilson stated there was none at this time.

54 **Next Scheduled Meetings**

55 a) March 26, 2026 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

56 b) March 26, 2026 @ immediately following TAC – Policy Committee meeting

57 **Adjournment**

58 Motion by Mike Gall, second by Cortney Koning to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 PM. All ayes.