

1 **Minutes**

2 **POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

6 **Wednesday, February 5, 2026 @ 2:30 PM**

7 Members in attendance:

8 Mr. Matthew Alexander-Hildebrand – Kankakee County

9 Mayor Jeff Keast – Village of Bourbonnais

10 Mayor Brian Stump – Village of Aroma Park

11 Mayor Chris Curtis (via proxy of Neil Piggush) – City of Kankakee

12 Mr. Rende Langlois (via proxy of Mr. Alex Ault) – KVAA

13 Others Present:

14 Ben Wilson, Delbert Skimerhorn, Greg Heiden, and Tyler Goodrich – Kankakee County

15 Mr. Tom Caldwell – IDOT

16 Ms. Julie Kaschke – IDOT

17 Present via Zoom:

18 Mr. Jim Hanley – Village of Manteno

19 Mr. Mike Gall – Village of Aroma Park

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21 **Open Meeting:**

22 Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand opened the meeting at 2:33 PM.

23 **Public Comment:**

24 Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand asked for public comment.

25 Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand closed public comment.

26 **Approval of Minutes:**

27 Motion by Mayor Jeff Keast, second by Mayor Brian Stump to approve minutes from October
28 29, 2025. All ayes.

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

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

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

32 Mr. Wilson stated that one amendment to the FY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement
33 Program (TIP) has been submitted as an update of the Riverfront Trail project from Kennedy
34 Drive to Station Street. The proposed project consists of constructing a 10' concrete path along
35 the Kankakee River. The proposed path will connect at the existing east end of the existing
36 pedestrian bridge and continue along the east bank of the Kankakee River, traverse over Soldier

37 Creek and south beneath IL Route 17 and then terminate at Station Street. The proposed path
38 will allow for connection to routes that current pedestrians and cyclists use to get to
39 downtown. The project is being funded from 3 sources: ITEP, MFT-General, and IDOT state
40 match.

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

42 Motion by Neil Piggush, second by Mayor Brian Stump to approve the TIP Amendment. All ayes.

43 **Travel Time Survey**

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

50 **Agency Updates:**

51 **Kankakee County**

52 No comments at this time.

53 **METRO**

54 No comments at this time.

55 **IDOT District 3**

56 No comments at this time.

57 **IDOT Urban Planning**

58 Ms. Kaschke stated there were no updates at this time.

59 **FHWA**

60 No comments at this time.

61 **Safety Committee**

62 Mr. Wilson stated the Safety Committee had a meeting on February 4th to discuss Workshop #2
63 for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and plan for Workshop #3 in April.

64 **City of Kankakee – Hobbie Avenue**

65 Mr. Piggush stated they are completing minor punch list items, and this can be removed from
66 the agenda.

67 **Kankakee Valley Airport Authority**

68 Mr. Ault stated there were no updates at this time.

69 **Transportation and Development Division Manager**

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

71 **New Business:**

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

73 **Old Business**

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

75 **Next Scheduled Meetings**

76 a) March 25, 2026 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee

77 b) March 25, 2026 @ immediately following TAC – Policy Committee meeting

78 **Adjournment**

79 Motion by Mayor Brian Stump, second by Mayor Jeff Keast to adjourn the meeting at 2:44 PM.

80 All ayes.