Minutes

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 @ 2:30 PM

Members in attendance:

Mayor Jeff Keast (via proxy of Dr. Mike Gingerich) – Village of Bourbonnais
Mayor Chris Curtis – City of Kankakee
Mr. Matthew Alexander-Hildebrand (via proxy of Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn) – Kankakee County
Mr. Langlois (via proxy of Mr. Alex Ault) - KVAA
Mayor Brian Stump – Village of Aroma Park
Mayor Mike Watson (via proxy of Mr. Joel Greer) – Village of Bradley

Others Present:

Ben Wilson, Steven Kretz, and Tyler Goodrich – Kankakee County
Mr. Larry Kerkstra – Kankakee County Board
Mr. Neil Piggush – City of Kankakee
Mr. Cortney Koning – River Valley Metro
Ms. Julie Kaschke – IDOT

Present via Zoom:

Mr. Jon Paul Diipla – FHWA
Mr. Ryan Lindenmier – IDOT District 3

Open Meeting:

Mayor Curtis opened the meeting at 2:43 PM.

Public Comment:

Mayor Curtis asked for public comment.

Mayor Curtis closed public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mayor Brian Stump, second by Dr. Mike Gingerich to approve minutes from July 22, 2026. All ayes.

FY 2027 Unified Work Program – Amendment

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

FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Amendment

Mr. Wilson stated that three amendments to the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) have been received. Projects have been requested by IDOT D3 and River Valley Metro. The first project is a project carryover request from FY 26 to FY 27 (HIL-23-001) along with a new project under the same contract. The new project is a Culvert Replacement located on IL 102: Stream

3.6 Mi East of the Will County Line. Tentative letting will be on November 6, 2026. The other amendment is a funding change to HIL-20-005 and HIL-20-004. The IDOT projects are being funded from 6 sources: NHPP-State, NHPP, NHFP, HWY-INF-BFP, IDOT state match, and Restrict State Match. The third amendment includes capital purchases for the River Valley Metro for FY 27. Funds for these amendments come from FTA Sections 5307 and 5339, IDOT, Cares Act Capital, Illinois Rebuild Round 3 and Consolidated Vehicle Procurement Program. The capital purchases include low floor buses, mower and accessories, shop equipment, signage, security cameras, rehabilitation at the Admin building, rehab of the fuel island, bus radios, roof replacement, and 9 vehicle replacements. Motion by Delbert Skimerhorn, second by Mayor Brian Stump to approve the FY 2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment. All ayes.

Spring Travel Time Survey

Mr. Wilson presented on the 2026 Spring Travel Time survey. Six segments of road were measured between April and May of 2026. This was conducted as a hands-on activity to drive corridors at appropriate speeds. Mr. Wilson stated the importance of efficiency and speed limits while doing these surveys because speeding makes the routes seem more efficient. The past three cycles show similarities in the AM and PM. The Bourbonnais Parkway route is also starting to show efficiencies.

Agency Updates:

Kankakee County

None at this time.

METRO

Mr. Koning stated there were no updates at this time.

IDOT District 3

Mr. Lindenmier stated there were no updates at this time.

IDOT Urban Planning

Ms. Kaschke stated the statewide planning conference is next week, and it is a good opportunity to hear from the federal and state partners about projects and topics within the state. While the conference is sold out for 2026, Ms. Kaschke indicated it is a good opportunity for local agencies to learn about projects at IDOT.

FHWA

None at this time.

Safety Committee

Dr. Gingerich stated there were no updates at this time.

City of Kankakee

Mr. Piggush stated there were no updates at this time.

Kankakee Valley Airport Authority

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

Transportation and Development Division Manager

Mr. Wilson stated the progress along CH 9 is going well. The north 2 lanes are installed and the contractor is looking to start installing the south 2 lanes.

New Business

Mr. Wilson stated there was none at this time.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson stated there was none at this time.

Next Scheduled Meetings

a) August 26, 2026 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee
b) August 26, 2026 @ immediately following TAC – Policy Committee meeting

Adjournment

Motion by Mayor Brian Stump, second by Dr. Mike Gingerich to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 PM. All ayes.