# Minutes

TECHNICAL ADVISORY 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:

Mr. Greg Heiden (via proxy of Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn) – Kankakee County
Dr. Mike Gingerich – Village of Bourbonnais
Mr. Jeff Benoit (via proxy of Mr. Alex Ault) – KVAA
Mr. Joel Greer – Village of Bradley
Mr. Cortney Koning – River Valley Metro
Mr. Neil Piggush – City of Kankakee

Others Present:

Ben Wilson, Steven Kretz, and Tyler Goodrich – Kankakee County
Mr. Larry Kerkstra – Kankakee County Board
Mayor Chris Curtis – City of Kankakee
Mayor Brian Stump – Village of Aroma Park
Ms. Julie Kaschke – IDOT

Present Via Zoom:

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

**Open Meeting:**

Dr. Gingerich opened the meeting at 2:30 PM

**Public Comment:**

Dr. Gingerich asked for public comment.

Dr. Gingerich closed public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Neil Piggush, second by Cortney Koning 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 Neil Piggush, second by Joel Greer 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.

**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) October 28, 2026 @ 2:30 PM – Technical Advisory Committee
b) October 28, 2026 @ immediately following TAC – Policy Committee meeting

**Adjournment**

Motion by Joel Greer, second by Cortney Koning to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 PM. All ayes.