

County of Kankakee



Commuter Transit Feasibility Phase II Study

Task Force Meeting #6, June 19, 2007

Consultant Presentation (Rev 03)

Agenda

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Schedule

- Task Force Meetings:
 - #1, August 15
 - Project Overview
 - Start Initial Task Scoping
 - #2 & 3, Oct 17 and Dec 12
 - Detailed Task Scopings
 - #4 & 5, Feb 20 & Apr 17, 2007
 - Status of Tasks
 - #6 June 19, 2007
 - Was: All material in support of New Starts Funding Application
 - Is: Draft Final Report
 - #7 August 21, 2007 & after
 - Final Final Report
 - #8 October & after
 - As needed
- Contractual term: Three Years

Task Order Status

Currently Active - Technical:

- 1.2 Socio-Economic and Ridership Forecasts
- 3.5 Independent Rail Alternative
- 6.4 General Institutional Issues
- 8.2 PE/O Program (including web site)
- 8.4 County Gathering Support
- 10.1 Final Report

Currently Active – Managerial

- 9.1 Task Force Meetings
- 10.3 Project Management

Completed

- 3.2 Transit Supportive Land Use
- 8.1 PE/O Start-Up
- 8.3 Web Site Technical Support
- 10.2 Initial Task Scoping

Budget

PROJECT BUDGET OVERVIEW

June 11, 2007 (Rev 09)

Tasks		Lead		Approved TOs			Reserved
No.	Title	ET	Task	Labor (Revenue)	ODCs	Total	
1.0	Ridership and Revenue Estimates						
1.1	CATS Policy Committee Interface						
1.2	Socio-Economic & Ridership Forecasts	Foyle	S. al Chalabi	\$9,140	\$33,560	\$42,700	
1.3							
1.4	Revenue Calculations						
2.0	Environmental Impacts	Foyle	Donley				
3.0	Site Studies	Gary					
3.1	Station Site Development		Hanagraaf				
3.2	Transit Supportive Land Use		Hanagraaf	\$10,205	\$19,795	\$30,000	
3.3	SSA Site		Piltingsrud				
3.4	Maintenance and Storage Facility Site		Lukas				
3.5	Independent Rail Alternative		Lukas	\$27,750	\$1,750	\$29,500	
4.0	Refined Cost Estimates (Some covered in #3.5)						
4.4	Independent Rail Cost Estimate	Gary	Phillips				
5.0	Line Capacity Analysis	Gary	Tian				
6.0	Institutional Issues	Gary	Foyle				
6.4	General Institutional Issues			\$9,500	\$500	\$10,000	

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8.0	Public Education/Outreach Campaign						
8.1	PE/O Start Up	Foyle	McClellan	\$2,275	\$16,925	\$19,200	
8.2	PE/O Program	Foyle	McClellan	\$7,650	\$15,350	\$23,000	
8.3	Web Site Technical Support	Gary	Gary	\$5,700	\$2,800	\$8,500	
8.4	County Gathering Support	Gary	Gary	\$4,250	\$4,350	\$8,600	
9.0	Meetings						
9.1	KACOT Task Force and County Board Meetings	Gary	Foyle	\$32,710	\$7,290	\$40,000	
10.0	Other - Management						
10.1	Final Report		Gary	\$18,700	\$11,800	\$30,500	
10.2	Initial Task Scoping (retainer)		Gary	\$29,500	\$5,300	\$34,800	
10.3	Project Management		Gary	\$23,200	\$0	\$23,200	
99.0	Contingency						\$0
Contract Amount:				\$180,580	\$119,420	\$300,000	\$0
						\$300,000	

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8.4 County Gathering Support

- Food and Beverages:
 - Wal-Mart Committed to \$1000 Sponsorship
 - Project paid additional \$600
- Added Printing Costs
- Keypad Voting
- Coordinate with Cable TV Coverage

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Task 1.2 Socio-Economic & Ridership Forecasts

- Products Approved at February Task Force Meeting
 - Socio-Economic County-Wide Forecasts
 - Finalize Zone Geography
- Products Approved at April Task Force Meeting
 - Base Year Inventory and Approved/Planned Projects
 - Small-Area Forecasts
 - Increased K3 County 2030 population from 145k to 150k
 - CMAP Transmittal Request
- **CMAP Results Expected by End of June**
- Future Products
 - Ridership Forecasts
 - Final Report

Task 3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- Submitted to CN for review:
 - Draft Chapter 5 of final Report
 - Track schematics and typical cross-section
- June 1 Meeting with CN Railway:
 - Nicholos, Lammey, Duesing, Foyle, Gary
 - CN Government Affairs and Engineering
- CN Response:
 - Prefer sale of ROW to lease
 - Preserve ROW for second freight track at all locations
 - General Agreement with draft documents
 - Concerns
 - Will submit letter summarizing review (August)
 - No recent Metra contact

3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- CN Concerns
 - Key Issue: Servicing current and future freight customers
 - KACOT must negotiate with customers leasing ROW (e.g. grain elevators north of Manteno)
 - CN feels Transit Center at St. George may require an overpass
 - Busway probably not an issue
 - To be confirmed
 - May require more ROW
 - Kankakee West Side Yard
 - KACOT separates yard from mainline
 - CN: End KACOT at Broadway?
 - [Street running option]
 - Court St. - CNR Suggestion Solution:
 - KACOT buy ROW for one track initially
 - Agree to share costs of new bridge for added tracks later
 - Share Kankakee River and Hawkins bridges



3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- Cost Estimate Impractical: Too many unknowns
- Patience:
 - RTA and Metra top management changes
 - Amtrak expanded service in October
 - SAFETEA-2010 may fund CREATE
 - SSA may get approved
- Be ready to adapt to Changes in the future
- Pass out
- Bus & Rail Brochures
- DVD of Line (Lateral View) of First Saluki

Task 8.2 Public Education/Outreach

- Kankakee Community Transit Team
 - Regular planning meetings
 - Various collateral documents prepared
 - May 31st “Town Hall” Gathering
- Eastern Will County
 - June 28 “Town Hall” Gathering
- NewsNotes project newsletter
 - First issue mid-May (for K3 Gathering)
 - Summary issue in summer
- Planning for a Web-based survey

May 31 Kankakee Public Gathering

- Television Coverage
 - Manteno Village View (Channel 4)
 - Aired June 8th through 10th
- Polling Participants:
 - 59 Polling Persons
 - 60% Male
 - 81% Caucasian; 15% Black
 - 36% live in City of Kankakee
 - 63% work or go to school in Kankakee Co.
 - 77% commute by car

May 31 Kankakee Public Gathering

- Polling Results:
 - River Valley Metro Commuter Bus to Univ Park
 - 26% didn't know of it
 - 57% would use Sunday service.
 - Support or Strongly Support:
 - KACOT service: 90 - 94%
 - Prefer rail 58%
 - Prefer bus 26%
 - Metra Electric Extension: 88%
 - E-W Freeway (I-65 to I-57): 75%
 - SSA: 68%
 - High Speed Rail (Chi – NO): 60%
 - Expanded Amtrak in Illinois: 59%
 - Sales Tax for Transit:
 - Oppose or Strongly Oppose: 26%
 - Support or Strongly Support: 50%

Task 10.1 Final Report

- Distribution of Draft
- Comments by July 17
- Final for August 21, Task Force Meeting #7

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6.4 Institutional Issues

- Ring Around the Collar (RAC)
 - RAC Activities - On hold
- Monitoring Metra MED Extension
 - No apparent activity
 - Presumably waiting for state transportation bill
 - Possible impetus from choice of Chicago for 2016 Olympics
- Monitoring South Suburban Airport
 - No current planning activity
 - Two bills before state legislature
 - Will County Airport Authority
 - Airport development district
- KACOT Related Events (outside project)
 - June 6 (Wed): APTA paper in Toronto:
“Ring Around the Collar Transit in Chicago.”
 - May 30 (Wed): Congressman Weller visit on a BRT vehicle
 - Transit Riders Alliance: Web site to send letters of support for state-wide transit program and funding.

Task 8.3 Web Site Technical Support

- Continuing Tasks:

- Add documents when published (ET)
- Maintain data base of contacts (SoC)
- Respond to inquiries (K3 and Will Counties)

- Statistics:

- **Traffic:**

	May	Jun 1-18
–Unique visitors	35	25
–Visits	52	45
–Pages	236	207
–Hits (includes searches)	749	592
–from Googlebot	44	23

- **Heaviest dates, day, times:**

- May

- Tues, May 21
- Wed-Thurs, May 29-30
- Mondays
- 7-9 AM and 1-3 PM

- Jun 1-18

- Mon, Jun 4
- Mon-Sun, Jun 11-17
- Mondays
- spread

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