

# County of Kankakee



## Commuter Transit Feasibility Phase II Study

Task Force Meeting #7, August 21, 2007

Consultant Presentation (Rev 02)

# Agenda

1. Current Project Overview
2. Progress on Existing Technical Tasks
  - 1.2: Updating Socio-Economic Data
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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
    - Was: Final Final Report
    - Is: Status of Issues Outside Control of Project
  - #8 October & after
    - Was: As needed
    - Will Be: Final Final Report and 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 & 8.4 PE/O Program
- 8.3 Web Site Technical 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
- 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	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Ridership and Revenue Estimates</b>						
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						
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Environmental Impacts</b>	Foyle	Donley				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Site Studies</b>	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	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Refined Cost Estimates</b> (Some covered in #3.5)						
4.4	Independent Rail Cost Estimate	Gary	Phillips				
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Line Capacity Analysis</b>	Gary	Tian				
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Institutional Issues</b>	Gary	Foyle				
6.4	General Institutional Issues			\$9,500	\$500	\$10,000	

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<b>8.0</b>	<b>Public Education/Outreach Campaign</b>						
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	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Meetings</b>						
9.1	KACOT Task Force and County Board Meetings	Gary	Foyle	\$32,710	\$7,290	\$40,000	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Other - Management</b>						
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	
<b>99.0</b>	<b>Contingency</b>						\$0
<b>Contract Amount:</b>				<b>\$180,580</b>	<b>\$119,420</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
						<b>\$300,000</b>	

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# Task 1.2 Socio-Economic & Ridership Forecasts

- Products Approved at February Task Force Meeting
  - Socio-Economic County-Wide Forecasts
  - Finalized 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 were Expected by End of June**

# CMAP Ridership Results

- Model results were prepared, but with counter-intuitive results
- Significantly fewer work trips than implied by Census
  - Kankakee County: 32,000 vs. 47,300
  - Eastern Will County: 17,700 vs. 26,800
  - Undercounting of trips to CBD even more significant
- CMAP to evaluate several approaches to obtain more reliable results

# CMAP Possible 'Fixes' to Model

- Explore approach of dividing the forecast into 2 segments:
  1. Trips to the transfer point, near SSA
    - Use regional model
    - But with an independent trip distribution table
  2. Trips to downtown Chicago and to intermediate points along MED
    - Calibrate to match Census Journey to Work
- Adjust trip generation model for both segments

# Possible Outcomes (by end of September)

- CMAP finds appropriate 'fix'
  - Report is prepared describing
    - socio-economic forecasts
    - ridership results
- CMAP does not find appropriate 'fix'
  - Report prepared describing
    - socio-economic forecasts
    - 'Postmortem' of CMAP modeling work, with recommendations on correcting problems for subsequent forecasts

# Task 3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- CN Letter Response (July 5):
  - “...our position could change...”
  - Unchanged from January 12 letter:
    - No share of freight tracks
    - Sell or lease right of way
    - Guarantee to serve customers
    - No objections to BRT on ROW
    - No sharing railroad underpass of Court Street
    - No use of yard property over Brookmont

# Task 3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- Raises MOS vs. FBO Alternatives
  - Minimum Operable Segment: To Broadway (Bradley)
  - Full Build Out: To Exit 308 (S. of Kankakee)
- Within the City of Kankakee:
  - CN Position would force street running
  - Draft Report:
    - Cover: Bottom Picture
    - Discussed: Pages 5-25 and 26.



Street Running DMU in New Jersey

# Task 3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- City of Kankakee not happy:
  - Not receptive to street running;
  - August 13 letter to CN
    - Strongly worded
    - Creative alternatives for trade-offs
    - Please reconsider
  - Prefer all three options be shown on map:
    - CN
    - Street Running West Side
    - Street Running East Side

## 3.5 Independent Rail Alternative

- Estimating Costs Impractical: Too many unknowns
- Patience:
  - RTA and Metra changes in attitude
  - Amtrak expanded service in October 2006 and may again
  - SAFETEA-2010 may fund CREATE
  - SSA may get approved (like it or not)
  - Metra may extend MED
- Be ready to adapt to Changes in the future

# Task 8.2 Public Education/Outreach

- Eastern Will County
  - June 28 “Town Hall” Gathering
- Final Plans:
  - NewsNotes project newsletter
    - Summary issue

# Task 10.1 Final Report

- Distributed Draft June 19
- Incomplete sections:
  - Task 1.2 Ridership
  - Task 8.2 Public Education/Outreach
- Task 1.2 controls close out of project
- Schedule:
  - Complete Draft: Mid September??
  - Review Comments:
    - Task Force Meet #8, Oct 16
  - Final: Mid November

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## 6.4 Institutional Issues

- Three new KACOT Task Force members
  - Bourbonnais, Monee, City of Kankakee
- Ring Around the Collar (RAC)
  - RAC Activities – September 14 informal meeting
- Monitoring Metra MED Extension
  - No publicly known activity
  - Presumably waiting for state transportation bill
  - Possible impetus from choice of Chicago for 2016 Olympics
- Amtrak Meeting, September 5, 2007

## 6.4 Institutional Issues

- Post Final Report Speakers:
  - Amtrak
  - Midwest High Speed Rail Association
  - FTA – New Starts Program
  - Rockford AA Experience

# 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:

Statistic	Month		
	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07
Unique Visitors	39	41	56
Number of Visits	58	67	66
Pages	273	318	148
Hits - Total	844	994	485
Googlebot Hits		28	59
% Changes:			
Unique visitors		5%	36%
Number of visits		16%	-2%
Pages		16%	-53%
Hits-Total		18%	-51%
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