

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2006 - 9:00 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
16111 Nelson Road
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairman Dan Shea
Vice Chairman Ed Dvorak Don Larson
Virginia Peschke Lyn Orphal
Sandra Salgado Anna May Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dan Shea, Don Larson, Ed Dvorak, Sandra Salgado, Lyn Orphal and Anna May Miller

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Virginia Peschke

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator – Finance; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; David Stone, Tom Carroll, Jamie Rein and Mary McClellan, State's Attorney office; Robert Rollings, Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc.; Ted Lachus, Jarrod Cebulski and John Heim, Patrick Engineering; P. J. Fitzpatrick, RHA&A; Salvatore DiBernardo and Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group, Inc.; Denise Collins, McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission; MaryAnne Wanaski, Planning and Development; Joe Murawski, Village of Lake in the Hills Trustee; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Design Manager; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Pablo Faillaci, Division of Transportation Construction Engineer; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Denise Collins represented the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission and addressed the committee concerning the Allendale Road Bridge. Ms. Collins noted that since the bridge was a plaqued landmark within the County, it is the Commission's desire to see it remain on that site. Ms. Collins commented that the McHenry County Conservation District was unable to use the bridge's trusses on their trail system. Ms. Collins offered some history on the bridge explaining that Greenwood Township once was an island during a severe flood in the 1930's. The bridge was the only source of access for the transport of food, etc. Ms. Collins questioned that when roadwork is being done in the area, could the bridge be stabilized and then be put back and preserved.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Orphal, the August 2, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

A vote was taken with all members present voting "aye"; motion carried.

FY 2006-2007 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Korpalski stated that a balanced budget was submitted, totaling just over \$45,000,000.00.

The budget was discussed in detail by Mr. Sarbaugh and Mr. Korpalski.

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal and seconded by Ms. Miller, the Division of Transportation's FY2006-2007 budget was approved as presented. A recommended priority list will be submitted to the committee for their consideration, when completed.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Allendale Road

The Division of Transportation is undertaking a Phase I study for the replacement of the Allendale Road Bridge, located in Greenwood Township. The existing bridge is structurally deficient with an existing rating of 31 out of 100. As a result, the bridge is posted with a weight restriction. The Phase I study is being undertaken as Federal HBRRP (Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program) funds are programmed for this project.

The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the project status primarily focusing on the existing historical nature of the bridge, in that it is listed by the County as being historically significant.

Mr. Jeff Young met with the Preservation Commission in October 2005 and introduced the project to them.

The Division of Transportation sent a letter to the McHenry County Conservation District regarding their retainage of the bridge trusses for use elsewhere and has to date, received no official response.

It has been determined by the County and IDOT that it is not economically feasible to repair the bridge and that it should be replaced. Preservation of the bridge's historic elements will not be funded at the State or Federal level. It will have to be funded through a local funding source.

Representatives of Ciorba Group, Inc. discussed the Phase I study for the Allendale Road Bridge, developed alternatives and the historical component(s) of the bridge.

Ms. Denise Collins and Ms. MaryAnne Wanaski suggested possible refurbishing alternatives for the bridge, in order to maintain landmark status, which were not feasible due to the advanced deterioration of the bridge's structural components.

Discussions ensued regarding the preservation of the truss members. It was the consensus of the Transportation Committee that the existing steel trusses be used, for aesthetic purposes only, on the bridge versus alternative composite materials should the Historic Commission desire to preserve the historic nature of the bridge after it has been replaced.

Ms. Collins will relate the Transportation Committee's opinion to the appropriate Greenwood Township officials and determine what can be worked out. The Historic Preservation Committee will meet the first Wednesday in September, and a formal statement from the commission can be brought back to the Transportation Committee at the second meeting in September at the earliest.

Today's presentation was informative, to update the committee.

Rakow Road

The Division of Transportation is undertaking a Phase I study for Rakow Road from Ackman Road to Illinois Route 31, to address the existing and projected congestion along this corridor.

The purpose for this meeting is to discuss the project status, primarily on the existing and projected traffic conditions and the preliminary geometry that has been developed, to address the needs of the corridor.

Mr. Jeff Young advised that:

- Initial survey work has been completed
- The Environmental Data requests from the Illinois Department of Transportation have been completed
- It has been determined that no surveys for the Indiana Bat will be required by the US Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife
- Two (2) meetings each with the City of Crystal Lake and the Village of Lake in the Hills
 - One (1) was an initial kick-off meeting
 - The other to present the preliminary geometry plan to them for their input.

Representatives from Patrick Engineering discussed the Phase I study for Rakow Road from Ackman Road to Illinois Route 31.

Areas of discussion were:

- Preliminary developed plans
- Project Overview
- Phase I
- Plans II
- Construction III
- Funding availability (Federal, State and County)
- Schedule
 - Phase I – end of the year - 2006
 - Phase II – 2007
 - Construction III – 2008
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Status
- Area Core Study
- Traffic Analysis AM and PM Peak Hour Counts
- ESRF (Environmental Survey Request Form) submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation and awaiting results
- Proposed Improvements

The estimated construction cost for this project is \$18,000,000.00. This estimated cost does not include right-of-way acquisition(s).

On a motion made by Ms. Salgado and seconded by Ms. Miller, the committee gave their concurrence to bring forward the preliminary concept presented today, to an informational public meeting targeted for September.

A vote was taken with all members present voting “aye”; motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FEHR-GRAHAM FOR STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS WORK ON VARIOUS COUNTY BRIDGES

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of this resolution to approve an engineering services agreement with Fehr-Graham and Associates (FGA), to provide on-going inspection and structural analysis of County and Township bridges on an on-call basis.

The initial contract for this work was approved on February 7, 2006 by the County Board for \$10,000.00 with Ozyurt & Stone (O&S). An unexpected process review was then requested by the Federal Highway Administration to conduct an extensive review of the County’s bridge inspection procedures, which required the participation of O&S. These efforts utilized about half of the original contract amount, which is now exhausted.

On August 15, 2006 the County Board approved an assignment agreement transferring the initial contract with O&S to FGA as the new owner of the firm, with the key staff working for McHenry County being retained on the project. With twenty (20) posted and legal load only bridges on the

County and Township highway systems, staff anticipates a growing need for extra inspections and structural analysis as problems are discovered on aging and deteriorating bridges.

On a motion made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the Approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Fehr-Graham for Structural Analysis work and the appropriation of \$20,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

Chairman Shea stated that he was thankful for State and local elected officials' expeditious arrangement of the scheduled installation of temporary traffic signals the last week in August, for the bridge over the Piscasaw Creek on IL Route 173 in Chemung. The Illinois Department of Transportation anticipates the bridge to be reduced to a single lane and running without weight restrictions shortly after Labor Day.

New Business

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal at 10:52 A.M. and seconded by Ms. Miller, the committee went into Executive Session.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Dvorak at 11:37 A.M. and seconded by Ms. Salgado, the committee went back into Regular Session.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried.

Chairman Shea noted that "no action" was taken in Executive Session.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

9:00 A.M. on September 6, 2006 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Salgado at 11:39 AM and seconded by Ms. Miller, the meeting was adjourned.

A vote was taken with all members present voting "aye"; motion carried.