

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 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 Virginia Peschke

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Notified absence by Ms. Anna May Miller

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Michelle Courier and Mary McClellan, State's Attorney office; Robert Rollings, Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc.; Kelly Farley, CMT; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Mark Mathewson, Mathewson Right-of-Way Company; Joe Murawski, Village of Lake in the Hills Trustee; Laura Jibben, Benesch & Company; Veronica Armstrong, County resident; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Assistant County Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation Maintenance Superintendent; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Holly Ostidick, Planning Liaison; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation Principal Transportation Planner; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Veronica Armstrong, 6201 Edgewood Road, Crystal Lake, IL addressed the Walkup Road improvement project and her concerns at the intersection of Walkup Road with Edgewood Road and Berry Court.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 16, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal and seconded by Ms. Salgado, the August 16, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

BID APPROVAL

Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Concrete Bin Storage System

The staff requests approval of the resolution, for the purchase of a concrete bin system for storage of maintenance materials.

This supplemental item was included in the FY2005-2006 budget.

The budgeted amount requested was for \$23,000.00.

On a motion made by Ms. Salgado and seconded by Ms. Orphal, the Resolution Awarding a Contract for a Concrete Bin Storage System, modified to include verbiage denoting the award of contract to Swederski Concrete, was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

A request was made by Chairman Shea to include the name of the company being awarded the bid, per previous resolutions.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION FY2005-2006 BUDGET

The staff requests approval of the resolution, for the emergency appropriation of fuel, oil and grease.

Due to the dramatic increase in costs of petroleum products, the Division of Transportation requests the emergency appropriation, as the prices have exceeded those budgeted, as part of the FY2005-2006 McHenry County Division of Transportation Budget.

The requested amount is for \$75,000.00 to be transferred from the Highway Fund – Utilization of Fund Balance to cover the estimated expenses for the remaining budget year, ending November 30, 2006. This is to be placed on the agenda for the September 12, 2006 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and on September 19, 2006 for the County Board meeting.

Mr. Korpalski stated that the Division of Transportation is on target with usage numbers.

On a motion made by Ms. Peschke and seconded by Ms. Orphal, the Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the Division of Transportation FY2005-2006 Budget and the appropriation of \$75,000.00 from the Highway Fund was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION AWARDING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES

The staff requests approval of the resolution, for the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Fehr-Graham & Associates LLC (FGA), for the 2007 Biennial Inspection of approximately one hundred and thirty (130) structures, including two (2) fracture critical inspections.

The National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) adopted by the Federal Government requires that all structures, including culverts, which have an opening of twenty (20) feet or greater, be inspected at two (2) or four (4) year intervals. This inspection cycle will include all 130+/- structures on the McHenry County and Township roadway systems.

On a motion made by Ms. Salgado and seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the Resolution awarding an Engineering Services Agreement to provide Bridge Inspection Services and the appropriation of \$42,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund OCA 820120-4080 and \$35,000.00 from the County Bridge Fund OCA 820120-4455 was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

APPROVING AN AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The staff requests the approval of the amended resolution for the revised Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois, outlining the reimbursement of the Phase III Construction for the Ackman Road Extension project from Haligus Road to Lakewood Road.

The reason for the amended resolution is to correct the appropriation for the County's Local match. The agreement was revised to reflect propriety items "Sign Panel" as non-participating construction. The sign panels were specified by the McHenry County Division of Transportation to ensure that a high performance grade of sign reflective material was used.

The amount that the County is obligated for is \$4,390.00.

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal and seconded by Ms. Peschke, the Amended Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois and the appropriation of the corrected sum of \$709,390.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund OCA 820110-6095 was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The staff requests the approval of the resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal Participation for the Streit Road Bridge project.

The Division of Transportation needed to facilitate the replacement of the Streit Road Bridge in Hartland Township. The bridge meets the requirements of the Federal Bridge Replacement Program (BRP), which will fund construction of the project at 80%. This agreement outlines the funding commitment from the State to provide Federal funds to the project.

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation.

The total cost of the project is \$664,000.00.

On a motion made by Ms. Salgado and seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois and the appropriation of \$132,800.00 from the County Bridge Fund OCA 820120-6095 was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BLACKHAWK AREA RAIL COALITION

The staff requests the approval of a resolution endorsing the efforts of the Blackhawk Area Rail Coalition (BARC) to reinstate passenger train service across northern Illinois and points west.

On April 18, 2006, the County passed a resolution in support of an Alternatives Analysis for the Rockford to Elgin Corridor. The BARC is requesting the State to include a framework in the State's Comprehensive Transportation Capital Plan by which efforts to reinstate passenger rail services in northern Illinois, such as the Rockford to Elgin Corridor study, can be coordinated.

Ideally, commuter rail service between Elgin and Rockford through McHenry County would be implemented and regional passenger rail services would be reinstated across northern Illinois with stops in McHenry County. As these two (2) different services may use the same infrastructure, it would be beneficial to coordinate efforts.

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal and seconded by Ms. Peschke, the Resolution Supporting the Blackhawk Area Rail Coalition was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT PREPARATION AND NEGOTIATION SERVICES FOR VIRGINIA ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT

The staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the hiring of highway plat preparation and negotiation services for property acquisition at the Virginia Road intersection with Illinois Route 31 for the Virginia Road Realignment project.

During the Phase I study for the Illinois Route 31 Western Algonquin Bypass, the Virginia Road intersection with Illinois Route 31 was found to be a High Accident Location (HAL). To address this condition, the alignment of Virginia Road is proposed to be shifted north so that it may intersect Illinois Route 31 at a right-angle. The alignment shift and the right-of-way needed for this change, was displayed during the Public Hearing for the Western Algonquin Bypass project.

While the Design Approval has yet to be received for the Western Algonquin Bypass project, the County has sought and obtained STP funds in the amount of \$880,000.00 for the realignment of Virginia Road through the McHenry County Council of Mayors. The State of Illinois also received HPP funds for the portion of Illinois Route 31 north of the actual bypass, which includes this intersection.

As the subject property, which the realignment traverses through, has been sought for development, advance acquisition is noted as a valuable strategic action that can enable future projects to take place. Utilizing County funds can expedite the process and there is the possibility that local funds used for land acquisition may qualify as a flexible match towards the local cost participation to obtain Federal funds.

The process is aided with a potential property owner willing to participate.

At this time, \$16,500.00 can be absorbed within the Division of Transportation's budget.

On a motion made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the Resolution to Approve a Proposal for Right-of-Way Plat Preparation and Negotiation Services for the Virginia Road Intersection project and the appropriation of \$16,500.00 from the County Option Motor Fuel Tax Fund OCA 820125-6090 was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified groups into the McHenry County Division of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program.

In order to augment the Division of Transportation's litter collection efforts, the County enacted an Ordinance to allow for volunteer groups to adopt various sections of highways for litter collection. With the approval of these agreements, the MCDOT has ninety five (95) groups enrolled in the program, covering one hundred twenty three (123) centerline miles of the two hundred twenty five (225) available miles in the program.

The ordinance requires that the volunteer groups enter into an agreement with McHenry County, defining the responsibilities of the groups and the County. This resolution approves the County to enter into an agreement with thirteen (13) groups for twenty (20) sections of highway.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Section of Roadway</u>
The Meeks Family	Bay Road, County Line to Cuhlman
Widoff Family	Hobe Road, South Street to Kishwaukee Valley Road
In Loving Memory of Susan C Driver	Deerpass Road, IL 176 to River Road
Tim Faulke & Friends	Kishwaukee Valley Road, Sullivan Road to McKinstry Road

Able Home Healthcare	River Road, Miller Road to State Park Road Crystal Lake Road, Mason Hill Road to Crystal Springs Road Walkup Road, Hillside Road to Pleasant Hill Road Kishwaukee Valley Road, County Line Rd to Oleson Rd
Sunshine Early Learning Center	Pyott Road, Oak Street to Willow Road Pyott Road, Virginia Road to Rakow Road Virginia Road, Pyott Road to Rakow Road Algonquin Road, Square Barn Road to Talaga Road Randall Road, County Line Road to Algonquin Road
In Loving Memory of David A. Below	Franklinville Road, Kunde Road to IL RT 176
In Loving Memory of Kenneth Gibbs	Tryon Grove Road, Keystone Road to IL RT 31/US RT 12
McHenry Jazzercise	Bull Valley Road, IL RT 31 to UP RR
Family and Friend of RJ	Lakewood Road, Algonquin Road to Miller Road
Deep Cut Perennial	Nelson Road, Deep Cut Road to Murray Road
Theatre on the Green	Alden Road, St. Patrick Road to McGuire Road
Crystal Lake South Environmental Club	Virginia Road, US 14 to Pyott Road

On a motion made by Ms. Peschke and seconded by Ms. Salgado, the Resolution Approving the Inclusion of the Identified Groups into the McHenry County Division of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

None

New Business

Request to send out RFQ for Traffic Signal Retiming in Southeastern McHenry County

1. The staff requests the authorization to publicly post a request for qualification (RFQ) for professional consulting services to re-optimize the traffic signal systems in southeastern McHenry County.

Due to continued development in the southeastern portion of the County and recently completed construction projects (Algonquin Road east of Randall Road), travel patterns have altered substantially over the last three (3) years.

The RFQ will be posted on the County website in early September. A staff recommendation for the preferred consultant will be presented to the Transportation Committee likely in December. As the fee is anticipated to be under \$100,000.00, consultant interviews will not be required. The project could start in winter 2006/spring of 2007.

Mr. Korpalski noted that CMAQ funding has been sought for this project.

2. Mr. Korpalski announced with pleasure, the appointment of Mr. Jeff Young to the Assistant County Engineer's position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisition and Pending Litigation

On a motion made by Ms. Peschke at 9:40 A.M. and seconded by Ms. Orphal, 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. Larson at 10:31 A.M. and seconded by Ms. Peschke, 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.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

The staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the acquisition of right-of-way for the Streit Road Bridge reconstruction project in Hartland Township and the appropriation of funds for said property acquisition.

This resolution approves \$6,500.00 needed to purchase property for the project.

The County is working towards either a November 2006 or January 2007 letting.

On a motion made by Ms. Peschke and seconded by Ms. Orphal, the Resolution to Approve the Acquisition of Right-of-Way for Highway Purposes and the appropriation of \$6,500.00 from the County Option Motor Fuel Tax Fund OCA 820125-6090 was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

9:00 A.M. on September 20, 2006 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal at 10:33 AM and seconded by Ms. Salgado, the meeting was adjourned.

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