

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 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, Anna May Miller, Lyn Orphal and Virginia Peschke

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Salgado

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Michelle Courier and Mary McClellan, State's Attorney Office; Jay Nolan, Mayor, City of Harvard; Dave Nelson, City of Harvard; Robert Rollings, Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc.; Diane Lukas, HLR, Inc.; Tracy May, Stanley Consultants, Inc.; Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group, Inc.; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Joe Murawski, Village of Lake in the Hills Trustee; Veronica Armstrong, County resident; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Assistant County Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation Maintenance Superintendent; Ron Maas, Division of Transportation Vegetation Supervisor; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation Permit Coordinator; Pablo Faillaci, Division of Transportation Construction Engineer; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Veronica Armstrong, 6201 Edgewood Road, Crystal Lake, IL – Addressed the Walkup Road project and her concerns.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal and seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the September 6, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Allendale Road

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests concurrence from the Transportation Committee regarding the historical treatment of the Allendale Road Bridge in Greenwood Township. At the August 16, 2006 meeting, a presentation was made regarding the inability to reuse the existing structure, which is listed by McHenry County as historically significant. It was noted that this designation was local only and as such, no State or Federal funding would be available for the preservation of this structure. At that same meeting, a representative from the Historic Preservation Commission discussed their desire to preserve the structure.

It was concluded at that meeting, that the Historic Commission would meet on September 6, 2006 to discuss the project and would report back to the Transportation Committee at the next available opportunity.

After the Transportation Committee meeting on August 16, 2006, a meeting was held on August 29, 2006 discussing the structural integrity of the bridge. The meeting was held at Varga and Associates and the discussion was led by Mr. Ed Varga, P.E. Mr. Varga informed the attendees (Ed and Ernest Varga, Ed Dvorak, John Gilmore, Nancy Fike, Gloria Mack, Jeff Young and Roger May, Greenwood Township Highway Commissioner) that he concurred with the present rating of the bridge and the need for its replacement. Ms. Gloria Mack, one of the attendees who also sits on the Historic Commission, stated that she would convey this information to the Historic Commission at their September 6, 2006 meeting.

At the September 6, 2006 Historic Commission meeting, the bridge was discussed and it was felt that the current bridge would need to have its landmark status removed and that the Commission decided that it was best if elements from the existing truss bridge were not incorporated into the new structure. The Historic Commission passed a resolution removing the historic status upon the bridge's eventual removal. The meeting minutes documenting this resolution will be forthcoming, once they are approved by the Historic Commission. This concludes involvement with the Historic Commission on this matter.

The Historic Commission requested that their gratitude towards the Transportation Committee be relayed for their assistance and understanding with the Allendale Road Bridge project.

Since there is no desire from the Historic Commission to have a truss element incorporated into the new bridge and that no identifiable funding source has been secured for the historic treatments, the McHenry County Division of Transportation staff recommends that the new bridge not include a truss element honoring the Historic Commission's desires.

Chairman Shea requested that written documentation be provided to the McHenry County Division of Transportation corroborating this request, from the Historic Preservation Commission and Greenwood Township.

On a motion made by Mr. Dvorak and seconded by Ms. Orphal, concurrence from the committee was given to honor the request that none of the existing truss elements be incorporated into the new bridge.

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

City of Harvard

A presentation was conducted by Mayor Jay Nolan and City Administrator Dave Nelson of the City of Harvard, concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the County and the City of Harvard and the Lawrence Road lawsuit.

Mayor Nolan referred to the letter that he sent to the committee, by the direction of the City Council. Mayor Nolan stated that they would gladly answer any questions that the committee had. Mr. Nolan noted that the letter indicated their position and wishes.

Chairman Shea stated that the Lawrence Road corridor was included and will remain in the County's 2020 Transportation Plan. Chairman Shea asked Mayor Nolan if the City Council had decided if there would be a local road constructed in that area.

It was discussed by Mayor Nolan that the City desires a roadway where the bypass was planned but that it would function more as a City collector street versus a County Highway with less right-of-way, more access points, lower speeds (35 mph to 40 mph), and no more than a three (3) lane cross section.

Ms. Miller asked if the annexation would be residential and Mayor Nolan affirmed that it would be residential, with the exception of a couple of parcels next to an industrial park.

Chairman Shea stated that due to other factors, the County will have to determine whether or not they could feasibly continue or to abandon efforts to have a County supported bypass.

BID APPROVAL

Resolution Approving the Purchase of Maintenance Equipment

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution, awarding the purchase of a boom mower tractor for right-of-way mowing maintenance to Buck Brothers of Hampshire, Illinois for \$131,200.00.

This supplemental item was included in the FY 2005-2006 budget.

The budgeted amount requested was for \$125,000.00 from 820005-6040. The Maintenance Section has reviewed the funding needed for the boom mower tractor and has prioritized the purchase. As a result, other capital purchases such as a trailer or attenuators budgeted will not be pursued so that the funding is available for the boom mower tractor.

On a motion made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving the Purchase of Maintenance Equipment was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MCHENRY

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests concurrence with the Transportation Committee regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of McHenry, regarding the Phase I engineering costs for the Miller Road study from Illinois Route 31 to River Road.

The City of McHenry has agreed to serve as the lead agency for the subject project. The City has been integral in securing the necessary right-of-way for the project, as the surrounding areas develop. The City and the County, along with the Village of Johnsburg, have also been coordinating on a corridor study to serve as a Pre-Phase I study to address the anticipated lane configuration and future right-of-way needs. Through Congresswoman Bean, the project received \$6.32 million in Federal High Priority Project (HPP) funding as part of the Federal Transportation Bill (SAFETEA-LU).

The City, as the lead local agency, will enter into an IGA with the State of Illinois, requiring the City to pay the 20% local match. Through this IGA, the City and the County agree to split the local 20% match 50/50. Based on the approved engineering agreement, it is anticipated that the County's obligation for reimbursement to the City, would be approximately \$88,142.90. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the McHenry County State's Attorney.

On a motion made by Mr. Dvorak and seconded by Ms. Miller, the resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of McHenry was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAMPTON, LENZINI & RENWICK, INC. FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution approving a Phase I Engineering contract with HLR, Inc. for the Alden Road Rehabilitation/ Reconstruction project from the Wisconsin State line to Nelson Road.

HLR, Inc. was selected by the Transportation Committee on February 15, 2006. The Phase I contract has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

This project is included in the FY2006 to 2010 Highway Improvement Program (HIP). The original pavement has been overlaid several times and is in poor condition requiring the likely need for reconstruction. The project will evaluate pavement rehabilitation and reconstruction alternatives. The project will also evaluate intersection configurations as well as roadway safety.

On a motion made by Ms. Orphal and seconded by Ms. Miller, the resolution approving an Engineering Services Agreement with HLR, Inc. for roadway improvements was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

The report was discussed.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business - None

New Business – Mr. Korpalski announced that the Division of Transportation was presented with an award from the APWA for the Division's blending system. Attending the award ceremony in Kansas City were Mr. Ken Koehler, Chairman of the County Board, Mr. Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer and Mr. Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation Maintenance Superintendent. The Iowa Department of Transportation uses the same principle as the Division's blending system on their State Highways, only on a larger scale.

Mr. Larson announced that the CDBG received an award from the Illinois Dental Society for the funding and assistance given by the CDBG, in order to start a dental clinic in Woodstock.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending Litigation

On a motion made by Ms. Peschke at 9:50 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 Ms. Miller at 10:36 A.M. and seconded by Ms. Orphal, 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.

It was by consensus of the committee to have the State's Attorney Office draft a resolution for County Board approval regarding the Lawrence Road extension study.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

9:00 A.M. on October 4, 2006 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Miller at 10:43 AM and seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the meeting was adjourned.

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