

**Special Transportation Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 8, 2007 - 10:00 A.M.  
McHenry County Administration Building  
Conference Room B  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairman Dan Shea  
Vice Chairman Ed Dvorak    Mary Lou Zierer  
Virginia Peschke        Lyn Orphal  
Sandra Salgado        Anna May Miller

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Shea called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Dan Shea, Ed Dvorak, Virginia Peschke, Anna May Miller, Sandra Salgado and Mary Lou Zierer

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Lyn Orphal

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

In attendance were: Kenneth Koehler, McHenry County Board Chairman; Joseph Korpalski, Division of Transportation Director/County Engineer; Michelle Courier, State's Attorney Office; Mark Mathewson, Mathewson Right of Way Company; Bill Ganek, Village Manager for the Village of Algonquin; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation Assistant County Engineer; Walter Dittrich, Division of Transportation Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation Construction Manager; Brad Cousin, Division of Transportation Traffic Engineer; Ken Baker, Division of Transportation Township Engineer; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation Principal Transportation Planner; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation Permit/Developer Project Manager; and Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation Administrative Specialist.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Veronica Armstrong, 6201 Edgewood Road of Crystal Lake posed questions concerning the Walkup Road project.

**BID APPROVAL**

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Salgado the following five (5) resolutions were approved under one motion: the resolution accepting sign material bids; the resolution awarding a County highway resurfacing contract; the resolution awarding a County highway pavement preservation contract; the resolution awarding Road District construction contracts; and the resolution accepting a Road District material bid, with recommendations to the County Board.

**Resolution Accepting Sign Material Bids**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution accepting bids for sign materials for the FY2007 program.

Bids were opened on April 5, 2007 at the Division of Transportation. This annual bid is funded through the County Option Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

**Resolution Awarding a County Highway Resurfacing Contract**

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution awarding the County highway resurfacing contract for FY2007.

McHenry County has developed a specific line item as part of the FY 2006-2010 Highway Improvement Program (HIP) to address the poor pavement condition of Alden Road. Bids were opened on April 16, 2007 at the Division of Transportation.

**Resolution Awarding a County Highway Pavement Preservation Contract**

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution awarding the County highway pavement preservation and maintenance contract for FY2007.

McHenry County is implementing an annual pavement preservation and maintenance program to extend the service life of pavements in good condition and maximize the benefits from the limited funding available currently for annual maintenance. This contract includes 23.25 miles of County highways.

**Resolution Awarding Road District Construction Contracts**

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution accepting bids and awarding the Road District paving contracts for FY2007.

Bids were opened on April 16, 2007 at the Division of Transportation. This is an annual bid and is funded through the Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

**Resolution Accepting Road District Material Bids**

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution accepting bids for Township Material bids for the FY2007 program.

Bids were opened on April 16, 2007 at the Division of Transportation. This is an annual bid and is funded through the respective Township Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes"; motion carried approving all five (5) resolutions.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR FUNDING THE LONGMEADOW PARKWAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR**

McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the approval of the resolution supporting Kane County in its efforts to construct the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge over the Fox River.

The new crossing of the Fox River within the Longmeadow Parkway area was included in the County's 2010 long-range transportation plan, adopted in 1996 as a needed project. In 1998, the County Board adopted the Illinois Route(s) 31/62 Congestion Mitigation Study, which concluded that in addition to the Western Algonquin Bypass, the Longmeadow Parkway / Bolz Road bridge would be a needed regional improvement for 2020.

The bridge was included in the County's 2020 long-range transportation plan adopted in 2005 as a committed project. For traffic circulation modeling purposes, the bridge was assumed to be constructed prior to the year 2020 and thus, the County's current long-range transportation plan is based on this assumption.

The bridge was recommended as part of the East Side Sub Area Plan (ESSAP) which the County adopted in 2005, by entering into a multi-party intergovernmental agreement between Kane and McHenry Counties and the Villages of Algonquin, Carpentersville, Gilberts and Huntley. The ESSAP created an east-west major arterial corridor along Huntley Road and Kreutzer Road extending from the Longmeadow Parkway intersection with Randall Road, west to Illinois Route 47 and then eventually connecting with the Algonquin Road extension.

The funding alternative proposed, constructing the bridge as a tolled facility by Kane County, is a reasonable and prudent alternative, consistent with McHenry County's decision to go beyond the practice of pay-as-you go financing.

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolution approving support for the funding of the Longmeadow Parkway bridge corridor was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

### **PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK**

May 13 through May 19, 2007 marks the observance of the 75<sup>th</sup> annual National Transportation Week.

This proclamation recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of transportation professionals, who keep America moving and share with the public the achievements and challenges facing the transportation industry. National Transportation Week cuts across modes, the public and private sectors and regions of the country.

This week focuses on raising public awareness of the importance of transportation, the benefits it brings to each and every person, as well as the future opportunities and challenges we face. Whether someone operates a car or rides on a bus, plane or train, every person in America is served by transportation.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado seconded by Ms. Miller, the proclamation for National Transportation Week was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

### **CONSULTANT SELECTION**

#### ***2007 Traffic Counts***

The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff requests the authorization to publicly post a request for qualification (RFQ) for engineering services to conduct 24-hour traffic counts at various locations on the McHenry County highway system.

This is part of our bi-annual traffic count program which enables the Division to better monitor changing conditions on our roadways.

The RFQ will be posted on the County website on May 9, 2007. As the anticipated fee will be less than \$100,000.00 per the consultant selection policy, a staff recommendation will be presented to the Transportation Committee at the June 6, 2007 meeting; a contract presented to the Transportation Committee at the June 20, 2007 meeting; and a contract presented to the County Board on July 17, 2007. The traffic counts will be conducted during the fall of 2007.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Peschke, authorization was given by the committee to post a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for engineering services to conduct 24-hour traffic counts.

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

### **OLD / NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Old Business***

At a previous meeting, a committee member suggested that the Division of Transportation place an ad in the Northwest Herald newspaper, promoting the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Mr. Korpalski informed the committee that to place an ad as suggested, would cost \$25.00/per column inch. Staff will work on developing an ad and determine the cost for same.

***New Business***

Mr. Korpalski announced that Ms. Holly Ostdick, Planning Liaison has accepted a position with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and her last day of employment with the County will be Friday, May 18, 2007.

Chairman Shea wanted the record to note that Ms. Ostdick has done an exemplary job during her tenure with the County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisition**

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the committee went into Executive Session at 10:35 A.M. to discuss property acquisition.

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the committee went into Regular Session at 10:41 A.M.

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 May 16, 2007 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

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