

**Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2008 – 8:30 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
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 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairman Dan Shea, Vice-Chairman Ed Dvorak, Lyn Orphal, Virginia Peschke, Anna May Miller and Mary Lou Zierer

Ms. Miller arrived at 8:40 A.M.

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Salgado

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer; Walter Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC); John Carlton and Jerry Walden, Quixote Transportation Technologies, Inc.; Gary Overbay, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; Jeff Pisha and Ted Lachus, Smith Engineering, Inc.; Glenn Shirmer, Chastain and Associates; Paula Yensen, Village of Lake in the Hills Trustee; Iris Bryan, Town Crier Publication; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Ron Maas, Division of Transportation, Data/Communications Manager; Wynnyth Adair, Division of Transportation, Drainage Engineer; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit/Developer Project Manager; Chalen Hunter, Division of Transportation, Planning Liaison; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 7, 2008

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Orphal, the meeting minutes from May 7, 2008 were approved as presented.

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

REMOTE WEATHER INFORMATION SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. DeVries informed the Committee that the Remote Weather Information System (RWIS) would be on-line Friday, May 23, 2008 and went on to explain the function of the system.

Mr. John Carlton and Mr. Jerry Walden of Quixote Transportation Technologies, Inc. were introduced to the Committee. Quixote Transportation Technologies, Inc. designs the software and the RWIS modules. Mr. DeVries stated that it may be the County’s intention to share information received through RWIS with any entity that wished to participate.

A live video presentation was conducted that showed the County's RWIS web page and offered various road data information received via RWIS camera such as:

- Pavement temperature
- Traffic conditions
- Precipitation
- Pavement freezing point

It was noted that only Counties east of McHenry County utilize the RWIS system in Illinois, such as Lake County and Cook County.

Chairman Shea questioned the expansion of this system to other areas and it was clarified that expansion in McHenry County would occur, but also hoped areas to the west implemented other RWIS systems to create a broader network of RWIS sites.

Mr. DeVries announced that Quixote Transportation Technologies, Inc. offered a free test this summer to the County, whereby mobile weather platforms (sensors) would be mounted on two (2) County trucks. This would offer data collection from the trucks such as dew points on the pavement along with the location of the trucks (GPS).

Mr. DeVries noted that this is only the beginning, as new technology and information can be added to the system.

PRESENTATION

Miller Road

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff was present along with Smith Engineering, Inc. to make a brief presentation on the Miller Road project in advance of the May 28, 2008 Public Meeting, which will be held at the City of McHenry Municipal Center from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

In October 2006, the County Board approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the City of McHenry to perform Phase I engineering on Miller Road from Illinois Route 31 to River Road. Materials for the Miller Road project were included in Transportation Committee member packets for review.

Ms. Miller arrived at 8:40 A.M.

Mr. Jeff Pisha, P.E., Senior Project Manager with Smith Engineering, Inc. updated the Committee on the Miller Road project, discussing the following topics:

- Project Introduction
- Scope of Work
- Lane Configurations
- Cost Estimate/Funding
- Progress/Schedule

Mr. Pisha noted that \$5.72 million has been secured through SAFETEA-LU.

This concluded the presentation.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution, supporting a Phase II engineering contract with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. for the Illinois Route 31 Western Algonquin Bypass project.

MCDOT has been working with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) over the last eleven (11) years to study and design a bypass around the Village of Algonquin. Design approval for the Phase I report was given on

January 23, 2008. The Phase II engineering will be funded by IDOT using TEA21 High Priority Project (HPP) earmark funds, which will be available in IDOT's 2009 fiscal year (which starts on July 1, 2008).

Civiltech Engineering, Inc. has successfully completed Phase I engineering for the project. In accordance with the Consultant Selection Policy, Civiltech Engineering, Inc. has been selected to continue providing design services for the project based on their familiarity with the project and the quality of the services performed for the Phase I portion of the project. The Phase II engineering services agreement has been negotiated by MCDOT staff and has been reviewed and approved by IDOT. The County and the State are entering into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) where the County will be reimbursed 100% for engineering costs for the Western Algonquin Bypass.

While the project is included in the MCDOT's Five-Year 2008-2012 Highway Improvement Program (HIP), the Phase II engineering was not budgeted for in the FY 2007-2008 budget. The reason being is that the Phase I engineering was completed earlier than anticipated. Through a budget line item transfer, the engineering funds can be made available for the remainder of the FY 2007-2008 budget year. As previously stated, the funds expended by the County will be reimbursed 100% by IDOT, through a combination of State and Federal funds through a separate IGA.

Agenda Items #5.0 and #6.0 were approved under one (1) motion.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Miller, the resolution approving an engineering services agreement for Phase II engineering with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. and appropriated funds and an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for the Western Algonquin Bypass project was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFER IN THE DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2007-2008 BUDGET

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution authorizing a Budget Line Item Transfer for engineering.

While the Illinois Route 31 Western Algonquin Bypass Phase project is included in the MCDOT's Five-Year 2008-2012 HIP, the Phase II engineering was not budgeted for in the FY 2007-2008 budget. The reason being that the Phase I engineering was completed earlier than anticipated. Through a budget line item transfer, the engineering funds can be made available for the remainder of the FY 2007-2008 budget year. The funds expended by the County will be reimbursed 100% by IDOT, through a combination of State and Federal funds through a separate intergovernmental agreement (IGA). The MCDOT requests the emergency transfer of funds so that other programmed engineering projects can remain on schedule and also so that the design of the Western Algonquin Bypass can commence as soon as possible.

The requested amount is for \$1,000,000.00 to be transferred from the Highway Fund – Fund Balance Enhancement to cover the estimated engineering expenses for the remaining budget year ending November 30, 2008. This is to be placed on the agenda for the May 27, 2008 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and on June 3, 2008 for the County Board meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Orphal, the resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the Division of Transportation's FY 2007-2008 budget 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

- Mr. Korpalski updated the Committee on the Longmeadow Parkway Task Force. As an added update, the consultants that were selected by Kane County for the two (2) phases, the first being McDonough and Associates, who have an executed contract have now been given a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to prepare the

technical memorandum updating the environmental impact statement in consideration of the projects current status and potential tolling facility.

The second consultant, Wilbur Smith and Associates (WSA) also have an executed contract and have also been given the NTP to conduct the preliminary traffic projections and the financial feasibility study. Wilbur Smith and Associates staff have met with Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) staff at the end of April 2008 and Wilbur Smith and Associates has initiated collection of existing data. In May 2008 they are conducting growth analysis by analyzing demographics, socioeconomics and traffic profiles in the area. Field work will also be an issue to conduct traffic counts at seven (7) different locations in both Kane County and McHenry County.

- The McHenry County Regional Transportation Authority Sales Tax Utilization Policy was distributed to Committee members. As Committee members may be aware, Administration has been working with the Finance Committee on how to distribute the dollars received as part of the RTA sales tax. A joint meeting was scheduled for today, however fell through. The policy is being distributed so that Committee members can review the information in preparation of a forthcoming meeting.
- Chairman Shea briefly discussed a letter received from a resident whose neighbor was blocking a ditch. The letter was offered as a reference for the record.
- The newly revised County maps were distributed to Committee members. Chairman Shea stated that the maps are sponsored by and funded in part with a federal Unified Work Program grant from CMAP. He commented that mention of the Division of Transportation should be more prominent on the cover of the maps.
- Chairman Shea pointed out that CMAP sent a very stern letter to U. S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Glenn Poshard, advising that a capital program is definitely needed because \$9 billion will be lost from the Federal Government unless the State can come up with a capital program and a match.

New Business

- None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held at today's meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

8:30 A.M. on June 4, 2008 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Orphal, seconded by Ms. Miller, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 A.M.

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