

**Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 1, 2009 – 8:30 A.M.  
McHenry County Division of Transportation  
Main Conference Room  
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairperson Anna May Miller  
Ed Dvorak      Paula Yensen  
Virginia Peschke      Daniel Ryan  
Sandra Salgado      Scott Breeden

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Miller, Ed Dvorak, Daniel Ryan and Paula Yensen

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Scott Breeden, Sandra Salgado and Virginia Peschke

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

In attendance were: Ersel Schuster, County Board; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Cynthia Schaupp, SAO/Division of Transportation Liaison; P.J. Fitzpatrick, Wills, Burke, Kelsey Associates, Ltd. (WBK); Todd Bright, TranSystems Corporation; Ken Desmaretz, H. W. Lochner; Gary Overbay, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; George Vukievich, V3 Companies; Ted Lachus, Primera; Brian Smith, AECOM; Robert Lewis, Stanley Consultants, Inc.; Brad Sanderson, EEI; Christine Duncan, Alden resident; Joe Ardito, Alden resident; Connie Jones, Alden resident; Mary Lou Endres, Alden resident; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Jim Werner, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Chalen Daigle, Planning Liaison; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following Alden Road residents addressed and discussed their concerns regarding the Alden Road improvement project:

- Connie Jones – offered documents to Committee members and for the record
- Mary Lou Endres
- Joe Ardito - offered documents to Committee members and for the record

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – June 3, 2009**

On a motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the meeting minutes of June 3, 2009 were approved as presented.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A WETLAND CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR THE ALDEN ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution endorsing a wetland credit agreement with Ecological Planning Inc. to purchase wetland credits for the Alden Road bridge project.

The Alden Road bridge project is planned for a construction start this fall or next spring (a September 2009 letting is anticipated). As part of the project, the Alden Road bridge over a branch of the Nippersink Creek will be replaced

and widened, encroaching onto high quality wetlands in the Fox River watershed requiring 0.1045 acres of total mitigation. As the wetlands contain essential habitat, the rate of replacement for these wetlands are 5.5:1.

The County has used Ecological Planning, Inc. in the past and has been very satisfied with the product they provide and their very good reputation with the Chicago Army Corps of Engineers office. They are also the only wetland bank certified by the Army Corps of Engineers in the Fox River watershed. The agreement has been reviewed by the County's State's Attorney Office (SAO).

On a motion by Ms. Yensen seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution endorsing a wetland credit agreement with Ecological Planning, Inc. for the Alden Road bridge project and appropriating funds 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 AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE ALDEN ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution authorizing an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal participation for the Alden Road bridge reconstruction project and appropriating funds.

The MCDOT has secured Highway Bridge Program (HBP) replacement funds for 80% of the construction cost of the structure. This agreement outlines the funding commitment from the State to provide Federal funds to the project. This project is scheduled for a September 18, 2009 letting, pending right-of-way availability.

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement identifies that the County will be reimbursed \$1,459,068.00 (maximum allowable) for the construction. The local (County) share is \$818,161.00 which also includes the cost for the roadway work within the Alden area.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution authorizing an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for the Alden Road bridge project and appropriating funds 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 A WETLAND CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR THE KISHWAUKEE VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution endorsing a wetland credit agreement with LRH Mitigation Bank for the Kishwaukee Valley Road bridge project and appropriating funds.

The Kishwaukee Valley Road bridge project is planned for a construction start this fall (a September 2009 letting is anticipated). As part of the project, the Kishwaukee Valley Road bridge over the Kishwaukee River will be replaced and widened, encroaching onto high quality wetlands in the Kishwaukee River watershed requiring 0.743 acres of total mitigation. As the wetlands contain essential habitat, the rate of replacement for these wetlands are 5.5:1.

The LRH Mitigation Bank is a new bank recently approved for use by the Chicago Army Corps of Engineers office. They are one (1) of two (2) wetland banks certified by the Army Corps of Engineers in the Kishwaukee River watershed. The agreement has been reviewed by the County's State's Attorney Office (SAO).

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution endorsing a wetland credit agreement for the Kishwaukee Valley Road bridge project and appropriating funds 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 AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE KISHWAUKEE VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution authorizing an amended to an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal participation for the Kishwaukee Valley Road bridge project and appropriating funds.

The MCDOT has secured Highway Bridge Program (HBP) replacement funds for 80% of the construction cost of the structure. This agreement outlines the funding commitment from the State to provide Federal funds to the project. This project is scheduled for a September 18, 2009 letting, pending right-of-way availability.

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement identifies that the County will be reimbursed \$1,294,205.00 (maximum allowable) for the construction agreement. The local (County) share is \$323,551.00.

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution authorizing an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for the Kishwaukee Valley Road bridge project and appropriating funds 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 AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR VIRGINIA ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal participation for the Virginia Road reconstruction project and appropriating funds.

The MCDOT has secured Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for \$700,000.00 towards the construction reconstructing Virginia Road between Rakow Road and Illinois Route 31. This agreement outlines the funding commitment from the State of Illinois to provide Federal funds to the project. This project is scheduled for a September 18, 2009 letting.

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement identifies that the County will be reimbursed \$700,000.00 (maximum allowable) for the construction agreement. The local (County) share is \$2,890,000.00. Waste Management Inc. will also be reimbursing the County \$625,000.00 for the impacts to Virginia Road associated with its new waste transfer facility, scheduled to open later this year.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution authorizing an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for Virginia Road and appropriating funds 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 McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified groups into the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway program.

Kris Krajecki Fox Valley Mortgage                      Algonquin Road from Square Barn Road to Lakewood Road  
(new group)

Jake Witt’s Family    Pyott Road from Virginia Road to Rakow Road  
(new group)

Ted Christiansen Foundation  
(new group)

Marengo Road from Seeman Road to Church Road

In Loving Memory of  
David P. Giammarrusco Sr.  
(new group)

Algonquin Road from Randall Road to Hanson Road

Kar and Don Schneider  
(new group)

Crystal Lake Road from Crystal Springs Road to Mason Hill Road

In order to augment the MCDOT'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 115 groups enrolled in the program covering 120 centerline miles of the 214 available miles in the program which is roughly 56%.

The ordinance requires that the volunteer groups enter into an agreement with McHenry County defining the responsibilities of the group and the County. This resolution approves the County to enter into an agreement with five groups for five sections of highway.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified groups into the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) Adopt-A-Highway program was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF DAMAGED PAVEMENT ON OAK GROVE ROAD**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) has determined an immediate need to resurface a portion of Oak Grove Road at Reese Road that was damaged resulting from a traffic accident.

The fire from the accident superheated the pavement causing it to ravel and embed metal fragments into the pavement surface.

Oak Grove Road will be micro-surfaced as part of the MCDOT's Pavement Preservation program beginning early July 2009 and the pavement needs to be repaired prior to the micro-surfacing application.

The resurfacing of this pavement requires an outside contractor as the expanse of the damaged pavement is outside of the MCDOT's maintenance operations' scope. Peter Baker & Sons Company has been contracted to provide pavement repairs.

This cost will not exceed \$15,000.00 and the County will pursue reimbursement from the parties causing the accident, for damaging a County asset. The \$15,000.00 will be appropriated from the County Option Motor Fuel Tax fund.

On a motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution appropriating emergency funds for the resurfacing of a portion of Oak Grove Road was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Request for Qualifications – Fleming Road***

After reviewing all submitted Statement of Qualifications (37 SOQ submittals received), McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff recommends that the Transportation Committee interview the following four (4) firms for the Fleming Road project:

Bollinger Lack & Associates (BLA)  
Strand Associates  
TranSystems  
Wills, Burke, Kelsey Associates, Ltd. (WBK)

Interviews will be scheduled for the next Transportation Committee meeting on July 15, 2009. Firms will be given one-half hour of time which will provide for a 20-minute presentation and approximately 10 minutes of question and answer.

At the Transportation Committee meeting on March 4, 2009, concurrence was given to post the RFQ for the Fleming Road project.

The Committee offered their concurrence to carry out the interviewing process of the four (4) mentioned firms on July 15, 2009.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Meeting Minutes and Pending Litigation**

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Committee went into Executive Session at 8:50 A.M. to discuss meeting minutes and pending litigation.

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Committee went into Regular Session at 9:11 A.M.

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

Chairperson Miller noted that “no action” was taken in Executive Session.

The Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2009 were reviewed and by direction of the Committee will be forwarded to the State’s Attorney Office (SAO) for review and release.

Mr. Ryan inquired as to the Alden Road improvement project and questions addressed during “public comment.”

Mr. Korpalski advised that a presentation would be offered by the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) at the meeting scheduled for July 2, 2009, regarding the Alden Road improvement project, where all questions would be addressed.

The meeting will be held at Alden Township at 8515 Alden Road, Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

8:30 A.M. on July 15, 2009 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

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