

**Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2009 – 8:15 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 8:15 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Miller, Paula Yensen, Sandra Salgado and Scott Breeden

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Vice-chairman Ed Dvorak, Daniel Ryan and Virginia Peschke

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Joe Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Jeffrey Young, Assistant County Engineer; Cynthia Schaupp, SAO/Division of Transportation Liaison; Mark Mathewson, MROWCO; Todd Bright, TranSystems Corporation; Jean-Alix Peralte, STV, Inc.; Julie Hoberg, HDR Engineering, Inc.; P.J. Fitzpatrick, Wills, Burke, Kelsey Associates, Ltd.; Brian Smith, AECOM; Gary Blazek, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake; Steve Pasinski, Thomas Engineering Group, LLC; Diane Evertsen, Resident; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Jim Werner, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Ken Baker, Division of Transportation, Township Engineer; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit Developer Project Manager; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Sarah Lutz, Division of Transportation, Transportation Planner; Chalen Daigle, Planning Liaison; Donna Adamson, Division of Transportation, Receptionist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2009

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the meeting minutes of December 2, 2009, were approved as presented.

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

PRESENTATION – Randall Road Phase I

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff presented a project history and an update of the Randall Road project. This presentation is being made to the Transportation Committee in order to obtain concurrence on the final proposed improvements so that presentations can be made to the Village Boards of Algonquin, Lake in the Hills and the City Council of Crystal Lake so that MCDOT can begin a detailed engineering analysis of the preferred alternative. It is anticipated that staff presentations to the municipalities will take place in January and that a final Public Hearing will take place in the late spring/early summer of 2010.

The presentation consisted of the following:

- Randall Road Improvements Study Update
 - Purpose and Need
 - Stakeholder comments and changes made
 - Randall Road/Village Road intersection
 - Randall Road/Algonquin Road intersection
 - Mitigation for impacts to access
 - Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meetings Support
 - Preferred Alternative Discussion
- Next Steps
 - Presentation to Municipalities
 - Prepare Phase I Report
 - Public Hearing
- Project Schedule

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is in agreement with the stated roadway design proposals. The Division of Transportation is still working with the CAC on maintaining and enhancing the bike and pedestrian access throughout the Randall Road corridor.

It was by concurrence of the Committee for the Division of Transportation to proceed forward with the Randall Road Phase I proposal as presented.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ROADWAY LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL ELECTRICAL POWER

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving to power traffic signals and lighting systems located on the County Highway System on a 24 hour-a-day basis. This is an annual appropriation.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Breeden, the resolution approving appropriating funds for roadway lighting and traffic signal electrical power 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 offered but not discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Federal Legislative Program

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) has been working with Administration and the Ferguson Group on identifying projects for the County’s federal legislation program.

The MCDOT is anticipating reauthorization of the Federal Highway Bill (SAFETEA-LU) sometime in 2010/2011 and will be seeking funding for the following projects:

- Randall Road (Engineering/Land Acquisition/Construction)
- Chapel Hill Road from Illinois Route 31 to Illinois Route 120/Lincoln Road (Engineering/Land Acquisition /Construction)
- Illinois Route 31 north of the Western Algonquin Bypass

Project requests for Federal annual appropriations are:

- Sections of Randall Road
- Miller Road/Chapel Hill Road corridor

It was by concurrence of the Committee for the MCDOT to pursue the above stated projects.

Mr. Austin stated that the Federal legislative program would be discussed before the County Board at a later date.

McHenry County Council of Mayors STP Program

The Committee's concurrence is sought on the McHenry County Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program (STP) proposed projects for Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015. Applications for projects are due January 8, 2010. The MCDOT has successfully proposed and completed projects in the past and looks to do so again. There is currently approximately \$8-9 million available for the three year program (approximately \$2.8 million per year). Staff will complete the STP application for submittal to the Council of Mayors. STP funding is only for construction and does require a 20% local (County) match.

The proposed projects are:

Three crack sealing projects as part of the MCDOT's pavement preservation program

- Algonquin, Harmony, Lakewood, Country Club & Ridgfield Roads
- Wilmot, Algonquin, Ackman & Spring Grove Roads
- Tryon Grove, Greenwood, Richardson, Main & Bay Roads

Also, other projects staff would like to consider include:

- Johnsburg Road from Illinois Route 31 to Chapel Hill Road
- Walkup Road bike path from Illinois Route 176 to Veteran Acres Park
- Ackman Road from east of Lakewood Road to Huntley Road

The projects will be announced January 21, 2010. All proposed projects are included in the Highway Improvement Program (HIP) except for the Ackman Road project.

It was by concurrence of the Committee for submittal of the Council of Mayor's application for the STP proposed projects.

Access Control and Right-of-Way Management Ordinance

The County's Access Control and Right-of-Way Management Ordinance states that the permit fee schedule is subject to an annual evaluation. The McHenry County Division of Transportation staff's recommendation is that the existing permit fee schedule not be increased.

It was by concurrence of the Committee for the permit fee schedule to remain unchanged.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Salgado requested that the Committee discuss the feasibility of using RTA funds instead of MFT funds in order to relax guidelines for undedicated/private roads. Chairperson Miller stated that that topic would be discussed with a presentation to the Committee. It was stated that the presentation is scheduled for the January 20, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Meeting Minutes and Property Acquisition

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Breeden, the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:09 A.M. to review meeting minutes and 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. Breeden, the Committee went into Regular Session at 9:47 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 December 2, 2009, were reviewed and by direction of the Committee will be forwarded to the State's Attorney office (SAO) for review and release.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

8:15 A.M. on January 6, 2009 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Breeden, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

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

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