

**Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – 8:15 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairperson Anna May Miller
Vice-Chairperson Paula Yensen Scott Breeden
Diane Evertsen Virginia Peschke
Nick Provenzano Sandra Salgado

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Miller, Paula Yensen, Diane Evertsen, Sandra Salgado, Virginia Peschke, Scott Breeden and Nick Provenzano

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

None

Mr. Breeden left at 9:10 A.M.

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Ersel Schuster, County Board; Peter Austin, County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Christina Webb, State's Attorney Office (SAO); Rick Mack, METRA; Eric Rose, Thomas Engineering Group; Todd Destree and Peter Quinn, HR Green; Gary Overbay, Joel Christell and Gary Blazek, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; Pat Pechnick, HDR Engineering, Inc.; Pam Cumpata and Charlie Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC); Nick Chirikos, Historic Preservation Commission; Omar Nashif, Collins Engineers, Inc.; Bob Rollings, Bollinger Lach & Associates, Inc. (BLA); Mary Moltmann, resident; Lisa Rhoades, resident; Ed Bennett, resident; Hank Zbierski, resident; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation, Assistant County Engineer; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Jim Werner, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Loren Schmitt, Division of Transportation, Road Supervisor; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit/Developer Project Manager; Chalen Daigle, Division of Transportation, Planning Liaison; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lisa Rhoades, resident commented on Fleming Road classifications and variances.
- Hank Zbierski, resident commented on IDOT's project at Illinois Route 120 and Fleming Road.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – January 18, 2012

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the meeting minutes of January 18, 2012, were approved as presented.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 120 AND FLEMING ROAD FOR THE STATE'S PROJECT

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests approval of the resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for improvements to the intersection of Illinois Route 120 and Fleming Road.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has prepared plans to install a traffic signal and turn lanes at the intersection of Illinois Route 120 and Fleming Road. Per standard IDOT cost participation agreements, the State requires reimbursement from the local agencies having jurisdiction of the local legs. The improvements consist of the installation of a traffic signal, adding turn lanes, and reconstruction of pavement.

At the November 17, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting, the Committee authorized the County Engineer to execute the Letter of Intent (LOI) with IDOT for this project. The cost to the MCDOT is \$23,782.00 for engineering and \$158,548.00 for construction for a total of \$182,330.00. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the McHenry County State's Attorney Office (SAO).

It was suggested by the Committee that MCDOT staff incorporate verbiage into the resolution to read, "this resolution serves as Exhibit "B" as in the agreement". Discussions ensued and the Committee requested that additional communication and information be provided from IDOT. MCDOT staff stated that they would contact IDOT about presenting the project to the Transportation Committee at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Salgado, to approve the resolution approving an IGA with the State of Illinois and appropriating funds for intersection improvements at Illinois Route 120 and Fleming Road for the State's project and was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Miller, Peschke, Yensen, Salgado, Breeden and Provenzano, "yes"; Evertsen, "no"; motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A WETLAND CREDIT AGREEMENT FOR THE HILL ROAD TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of this resolution approving an agreement with Ecologic Planning, Inc. to purchase wetland credits for the Hill Road Bridge project in the Slough Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank.

The Hill Road Township Bridge project is planned for a construction start this spring (a March 2012 letting is anticipated). As part of the project, the Hill Road Bridge over the north branch of the Nippersink Creek be replaced and widened encroaching onto high quality wetlands in the Kishwaukee River watershed requiring 0.59 acres of mitigation. As the wetland contains essential habitat that is of high quality, the rate of replacement for these wetlands are 6:1. As the credits being purchased are of a higher quality, the wetland credits can be purchased at a reduced ratio, therefore, 2.36 acres are required to be purchased.

The Slough Creek Wetland Mitigation Bank is the only bank in the Fox Watershed in McHenry County approved for use by the Chicago Army Corps of Engineers and has been previously used on other MCDOT bridge projects. The agreement has been reviewed by the County's State's Attorney Office (SAO).

A motion was made by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Yensen, to approve the resolutions approving an agreement for the purchase of wetland credits for Hill Road Bridge 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 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ADVANCE TREE REMOVAL ON JOHNSBURG ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE JOHNSBURG ROAD PROJECT

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution accepting bids for an advance tree removal contract for the Johnsburg Road project.

Bids were opened on January 23, 2012 at MCDOT. This contract was advertised for bid through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Local Roads Bulletin and through local newspaper notices.

This contract was discussed at the December 21, 2011 Transportation Committee meeting where direction was given to move forward with this contract to facilitate tree removal so that utility relocations could be expedited.

There was one (1) bidder with the low bid, being Clean Cut Tree Services of Lake Villa, Illinois. The low bid was in the amount of \$98,877.00 with the engineers estimate being \$169,885.00. The MCDOT has worked with this particular contractor on past bridge projects and found their work to be good. While the bid was significantly lower than the engineers estimate, staff recommends approval of this contract. Funding for this contract will be taken from the County Option Motor Fuel Tax fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Breeden, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve the resolution awarding a contract for advance tree removal on Johnsburg Road for the Johnsburg Road 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.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

Construction Updates

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff updated the Committee on the following projects:

Rakow Road

- The Rakow Road Pedestrian Bridge has been set. A brief video was presented to the Committee. Storm sewer work is delayed due to utility conflicts.

Discussions ensued regarding additional signage for construction speed zones to be placed in construction areas. MCDOT staff advised that speed limit signs are in place, and are effective twenty four hours per day, seven days per week. The contractor is in the process of placing two (2) additional construction speed zone signs.

Blivin Street Bridge

- Work is ongoing. The deck was poured Friday and is being heated. Approach slabs are in process this week and sidewalk and parapet wall work will take place over the next two (2) weeks.

Graf Road Bridge

- A pre-construction meeting will be held February 16, 2012 with startup work anticipated to begin the first week in March.

Walkup Road

- It is anticipated that work will start the first week in March 5, 2012.

New Business

MCRide Program

- McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff reported to the Transportation Committee that today marks the start of the MCRide program.

The coordination of existing dial-a-ride programs was recommended in 2005 as part of the County’s Transit Plan. With over five (5) years of planning, MCRide is a big first step in realizing this goal.

Approximately, \$800,000.00 in Federal funding has been dedicated to this project that combines four (4) dial-a-ride programs in one (1) program. The City of Crystal Lake, the City of McHenry, the City of Woodstock, and the County have agreed to provide services in and throughout these communities under one (1) contract with Pace.

Fares are now going to be distance based. The first five miles are a base fare and each additional mile will cost 25 cents. This is being done because longer trips cost more.

Today marks the first of two (2) fare adjustments that will be made to standardize fares throughout the service area. In 2014, the fares in McHenry and Crystal Lake will be adjusted one more time to match the fares and Woodstock and the fares for trips between towns.

Storm Water Ordinance

- Ms. Yensen advised that a Planning & Development Committee meeting was held on Thursday at which the Storm Water Ordinance was discussed and a potential decision to impose fees to Government agencies for the issuance of permits. Ms. Yensen added that there are expenses and overhead involved in enforcement, referring to the ordinance that was enacted by the County Board.

Mr. Breeden left at 9:10 A.M.

Staff Recognition

- Mr. Joel Christell of Civiltech Engineering, Inc. shared some personal background and anecdotes about Mr. Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer. Mr. Tim Sjogren, Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) also shared information regarding Mr. Young, the institute, and the award, noting that Mr. Young was unanimously elected for the Past President's Award.

Each year, the ITE sponsors an awards program to honor outstanding achievement in transportation engineering and distinguished service to the ITE. The awards bestow international recognition upon the recipients and increase the public's awareness of the role and responsibilities of the transportation professional. Mr. Young was presented the ITE Illinois Section's Past President's Award for 2011. Congratulations were offered by all.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Meeting Minutes, and Pending Litigation

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:20 A.M. to discuss minutes, land acquisition and pending litigation.

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

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Peschke seconded by Ms. Yensen, the Committee went into Regular Session at 9:26 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.

Executive Session Meeting minutes from January 18, 2012 were reviewed and will be forwarded to the SAO for review and release.

MEMBER COMMENTS

- Ms. Yensen suggested that the Committee listen to the residents' concerns and consider new road classifications levels.
- Ms. Yensen remarked that the Algonquin Road/Randall Road Public Hearing was very well attended. She commented on a job well done by MCDOT staff, stating that this was the first time she had ever seen so many attendees at a meeting. Ms. Yensen is looking forward to receiving feedback from the public hearing.

- Ms. Yensen advised that the Storm Water Commission met and were considering amendments regarding bridge excavation and materials. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provided recommendations and a resolution was approved to move forward with those revisions.
- Ms. Evertsen echoed Ms. Yensen's comments about the Randall Road Public Hearing, however noted that there was some confusion as to the intersection improvement timeframe.
- Chairman Koehler updated the Committee regarding the Algonquin Bypass and advised that there is a meeting next week with the post office. Things are moving forward and Senator Durbin and Congressman Manzullo deserve thanks for their efforts.
- Chairperson Miller agreed with Ms. Yensen, adding her accolades and stating she also had never seen quite that large of a turnout before. She also looks forward to receiving analysis from all information and comments submitted at the public hearing. Chairperson Miller, in response to Ms. Yensen's comments regarding road classifications, believes that any discussions regarding the designation of types of roads would coordinate well with the drafting of a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Policy for McHenry County.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

8:15 A.M. on February 15, 2012 at the Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

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