

**Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – 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 8:18 A.M.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Miller, Paula Yensen, Daniel Ryan, Ed Dvorak, Scott Breeden and Virginia Peschke

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Salgado

Mr. Breeden arrived at 8:20 A.M.

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Joe Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer; Cynthia Schaupp, SAO/Division of Transportation Liaison; Brian Smith, AECOM; Robert Rollings, Bollinger, Lach & Associates, Inc.; Victor Ramirez, City of Crystal Lake; Todd Bright, TranSystems Corporation; Julie Hoberg, HDR Engineering, Inc.; Jean Alix Peralte, STV, Inc.; Rich White, LGMC; Ted Lachus, Primera; Charles Eldredge; McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Steve Pasinski, Thomas Engineering Group; Brian Plum, Traffic Control Corporation; Jeff Sutrick, Algonquin Police Department; S. Jarosz, Friend of Fleming Alliance; Iris Bryan, Town Crier Publication; Lisa Rhoades, TRG; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Brad Cousin, Division of Transportation, Traffic Engineer; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Wynnyth Adair, Division of Transportation, Drainage Engineer; Pablo Faillaci, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Shannon Dolte, Division of Transportation, GIS Specialist; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit/Developer Project Manager; Sarah Lutz, Division of Transportation, Transportation Planner; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – March 17, 2010

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the meeting minutes of March 17, 2010 were approved as presented.

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

Mr. Breeden arrived at 8:20 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Village of Algonquin Red Light Running Cameras

Officer Jeff Sutrick, Village of Algonquin Police Department, updated the Committee on the results of Red Light Running Camera systems that have been installed at the Randall Road at Bunker Hill Drive intersection and the Randall Road at Algonquin Road intersection and requests the Committee’s concurrence for the McHenry County Division of Transportation’s (MCDOT) continued approval for their use.

The MCDOT's Automated Traffic Law Enforcement Systems Policy requires Red Light Running Camera permit holders to provide a before and after study after one year (1) of operation. The systems at Randall Road at Bunker Hill Drive and Randall Road at Algonquin Road (northbound) have been in operation for over one (1) year. The camera at westbound Algonquin Road at Randall Road has been in operation for about eleven (11) months.

Officer Sutrick noted that there has been a "change in driver attitude" since the installation of the Red Light Running Camera systems. He remarked that the Village has had much success with this program and requested that the Committee allow the Village to continue with this program until the next scheduled evaluation date.

Officer Sutrick offered statistics regarding crash reduction rates, citation reduction rates and other pertinent information. When asked, it was noted that 50-60% of most red light running citations were issued to people from the southeast corner of McHenry County and the northern part of Kane County.

Discussions ensued.

The Committee offered their concurrence directing MCDOT staff to permit the continued use of the Red Light Running Camera systems at the above noted locations.

Ridgefield Road Metra Station

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff updated the Committee on the proposed Metra station with a proposed location in Ridgefield, with an entrance off of Country Club Road. Metra is currently in the process of securing approval for annexation of the station site into the City of Crystal Lake, as well as the Planned Unit Development (PUD) approval. To date, MCDOT staff has been provided a copy of the Traffic Impact Study for review and comment to the City of Crystal Lake.

MCDOT staff shared information regarding the project history, project process and how it will work, area roadway improvements, identified site for the station and traffic study impacts. The station has been identified in the County's 2005 Transit Plan.

The zoning of, annexation of, and approval of the station plan would be administered through the City of Crystal Lake. From a MCDOT standpoint, no improvements were identified for the Ridgefield area within the County's Five Year Highway Improvement Program (HIP) or the County's Long Range Transportation Plan. MCDOT staff advised that the City Council of Crystal Lake is trying to put stipulations on needed improvements on County roads.

Discussions ensued.

MCDOT will continue to work with the City of Crystal Lake and Metra and as more detailed information of potential impacts becomes available, that information will be brought back before this Committee.

Lighted Street Signs

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff along with a representative from Traffic Control Corporation was present to discuss the use of lighted street signs on traffic signal mast arms for the Rakow Road project. These signs would be installed at five (5) intersections under the jurisdiction of the MCDOT (Rakow Road / Ackman Road, Rakow Road / McHenry Avenue, Rakow Road / Pyott Road, Rakow Road / Virginia Road, and Rakow Road / Pingree Road). There would be twenty (20) lighted signs which cost an average of \$3,000.00 (estimated) more per sign, than the conventional aluminum mast arm sign. Currently Lake County, Cook County, and a number of municipalities in the Chicago area already use these signs on their roadways.

Mr. Brian Plumb, a representative from Traffic Control Corporation, discussed all applicable information and capabilities of lighted street signs.

Discussions ensued.

Mr. Breeden stated that he would not be in support of concurrence of the lighted street signs.

RESOLUTIONS APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ANNUAL GLASS BEADS AND STRIPING PAINT MATERIALS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolutions allowing participation in the State Purchasing Program for roadway glass beads and striping paint materials for FY 2010.

Bids are opened and accepted by the State of Illinois and the County can participate through the State Purchasing Program. This is an annual item that needs to be bid and funded through the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund.

The State Purchasing Program was identified this year. The use of the State Purchasing Program was initiated five (5) years ago. Past experience was that the County bidding the materials yielding higher bid prices than those received by the State. This is due to the large quantities of materials that the State of Illinois bids for this program and thus is very competitive and in turn, more economical for McHenry County to participate in the State of Illinois bid.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolutions appropriating funds for annual glass beads and striping paint materials were approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENT TO A RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION PREPARATION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RAKOW ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of a supplemental agreement with Jorgensen and Associates for the preparation of right-of-way plans and legal descriptions for the County’s Rakow Road project.

On August 19, 2008, the County Board approved a contract with Jorgensen and Associates in the amount of \$221,445.27 for plats and legal descriptions for thirty-five (35) parcels along Rakow Road. During the course of the contract, MCDOT staff directed Jorgensen and Associates to perform additional work outside the original scope of the contract and anticipates that additional work beyond the original scope will be required to complete the land acquisition process.

During the acquisition process for the required right-of-way south of Ackman Road, east of Randall Road, an opportunity to acquire land in conjunction with the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD) for the Rakow Road project presented itself. This change required Jorgensen to work directly with the MCCD’s seller to prepare separate documents above what the MCDOT required for closing that the MCDOT was able to use to secure the purchase of this piece of right-of-way. Also, this supplemental agreement included provisions to modify or alter an estimated fifteen (15) plats due to changes in design requirements, results of settlements, or changes required to the plats to avoid costly structures such as signs or landscaping. This supplement in the amount of \$40,793.07 brings Jorgensen’s total contract value to \$262,238.34.

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution approving a supplement to a right-of-way plat and legal description preparation services agreement for Rakow 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.

PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE MEMBERS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the proclamation acknowledging the McHenry County Adopt-A-Highway groups during National Volunteer Week from April 18 to April 24, 2010.

Currently 127 groups are volunteering their time to pick up litter along County roads. An ad with a list of volunteers will be placed in the Northwest Herald newspaper on Sunday, April 18, 2010 acknowledging and thanking the McHenry County Adopt-A-Highway groups.

To date, over 60% of the County roads are being cleaned by volunteers rather than the MCDOT staff. For the MCDOT to duplicate this effort, it would cost approximately \$537,600.00 annually.

The proclamation will acknowledge the fine work these 127 groups and numerous volunteers have done to assist the MCDOT in helping to keep McHenry County litter free. It is appropriate that we acknowledge their efforts during National Volunteer Week.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the proclamation acknowledging the McHenry County Adopt-A-Highway groups during National Volunteer Week was approved, with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE DUNHAM ROAD COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECT

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolutions approving a supplemental preliminary engineering services agreement with Ciorba Group and corresponding intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Dunham Road Bridge over North Branch Kishwaukee River project.

The MCDOT is facilitating the replacement of the Dunham Road Bridge over North Branch Kishwaukee River in Hartland Township. McHenry County entered into an engineering agreement for Phase I engineering services with Ciorba Group on March 18, 2008 for \$131,096.51. The project is being funded with Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds.

The need for the supplement is to cover costs incurred by Ciorba Group as directed by MCDOT staff to perform additional project coordination with IDOT, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD), additional environmental studies for wetlands and threatened and endangered species, and revisions to the bridge design and associated hydraulic calculations that was outside the original contract. The supplemental agreement is for an additional \$5,552.13, raising the upper limit to \$136,648.64. This supplement has been reviewed and approved by IDOT.

The IGA with IDOT will also be amended to reflect the change in the contract. This amended agreement increases the County's obligation from \$26,220.00 to \$27,330.00, an increase of \$1,110.00. This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation.

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolutions approving supplemental agreements and appropriating funds for the Dunham Road County 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.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE DUNHAM ROAD TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving a supplemental preliminary engineering services agreement with Ciorba and corresponding intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Dunham Road Bridge over Rush Creek project.

The MCDOT is facilitating the replacement of the Dunham Road Bridge over Rush Creek in Dunham Township. McHenry County entered into an engineering agreement for Phase I engineering services with Ciorba Group on March 18, 2008 for \$126,960.27. The project is being funded with Federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funds.

The need for the supplement is to cover costs incurred by Ciorba Group as directed by MCDOT staff to perform additional coordination with IDOT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer and revisions to the bridge design and associated hydraulic calculations that was outside the original contract. The supplemental agreement is for an additional \$9,663.85 raising the upper limit to \$136,624.12. This supplement has been reviewed and approved by IDOT.

The IGA with IDOT will also be amended to reflect the change in the contract. This amended agreement increases the County's obligation from \$25,393.00 to \$27,325.00, an increase of \$1,932.00. This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. Township Bridge Program (TBP) funds will then be used to fund 80% of the local 20% match, funding an additional \$1,546.22. This will result in the MCDOT's obligation being an additional \$386.55 for this supplement.

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolutions approving supplemental agreements and appropriating funds for the Dunham Road Township 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.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Summer Construction Projects - GIS***

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff demonstrated a dynamic new tool on MCDOT's website for use by the general public.

This user friendly website offers McHenry County residents / general public a tool by which to search out County project information. Information can be researched by road, by project or project type.

It was noted that any input information can be added or modified by staff, with data becoming live within seconds. Hyper links can be added to any project for more detailed information. It is hopeful that this tool will allow future design and engineering projects to also become available online.

- ***SAFETEA-LU Bill Extension***

MCDOT staff provided an update to Committee members regarding the extension of the SAFETEA-LU Bill / Highway Trust Fund. The bill was signed during the week of March 19, 2010. A key component of the bill was funding of the Highway Trust fund, because those dollars were not being returned to the Trust fund, but redirected to the General fund. There will be a transfer of \$19.5 billion dollars from the General fund that will help keep the Highway Trust fund solvent into 2011.

There is one unresolved issue deriving from this extension that Congress is now debating, and it has to do with two (2) Discretionary programs: 1) The Projects of National and Regional Significance; and, 2) The National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Programs.

Underneath the current extension, Illinois would receive approximately \$151 million for its Core Federal Program during 2010. However, members of the U. S. House of Representatives would like to change the distribution of those funds, which could mean that Illinois would only receive \$32 million. A letter has been sent to the Illinois Congressional Delegation urging them to oppose the redistribution of funds. This issue was discussed at the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Policy Committee and CMAP Board. As more information becomes available it will be brought before this Committee.

- ***Walkup Road Project Bike Path Funding***

One specific strategic planning objective for McHenry County and the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) is the seeking of alternative funding sources. Due to the efforts of the MCDOT Design Section and Assistant County Engineer, Jeff Young, an application was entered for a "Call of Projects" for the Council of Mayors for the Walkup Road project bike path. At the last Council of Mayor's meeting, MCDOT was awarded \$800,000.00 for funding of the Walkup Road project.

NEW BUSINESS

• ***Better Roads Article – Fate of Our Secondary Roads***

A reference to the above article and the importance of the County’s secondary roads in support of the overall transportation system and the challenges that lie ahead for many different organizations was made.

At this Committee level the substantial cost of projects is discussed and at the Strategic Planning meetings existing funding opportunities are discussed. This article sheds some light on what agencies are facing without those revenues and what will need to be accomplished. Preservation of roads is inevitable and essential.

• ***APWA Awards***

With pleasure and honor, it was announced that Mr. Mark DeVries has been designated as one of the American Public Works Association’s (APWA) 2010 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award. This election puts Mark in an elite group of winners, since the inception of the program in 1960. Mr. DeVries will be recognized through the APWA Metro Chapter with a luncheon in his honor on May 12, 2010 at Medinah Banquets in Addison, Illinois.

We are all aware of Mr. DeVries’ accomplishments and national public speaking experiences. He has been published in every major industry magazine. Through his efforts, he, the MCDOT, Public Works agencies and the citizens of McHenry County are the benefactors of this success. Opportunities and innovations led to new methods and new success stories. The MCDOT is looked at as a model in Public Works and Mr. DeVries as a leader in the industry.

• ***LaHood/Congresswoman Bean Meeting***

During the week of spring break Mr. Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) and County Engineer Joe Korpalski attended a meeting with U. S. Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Ray LaHood, and Congresswoman Melissa Bean. As invited guests of this meeting, it provided great insight and again an opportunity to be before the U. S. Secretary of Transportation and to address the importance our County projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Land Acquisition, Pending Litigation and Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:40 A.M. to discuss land acquisition, pending litigation and review meeting minutes.

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

REGULAR SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Committee went into Regular Session at 10:36 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 March 17, 2010 were reviewed and by direction of the Committee will be forwarded to the State’s Attorney Office (SAO) for review and release.

Chairperson Miller stated that the following Executive Session Meeting Minutes can be released, excluding redacted sections:

May 20, 2009	September 2, 2009
June 3, 2009	September 16, 2009
July 1, 2009	October 7, 2009
July 15, 2009	October 21, 2009
August 5, 2009	November 4, 2009
August 19, 2009	

MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Peschke addressed the Committee's discussion regarding lighted street signs earlier in the meeting. She questioned whether or not the Committee's concurrence identified the inclusion of the lighted street signs into the Rakow Road project.

Discussions ensued and it was determined that this issue will be brought back before the Committee at the next meeting for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

8:15 A.M. on April 21, 2010 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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

APPROVED