

**Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 15, 2010 – 8:15 A.M.
McHenry County Division of Transportation
Main Conference Room
Woodstock, Illinois 60098**

Chairperson Anna May Miller
Diane Evertsen Paula Yensen
Virginia Peschke Nick Provenzano
Sandra Salgado Scott Breedon

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

None

Ms. Peschke arrived at 8:28 A.M.

OTHER ATTENDEES

In attendance were: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation, Assistant County Engineer; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Cynthia Schaupp, State's Attorney Office (SAO); Mark Mathewson, MROWCO; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC); Brian Smith, AECOM; Gary Blazek, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; Mary Moltmann, Kevin Keese, and Ed Bennett, Fleming Road Alliance (FRA); Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Jim Werner, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Wynnyth Adair, Division of Transportation, Drainage Engineer; Randy Morin, Division of Transportation, Vegetation Supervisor; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit/Developer Project Manager; Glen Lindsey, Division of Transportation, Utility Coordinator; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Sarah Chadderdon, Transportation Planner; Chalen Daigle, Division of Transportation, Planning Liaison; Colleen Martoccio, Division of Transportation, Data /Communications Specialist; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Kevin Keese, Fleming Road Alliance (FRA) commented on a presentation that was offered regarding Fleming Road, stating that the information given was not a clear and precise picture of the state of the Citizen's Advisory Group (CAG) and their requirements. Mr. Keese went on to clarify CAG's requirements, hoping for amendments to the design for approval by the CAG.
- Mr. Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) wished to welcome the new members of the Transportation Committee and reiterate the EDC's position with regard to transportation, stating that the EDC is a voice for the business community and their transportation needs. He offered his and the EDC's assistance to the Committee, noting that the EDC is a conduit for the true issues of transportation in McHenry County.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2010

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the meeting minutes of November 17, 2010 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 FOR THE UNION ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests approval of the resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal participation for the Union Road Bridge over the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River reconstruction project.

The MCDOT has secured Highway Bridge Replacement funds (HBP) 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 the March 11, 2011 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 \$1,947,704.00 (maximum allowable) for the construction agreement. The local (County) share is \$486,926.00.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for the Union 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.

Ms. Peschke arrived at 8:28 A.M.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 31 WESTERN ALGONQUIN BYPASS PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving a supplemental engineering services agreement with Civiltech Engineering Inc. and corresponding intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Western Algonquin project. These two (2) agenda items were approved yesterday at the Finance and Audit Committee meeting, as a time saving step.

As part of the Illinois Route 31 Western Algonquin Bypass, IDOT and MCDOT staff have identified additional work that was required to be performed by the consultant that was outside of the original contract agreement. This was required to keep the project moving as conditions changed during the course of property acquisitions.

Work items that have been required to be performed include: demolition contract plans and site remediation plans for the Toastmaster and Prairie Oasis buildings (which were full acquisitions), additional tree survey work, geometric design revisions based on the results of right-of-way negotiations, additional retaining wall design and associated soil borings, as well as additional project coordination.

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 IGA where the County will be reimbursed 100% for engineering costs for the project per the letter of intent (LOI) with IDOT.

The additional contract amount of \$729,842.70 brings the total contract amount to \$3,642,567. This amount can be accommodated within the FY 2011 budget amount for out of the Matching fund. As previously stated, the MCDOT will be reimbursed 100% for all costs incurred for the Phase II design.

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolutions approving an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Illinois for the Illinois Route 31 Western Algonquin Bypass project and the supplemental engineering agreement for the same and appropriating funds were approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER GROUP AGREEMENT

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified group into the MCDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Edward Jones Marengo
new group

Maple Street from Coral Road to Beck Road

In order to augment MCDOT's litter collection efforts, the County enacted an ordinance to allow for volunteer group(s) to adopt various sections of highways for litter collection. With the approval of this agreement, the MCDOT has 132 groups enrolled in the program covering 151 centerline miles of the 214 available miles in the program which is roughly 71%.

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 one (1) group for one (1) section of highway.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution approving the inclusion of the identified group 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Blivin Street Bridge summary from November 3, 2010:

- A specialized piece of equipment (bridge snooper) arrived at the bridge and engineers were able to remove loose concrete and stabilize the bridge.
- Engineers were able to inspect the bridge, which proved to be more deteriorated than previously thought. Calculations were provided to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and MCDOT received approval for the bridge to be open to one (1) lane of traffic with a 20-ton weight limit.
- MCDOT sent out for bids for a traffic control contract.
- Construction is possible for the summer/fall of 2011, but will need to be determined. Once construction begins, a full detour will be put into place.

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff updated the Committee on the Blivin Street Bridge closure and the possibilities for opening it up to one-way southbound traffic. Also provided to Committee members was an article that ran in the *Northwest Herald*, summarizing impacts being faced by MCDOT and the current status of the project.

MCDOT staff advised that bids for this project were sent out and only one (1) bid was received in the amount of \$73,600.00.

Chief Tom Sanders of the Spring Grove Police Department was present to offer the Police Department's concerns and input regarding emergency vehicle access, and questioned the possibility of designating Blivin Street traffic to two-way south of the Blivin Street Bridge, instead of one-way from the bridge south to U. S. Route 12.

The MCDOT recommendation is to have Blivin Street operate as one-way southbound from the bridge south to U.S. Route 12 for safety concerns. Discussions ensued and by direction of the Committee, a resolution accepting the \$73,600.00 bid for signage for the Blivin Street Bridge project to the County Board will be brought forward for approval at the next County Board meeting. The Committee also approved a modification to the Blivin Street traffic designation to allow two-way traffic south of the bridge from U.S. Route 12 north to Fish Hatchery Road.

MCDOT will discuss with the vendor, the possibility of amending the signage bid amount due to the two-way traffic designation south of the bridge, approved by the Committee, versus the one-way traffic designation from the bridge south to U. S. Route 12 as the project was originally bid.

NEW BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Land Acquisition, Meeting Minutes, and Pending Litigation

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the Committee went into Executive Session at 8:52 A.M. to discuss land acquisition, pending litigation and to review meeting minutes.

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 10:51 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 November 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 per the recommendations from the SAO:

December 17, 2008	August 19, 2009
February 4, 2009	September 2, 2009
February 18, 2009	September 16, 2009
July 15, 2009	

MEMBER COMMENTS

- Ms. Peschke welcomed the temporary members to the Transportation Committee.
- Chairperson Miller noted that Mr. Korpalski was attending the Stearns Road Bridge Corridor Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies today.

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

8:15 A.M. on January 5, 2011 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

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