

**Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 3, 2011 – 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, Sandra Salgado, Virginia Peschke, Diane Evertsen, Nick Provenzano and Scott Breeden

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Paula Yensen

Mr. Breeden left at 9:20 A.M.

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

In attendance were: Donna Kurtz, County Board; Peter Austin, County Administrator; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Jeff Young, Division of Transportation, Assistant County Engineer; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Christina Webb, State's Attorney Office (SAO); Dave Johnson, Village of Huntley; Charlie Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Ted Lachus, Primera Engineers, Ltd.; Bob Rollings, Bollinger Lach & Associates, Inc. (BLA); John Ambrose, Baxter and Woodman, Inc.; Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake; Peter Quinn and Tim Hartnett, HR Green; Gary Blazek, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; Bob Blazier, Home State Bank, Crystal Lake, IL; Kevin Keesee, Fleming Road Alliance (FRA); Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Mr. Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Brittany Graham, Division of Transportation, Transportation Planner; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit/Developer Project Manager; Chalen Daigle, Planning Liaison; Colleen Martocchio, Division of Transportation, Data/Communications Specialist; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Charlie Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) made the Committee aware that on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., the EDC will be hosting its third and final Legislation Breakfast at the Shah Center in McHenry, Illinois attended by Senator Dick Durbin.

Mr. Eldredge also informed the assemblage that the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) has organized a Blue Ribbon Committee to evaluate the affirmation of the Illinois Route 53 Extension improvement. Mr. Eldredge considered this to be an area that indirectly affected the County, but something that the Committee/County may want to watch closely, due to future economic impacts.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JULY 19, 2011 AND JULY 20, 2011**

On a motion by Ms. Evertsen, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the meeting minutes of July 19, 2011 and July 20, 2011 were approved as presented.

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Algonquin Road Extension***

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff updated the Committee on the Algonquin Road Extension project. The Committee was last briefed on this project in the winter of 2009 before a public meeting was held for the project.

Since that time, MCDOT staff and administration have been working with the Village of Huntley and the McHenry County Conservation District on environmental concerns, regarding the proposed alignment presented at the winter 2009 Public Meeting.

MCDOT staff addressed the following issues:

### ***Algonquin Road Extension***

- Project Goals
- Phase I – History and Scope
  - HUM (Huntley, Union and Marengo) Prairie/prairie plant information
  - Shift alignment to protect sensitive natural areas
  - Existing issues regarding the Union Pacific Railroad tracks
- Project Costs
  - Construction costs:
    - \$45 million for Illinois Route 47 to Brier Hill
    - \$14 million for railroad overpass
    - \$34 million for Illinois Route 47 to Marengo
  - Engineering and right-of-way costs:
    - \$11 million
- Moving Forward – Anticipated Next Steps
  - Public information meeting in September or October 2011
  - An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the County, McHenry County Conservation District (MCCD), and the Village of Huntley

The Committee offered concurrence to move forward with the public meeting.

### ***2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update***

Staff from MCDOT and from Sam Schwartz Engineering, PLLC presented the content of the “pop-up” meetings that will be conducted for this project. A booth will be set up in the parking lot to allow Committee members and the public the opportunity to review informational materials and the next steps.

The following areas were discussed by MCDOT staff and Sam Schwartz Engineering staff:

- Project Goals
- Scope of Services
- Work Completed To Date
- Pop-Up Meetings
  - A variety of activities to obtain broad feedback on the plan
  - Build awareness of the project
  - Attendance at the McHenry County Fair
    - Wednesday, August 3, 2011 through Sunday, August 7, 2011
- Student Outreach
- Other Upcoming Events

Upon conclusion of the presentation questions were addressed.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFER IN THE DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2010-2011 BUDGET FOR FUEL, OIL AND GREASE**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the emergency transfer of funds for fuel, oil and grease.

Due to the record setting winter season, the MCDOT requests the emergency transfer of funds as the high price of fuel combined with the severe winter season have exceeded those budgeted amounts as part of the FY 2010-2011 MCDOT budget. Increased fuel usage compounded with the increase in the cost per gallon has led to this budget shortfall.

The requested amount is for \$125,000.00 to be transferred from the Highway Fund – Fund Balance Enhancement to cover the estimated expenses for the remaining budget year, ending November 30, 2011. This is to be placed on the agenda for the August 9, 2011 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and on August 16, 2011 for the County Board meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, approving the resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the McHenry County Division of Transportation FY 2010-2011 budget for fuel, oil and grease 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 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE FOR THE WALKUP ROAD PROJECT**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Crystal Lake for the construction of the Walkup Road at Illinois Route 176 pavement widening/reconstruction and bike path construction project.

The Walkup Road project has been a joint City of Crystal Lake/McHenry County project since the County was originally awarded CMAQ funds for the project back in 2002. The City had separately secured funding for improvements at the Illinois Route 176/Walkup Road intersection and that funding has been combined to fund the overall project up to Bull Valley Road. In 2006, the City and County entered into an intergovernmental agreement for the Phase II engineering of the project. At that time, the desire was to do a separate agreement for the actual construction of the project. As the County is the lead agency on the project, it has the master IGA with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to cover all local expenses, and is responsible for setting up separate arrangements with the City to secure reimbursement for their items.

This agreement outlines the City’s funding responsibilities for the following items: supplemental engineering required for the City’s leg of Walkup Road and various water main work that has been included in the project, construction costs for City owned water main that was required to be relocated as part of Contract 1 which has just been completed, the City’s local agency responsibility for the actual construction costs of Contract 3 scheduled for the August 5, 2011 IDOT letting, and costs to be reimbursed to the County for demolition of structures on Walkup Avenue. The actual costs of construction will be based on actual bid process. It should also be noted that since the County was able to secure additional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds (CMAQ) dollars for the project, the local share for all agencies was able to be reduced to the 20% participation level for all eligible items. The City has also included a large water main upgrade project under Illinois Route 176 which will be paid for 100% by the City (the work is not federally eligible). This agreement has been reviewed by City staff and the McHenry County State’s Attorney (SAO).

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, approving the resolution of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Crystal Lake for the Walkup Road 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 APPROVING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A COUNTYWIDE SAFETY STUDY**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving an engineering services agreement with TranSystems, Inc. for the Countywide Safety Studies project.

The MCDOT needs to facilitate the study and analysis of various locations through the County from a safety perspective. On July 12, 2010, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was posted for the selection of a consultant for this improvement. On August 4, 2010, the Transportation Committee approved the selection of TranSystems, Inc. for use on the various-various item in the Request for Qualifications, which provided for the selection of a qualified consultant to perform engineering services at locations to be determined later.

A recent analysis conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) of local roadway crashes ranked McHenry County in the top six (6) counties in the state in injury crashes per mile of roadway. As projects on intersections throughout the County are included in the current approved Highway Improvement Program (HIP), this contract will help further evaluate potential areas that could be improved from a safety perspective. Particular attention will be given to areas which have experienced fatalities or severe incapacitating injuries. This has also been the focus of the IDOT Bureau of Safety Engineering Highway Safety Improvement program and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Everyday Counts Zero Deaths initiative. Selection of the areas for study will also be coordinated with the McHenry County Sheriff's Department. This project will identify potential solutions for problem areas that can be worked into the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and future Highway Improvement programs.

Discussion ensued regarding public involvement and the use of consultants for this task.

Mr. Breeden left at 9:20 A.M.

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Salgado, approving the resolution that approves an engineering services agreement and appropriating funds for a countywide safety study 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**

- **Rakow Road**  
Underground work is being conducted, with earth excavation to follow. Night road closures were successful. Road crossings have been completed and this project is proceeding on schedule.
- **Walkup Road**  
This project has been completed except for the placing of sod, which will be completed in September. The caliber of performance by Lake County Grading, H R Green and Geske and Sons was duly noted.
- **Paving Preservation**  
This project has been completed with the exception of some final touches that remain on Roberts Road and Maple Street.
- **Dunham Road Bridge over Kishwaukee**  
The project has been completed and the bridge was open to traffic last Thursday.
- **Graf Road Bridge over Lawrence**  
The project is progressing.
- **North Union Road Bridge Replacement**  
The building of the center pier has been completed. The project is progressing.

- **Dunham Road Bridge over Rush Creek in Dunham Township**  
Com Ed has been awaiting the Army Corps of Engineers' approval of the permit for the relocation of power poles. ComEd applied for the Letter of No Objection in April 2011. The project was not able to move forward because approval had not been received from the Army Corps of Engineers. The letter was received last Friday and work can now continue.
- **Blivin Street over the Nippersink Creek Bridge Replacement**  
A pre-con meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be held tomorrow. Road closures will begin on Monday. There are significant utility issues associated with this project and they are being addressed. The anticipated completion date for this project is May 2012.

#### *New Business*

#### **County Board Meeting – August 2, 2011**

- At the August 2, 2011 County Board meeting, the resolution approving an engineering services agreement and appropriation of funds for the Charles Road at Raffel Road intersection improvement project was removed from the agenda. The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) received a letter from the company identified to execute the improvement project, affirming that they were exiting Government operations.

The MCDOT requests the Committee's authorization to repost a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for this project. The Committee was in agreement with the reposting of the RFQ for the above identified project.

#### **Automated Brine Make and Blending System Tour**

A tour of the automated brine making system will take place immediately following today's Transportation Committee meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION - MEETING MINUTES, LAND ACQUISITION, AND PENDING LITIGATION**

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:37 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. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, the Committee went into Regular Session at 9:44 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 July 20, 2011 were reviewed and by direction of the Committee will be forwarded to the State's Attorney Office (SAO) for review and release.

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Ms. Donna Kurtz, County Board and Mr. Bob Blazier, a friend of Mr. Bill Dwyer asked for the Committee's input/ideas regarding a living memorial designated to honor the late Mr. Bill Dwyer. Mr. Blazier emphasized that the importance of remembering Mr. Dwyer is foremost and in recognition of his inspiration, integrity, generosity and vision for McHenry County.
- Chairperson Miller attended the Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois Summer Seminar of 2011 in Peoria, Illinois and thanked Mr. DeVries for his educational and informative presentation.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION**

8:15 A.M. on August 17, 2011 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 A.M.

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