

**Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 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, Diane Evertsen, Paula Yensen, Virginia Peschke, Scott Breeden and Nick Provenzano

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Sandra Salgado

Mr. Provenzano arrived at 8:20 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; Sarah Jansen, State's Attorney Office (SAO); Jeff Young, Division of Transportation, Assistant County Engineer; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Charlie Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC); Eric Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake; John Lazzara, HDR Engineering, Inc.; Gary Blazek, Civiltech Engineering, Inc.; John Ambrose, Baxter & Woodman, Inc.; Brian Smith, AECOM; Todd Destree, HR Green; Jean-Alix Peralte, STV, Inc.; Steve Pasinski, Thomas Engineering Group; Omar Nashif, Collins Engineers, Inc.; Chris O'Dea, Alden Road Alliance; Mary Moltmann, Fleming Road Alliance; Christine Duncan, Alden Township Representative; Gene Boppart, Hartland Township; Connie Jones, resident; Lori Plane, resident; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Cha Lee, Division of Transportation, Consultant Project/Design Engineer; Pablo Faillaci, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Division of Transportation, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Chalen Daigle, Division of Transportation, Planning Liaison; Jason Osborn, Division of Transportation, Principal Transportation Planner; Brittany Graham, Division of Transportation, Transportation Planner; Ray Beets, Division of Transportation, Permit/Developer Project Manager; Colleen Martoccio, Division of Transportation, Data/Communications Specialist; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – October 19, 2011

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the meeting minutes of October 19, 2011, were approved as presented.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Randall Road

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff and Mr. Lazzara from HDR Engineering, Inc. updated the Committee on the Randall Road project.

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

Purpose

- Transportation system improvements that will enhance mobility and local access while addressing safety issues, community values and environmental impacts.

Randall Road Improvement Study:

- Project overview
- Alternative Analysis
- Public Coordination
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)/Federal Highway Authority (FHWA)
- Next Steps
- Public Hearing

Evaluation Process:

- Study Update
- Identify preferred alternative

Meetings with municipalities and discussions:

- Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) operations
- Access changes
- Current examples

Coordination Meeting

- A Coordination Meeting with IDOT and the FHWA on September 13, 2011
- Concurrence was received by IDOT and FHWA to go to a Public Hearing

Preliminary Engineering (Phase I) project completion:

- Spring 2012
- Website info: www.RandallRoad.info

The Committee offered their concurrence for MCDOT to move the project to a final Public Hearing in January of 2012.

Alden Road

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff updated the Committee on the Alden Road project.

Review of Public Hearing comments:

- Reduce the proposed right-of-way acquisition
- Preserve trees
- Reduce eight (8) foot proposed shoulder

What was done:

- 3:1 Fore and back slopes were used throughout the corridor
- Ditches have positive drainage
- Maintained eight (8) foot proposed shoulder
- Evaluation of area north of Illinois Route 173 and no modifications were proposed

What the impacts are now:

- Total parcels
- Impacted parcels
- Farmland parcels
- Non-farmland parcels

Next Steps

- Final Public hearing – December 2011
- Finalize Phase I Project Development Report (PDR)
- Determine project priority in future Highway Improvement Program (HIP)

Chairperson Miller requested a consensus of the Committee to move the project to a final Public Hearing in December 2011. Discussions ensued and a suggestion was made by Committee members that the final Public Hearing be deferred until late March 2012 because of the upcoming holiday season and possible inclement weather. A Public hearing at the end of March could possibly allow more people to attend. The consensus of the Committee was to wait until March to hold the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ILLINOIS ROUTE 31 AT VIRGINIA ROAD AND KLASEN ROAD PROJECT

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolutions approving a construction services engineering agreement for Phase III services and an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal participation for the construction of the Illinois Route 31 at Virginia Road and Klasen Road.

The MCDOT has secured High Priority Project (HPP) funding and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for the Western Algonquin Bypass corridor. As previously discussed with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), this funding will be utilized to improve the existing intersections of Illinois Route 31 at Virginia Road and Klasen Road as work continues on the Western Algonquin Bypass, which is largely being funded by State dollars per the Illinois Capital Improvement Plan.

As this is a locally led project, the MCDOT will be the lead agency for Phase III for this project (IDOT is acting as the lead agency on the Western Algonquin Bypass). Civiltech Engineering, Inc. was selected to continue its work as the consultant on this project at the March 16, 2011 Transportation Committee meeting. This contract is currently being reviewed by IDOT and will also be funded by IDOT as part of the overall cost of construction for this project. This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement identifies that IDOT will fund 100% of the construction and construction engineering. The County has previously purchased right of way for the project, which is being credited towards any matching funds that the County is responsible for on the local legs of this project.

A motion was made by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Evertsen, to approve the resolutions approving a construction engineering services agreement and an IGA with the State of Illinois for the construction of the Illinois Route 31 at Virginia Road and Klasen 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 SETTING THE 2012 MEETING DATES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the resolution approving the 2012 meeting dates for the Transportation Committee.

On a motion by Ms. Evertsen, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the resolution setting the 2012 meeting dates for the Transportation Committee was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Old Business

Construction Updates

Rakow Road Reconstruction - The project is currently about 37% complete. Traffic is now in staged to allow work to occur in the middle portion of the road between Ackman Road and McHenry Avenue for the next several weeks. Construction of the new bike bridge is well underway also. The bridge for the bike path to go over Rakow Road is planned to be installed in December, once traffic is shifted to the new pavement.

Lawrence Road Bridge Replacement over Lawrence Creek - The bridge and roadway work is essentially complete and was opened to traffic on Friday, October 28. Final landscaping work is underway.

Graf Road Bridge Replacement over Lawrence Creek - The bridge and roadway work, as well as the landscaping, are nearly complete. The bridge is anticipated to be opened within the next week.

Blivin Street Bridge Replacement - The bridge closure was made on August 8, 2011, with the detour route marked using U.S. Route 12, Wilmot Road and Main Street. Blivin Street will remain open to local traffic only up to the bridge, but the bridge will remain closed for the duration of the construction.

Due to difficult utility relocations early on in construction, it will not be possible to open the bridge to traffic by the milestone date of November 15. All efforts will be made to open the bridge to traffic at the earliest possible date with final completion to occur in the spring of 2012. The contractor has been authorized to work extra hours to expedite the project.

New Business

- MCDOT staff advised the Committee that the living snow fence planted alongside the new section of Pyott Road by the Lake in the Hills Airport has been completed. This undertaking was a County project in cooperation with the Village of Lake in the Hills through an intergovernmental agreement (IGA). After MCDOT arranged the design, dug the holes, and brought the plants to the site, the project then became Tom's Eagle Scout project. Tom Lewandowski, the troop and other volunteers planted all the Spirea plants that compose the living snow fence. Tom will be recognized at a future County Board meeting once he has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.
- A public information meeting regarding the improvement project at the intersection of River Road/Dowell Road will be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 14, 2011 at the Island Lake Village Hall located at 3720 Greenleaf Avenue in Island Lake, Illinois. Information will include but is not limited to, the design process for proposed alternatives, project limits and a question and answer period for comments/concerns. Meeting materials will be made available on the McHenry County Division of Transportation's (MCDOT) website (www.McHenryCountyDOT.org) after the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - MEETING MINUTES AND PERSONNEL

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Yensen, the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:23 A.M. to review meeting minutes and to discuss a personnel issue.

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 10:11 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 October 19, 2011, were reviewed and by direction of the Committee will be forwarded to the State's Attorney Office (SAO) for review and possible release.

MEMBER COMMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION

Transportation Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 8:15 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Yensen, seconded by Mr. Breeden, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

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

APPROVED