

**Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 4, 2009 – 8:30 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 8:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairperson Miller, Ed Dvorak, Daniel Ryan, Sandra Salgado, Scott Breeden and Virginia Peschke

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Paula Yensen

Mr. Ryan arrived at 8:35 A.M.

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

In attendance were: Ken Koehler, County Board Chairman; Peter Austin, County Administrator; John Labaj, Deputy County Administrator; Ralph Sarbaugh, Associate County Administrator-Finance; Joseph Korpalski, Director of Transportation/County Engineer; Cris Papierniak, Village of Cary Director of Public Works/ESDA Coordinator; Jack Melhuish, SEC; Todd Bright, TranSystems; Glenn Schirmer, Chastain & Associates; Mark Mathewson, Mathewson Right of Way Company (MROWCO); Cynthia Schaupp, SAO/Division of Transportation Liaison; Charles Eldredge, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation; Iris Bryan, Town Crier Publication; David Frederick, county resident; Eberhard Veit, McHenry County Bicycle Advocates (MCBA); Dale Medendorp, McHenry County Bicycle Association and the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates; Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer; Mark DeVries, Division of Transportation, Maintenance Superintendent; Ed Markison, Assistant Maintenance Superintendent; Wally Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager; Mark Dammyer, Division of Transportation, Construction Manager; Jim Werner, Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Wynnyth Adair, Division of Transportation, Drainage Engineer; Troy Strange Division of Transportation, Construction Engineer; Debra Kroll, Division of Transportation, Administrative Specialist.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Eberhard Veit, President of the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates discussed the need for a bicycle/pedestrian path along Rakow Road. He stated that this would be the least expensive time to incorporate the construction of a path, before the road is built and likened the path to the one that was constructed along Walkup Road. He provided signed petitions to the Committee.

Mr. Ryan arrived at 8:35 A.M.

- Mr. Dale Medendorp of 654 Kendallwood Court in Crystal Lake, Illinois is a member of the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates and McHenry County Bicycle Club and is also advocating for improved non-motorized use of the Rakow Road corridor. He believes there is great need for a bicycle/pedestrian path for transportation and recreational use.
- Mr. George Mann of 4019 N. Spring Grove Road in McHenry, Illinois is a member of the McHenry County Conservation District's Sights and Trails subcommittee, the Trail and Safety Watch Committee and various bicycle clubs. He stated that he has been run off the road on Greenwood Road and struck by a car in McHenry and believes this could have been avoided, had there been a dedicated bicycle/pedestrian path for non-motorized commuters.

- Mr. Dave Frederic of 5211 Mt. Thabor in Woodstock, Illinois addressed the McHenry County's Speed Limit Ordinance comparing it to State laws. He expressed his feelings on why the County Board should review and revise the ordinance, regarding speed limits on all non-state roads throughout the County.

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2009**

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the meeting minutes of January 21, 2009 were approved as presented.

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### ***Johnsburg Road – Illinois Route 31 to Chapel Hill Road***

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff presented a project history and update of the Johnsburg Road project. This presentation was made to the Transportation Committee in order to obtain concurrence to proceed with a Public Hearing on the project scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Mr. Dittrich, Division of Transportation, Design Manager discussed the following:

##### ***Project Limits***

- Illinois Route 31 on the west to Chapel Hill Road on the east, in downtown Johnsburg. The project is funded through Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. Operational improvements will be made at all intersections and turn lanes will be added.

##### ***Purpose of the Study***

- To reduce congestion, improve mobility and improve safety.

##### ***Project Scope***

- Proposed cross section for Johnsburg Road has two (2) sections and the dividing line is Spring Grove Road. From Illinois Route 31 to Spring Grove Road a rural section with three (3) 11-foot lanes with a shoulder on either side is proposed. From Spring Grove Road to Chapel Hill Road, a closed drainage system with curb and gutter with provisions for potential sidewalks is proposed.

At the individual intersections, Illinois Route 31 will stay the same. The hill at Riverside Drive will be cut down and a traffic signal and turn lanes will be added on all four (4) quadrants, addressing the skew on Riverside Drive.

At the intersection of Spring Grove Road, turn lanes are proposed with a traffic signal to be installed.

The intersection of Chapel Hill Road/Johnsburg Road/St. John Avenue is a source of lengthy backups at rush hour. Four (4) alternatives to alleviate this situation were discussed at last year's March 5, 2008 Transportation Committee meeting and will be presented at the Public Hearing. The proposed recommendation is for a modern roundabout, which the Village of Johnsburg supports.

Available CMAQ funds are \$2.5 million and the overall cost is slightly more than that, so we are considering a possible segmenting of the project.

##### ***Provisions for Sidewalks***

- The Village is interested in pursuing sidewalks and the County is working with the Village to accommodate this. The funding mechanism is something that as the project gets closer to construction the details will be worked out.

**Schedule**

- A Public Hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2009 at the McHenry Township Hall on Illinois Route 31 in Johnsburg, Illinois from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- Phase I approval will tentatively be forthcoming in May 2009.
- The MCDOT will initiate Right-of-Way (ROW) Acquisition and Phase II Engineering in 2009-2010
- Construction is scheduled in 2011.

Concurrence was given by the Transportation Committee authorizing the McHenry County Division of Transportation to proceed with a Public Hearing on the project on Thursday, February 26, 2009.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ALGONQUIN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests approval of the resolution for payment to the Village of Huntley for landscaping on Algonquin Road.

On July 1, 2008, the McHenry County Board approved an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Huntley detailing financial responsibilities for numerous design items in the contract for the Algonquin Road reconstruction between Lakewood Road and Illinois Route 47 including landscaping, water main design and installation, and bike path construction. The IGA stipulated an option for the Village to notify the County if it desired the County to replace trees which were removed as part of the construction process, or if it would accept a cash equivalent to be used as part of a greater landscaping effort in that corridor being planned by the Village. Per the tree replacement policy of the MCDOT and IDOT, trees removed must be replaced on a 1 tree per 1 tree ratio basis.

The Village has notified the County that it would prefer the cash equivalent of 45 trees so that it can use these funds towards a greater overall landscaping plan currently being engineered by the Village. This plan would still need MCDOT approval.

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Ms. Salgado, the resolution appropriating funds for the Algonquin Road reconstruction 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 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR RESURFACING PORTIONS OF ACKMAN ROAD AND MAIN STREET**

The 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 Ackman Road and Main Street Local Agency Pavement Preservation (LAPP) Project.

The Division of Transportation has secured Federal Surface Transportation Project-Local Agency Pavement Preservation (STP-LAPP) funds through the McHenry County Council of Mayors for 80% of the construction cost. This agreement outlines the funding commitment from the State to provide Federal funds to the project. This project is scheduled for the April 24, 2009 letting.

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement identifies that the County will be reimbursed \$468,000.00 (maximum allowable) for the construction agreement. The local (County) share is \$130,000.00.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution approving an IGA with the State of Illinois and appropriating funds for resurfacing portions of Ackman Road and Main Street 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 STATE OF ILLINOIS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR RESURFACING A PORTION OF GREENWOOD ROAD**

The 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 Greenwood Road Local Agency Pavement Preservation (LAPP) Project.

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal Participation. The agreement identifies that the County will be reimbursed \$700,000.00 (maximum allowable) for the construction agreement. The local (County) share is \$358,170.00.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving an IGA with the State of Illinois and appropriating funds for resurfacing a portion of Greenwood Road 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 STATE OF ILLINOIS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ALLENDALE ROAD BRIDGE**

The 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 Allendale Road Bridge Project for Phase III Construction.

The MCDOT needs to facilitate the replacement of the Allendale Road bridge in Greenwood Township. The bridge meets the requirements of the Federal HBP program which will fund the project 80%. This agreement outlines the funding commitment from the State to provide federal funds to the project. This project is scheduled for the April 24, 2009 letting provided the right-of-way has been acquired and certified by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

This is a standard agreement with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement identifies that the County will be reimbursed \$1,246,824.00 (80% of \$1,558,530) for the Construction agreement. The local (County) share is \$311,706.00 and 80% of the 20% local match (\$249,364.80) will be reimbursed through Township Bridge Program Funds (TBP) funds. The remaining 4% (\$62,341.20) will be paid for through the County Bridge Fund.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the resolution approving an IGA with the State of Illinois and appropriating funds for the replacement of the Allendale Road bridge was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE CRYSTAL LAKE AVENUE/PINGREE ROAD/TERRA COTTA ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests the approval of the following three (3) resolutions for the Crystal Lake Avenue/Pingree Road/Terra Cotta Road intersection improvement project in Algonquin Township, Nunda Township, and the City of Crystal Lake: 1.) an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal Participation for construction and construction engineering; 2.) an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Algonquin Township and Nunda Township for reimbursement of all required matching local funds; and 3.) an agreement with SEC Group for Phase III Construction Engineering Services.

**9.1 *Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois and Appropriating Funds for Construction and Construction Engineering***

The SEC Group was selected by the Transportation Committee on March 1, 2006 for Phase I engineering and on May 6, 2008 for Phase II engineering, based on the preliminary engineering they had completed for the Townships, to construct an interim improvement for the intersection. The Phase III contract has been reviewed and approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and will receive 100% Federal Section 117 funds through Congressman Manzullo.

This is a standard agreement (IGA) with the State of Illinois for Federal participation. The agreement states that the construction engineering will be paid 100% by the Federal Section 117 funds. This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the State's Attorney Office (SAO).

**9.2 *Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Algonquin and Nunda Township Road Districts for Construction and Construction Engineering***

For the actual construction, the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) identifies that the County will need to reimburse the State \$595,525.00. This amount will then be reimbursed to the County 100% by the Townships per the IGA.

**9.3 *Approving a Construction Engineering Agreement and Appropriating Funds***

This is also a standard IDOT agreement for engineering services. As previously stated, the MCDOT will receive full reimbursement of this contract through IDOT.

On a motion by Mr. Dvorak, seconded by Mr. Breeden, the IGA with the State of Illinois and appropriating funds for construction and construction engineering; the IGA with Algonquin Township and Nunda Township Road Districts for construction and construction engineering; and the construction engineering agreement with SEC Group 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 APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF CARY FOR A SHARED USE PATH ALONG CARY ROAD**

The McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) staff requests approval of the resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village of Cary for a shared-use path along Cary Road.

In December of 2005, the MCDOT was approached by the Village of Cary to install a shared-use path within portions of the County's right-of-way. The MCDOT had responded to the Village at that time indicating the general parameters which should be adhered to and would need to be memorialized in an intergovernmental agreement at some point in the future that would have to be approved by the Transportation Committee and County Board.

Since that time, the Village has hired a consulting firm and has been developing engineering plans for the path's eventual construction. The Village has the project 100% funded through municipal funds and looks to construct the project this summer. The project will be processed as a permit project.

The general items covered in the IGA are liability, construction, and maintenance in that those responsibilities lie with the Village. Also, should the roadway need to be improved, the Village would be responsible for any necessary changes to their shared-use path. This is similar to a municipal water or sewer line that could be located in the County's right-of-way.

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Ms. Peschke, the resolution approving an IGA with the Village of Cary for a shared use path along Cary Road was approved with a recommendation to the County Board.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Korpalski referred to the presentation from IDOT at the January 21, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting regarding Illinois Route 47 from U. S. Route 14 to Reed Road and the proposed improvements and stated that the Stakeholders' Workshop would be held on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Huntley Park District.
- Mr. Korpalski stated that the McHenry County Division of Transportation (MCDOT) has secured Design Approval to proceed to the next phase with the improvements to Rakow Road.
- Mr. Korpalski noted that Mr. Dvorak had just celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Land Acquisition and Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Ms. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Dvorak, the meeting went into Executive Session at 9:10 A.M. to discuss land acquisition and 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 back into regular session at 10:22 A.M.

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

Chairperson Miller stated that “no action” was taken in Executive Session.

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

8:30 A.M. on February 18, 2009 – McHenry County Division of Transportation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Peschke, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

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