

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Caisley, Cavallini, Soeldner, McIntyre and Black

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer;

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Chris Colaw, Deputy County Auditor, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission.

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2010 meeting.

Motion by Caisley/Black to recommend approval of the minutes from the October 5, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Committee.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for October 31, 2010. The prepaid total is \$1,559,528.56.

Mr. Soeldner noted that he appreciates the Department doing business with a City of LeRoy business.

Chairman Hoselton asked for further comments, or questions concerning the bills.

Motion by Black/Cavallini to recommend payment of the October 31, 2010 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the first item to be presented for action is the Bellflower Spur (CH 5) Sec 10-00024-04-RS:

- Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution
- Matching Tax Resolution
- Project Location Map

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer stated that the 2011 project will be resurfacing with the construction of hot-mix asphalt leveling binder, area reflective crack control treatment, hot-mix asphalt binder and surface courses, aggregate shoulders, and other miscellaneous related items from Route 136 to Route 54 on the Bellflower Spur (CH 5). The allotment of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for these improvements is \$75,000.

Mr. Schmitt informed that Committee that the Department has also applied for Truck Access Route Program (TARP) funding to upgrade to an 80,000 lb road.

Mr. Cavallini asked when the TARP funding was expected to be approved. Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department will be advised in November, 2010. He noted that TARP is an annual program the Department applies for every year there is a project qualifying for the funding.

Mr. Soeldner asked if the State is notified when projects include state routes. Mr. Schmitt stated that the State is notified and given a copy of the project plans when work coincides with state projects.

Mr. Caisley asked how the allocation between MFT and Matching Tax funding is determined. Mr. Schmitt stated that to be able to use Matching Tax funds you have to also use MFT funds or Federal funds. This is considered when budgeting for the 5-Year Plan.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend
approval of the Motor Fuel Tax
Resolution – Bellflower Spur (CH 5)
Sec 10-00024-04-RS.
Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the County Matching Tax Resolution pointing out that the matching funds appropriated are \$675,000, with the total estimated cost of the project \$750,000.

Motion by Caisley/Soeldner to recommend
approval of the Matching Tax
Resolution – Bellflower Spur (CH 5)
Sec 10-00024-04-RS.
Motion carried

Chairman Hoselton continued with the Pipeline Road (CH 31) – Sec 08-00073-10-WR:

1. Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Resolution
2. Matching Tax Resolution
3. Project Location Map

Mr. Schmitt stated that this 2012 Federal project will be widening and resurfacing with a hot-mix asphalt base course, leveling binder, area reflective crack control treatment, hot-mix asphalt binder and surface course, aggregate shoulders, and other miscellaneous items on Pipeline Road north 1 ½ mile from the intersection of Hudson Road and Pipeline Road. The allotment of MFT Tax funds for this project is \$10,000.

Motion by Soeldner /Cavallini to recommend approval of the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution – Pipeline Road (CH 31)
Sec 08- 00073-10-WR
Motion carried

Mr. Schmitt continued pointing out the County's Matching Tax for this project is \$150,000. The remaining project will be funded through federal dollars.

Motion by Soeldner /Cavallini to recommend approval of the Matching Fuel Tax Resolution – Pipeline Road (CH 31)
Sec 08- 00073-10-WR
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item to be presented for action is the Joint Culvert Petition, Sec 2010 Yates Joint Culvert #4.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the bridge is located on 3000 North Road 1 ½ mile east and 1 mile south of Chenoa. The existing culvert concrete section pipe is separating creating holes on the shoulder and pavement. The existing 18 inch and 36 inch concrete pipes will be replaced with twin 36 inch pipes. He stated that the total cost of the project is \$9,000. The County's share of the cost is \$4,500. Mr. Schmitt advised that the project is part of the budget for 2010.

Motion by Caisley/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Joint Culvert Petition,
Sec 2010 Yates Joint Culvert #4.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton presented the Engineering Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. (HLR).

Mr. Schmitt stated that the engineering agreement is for various projects. Repair to a damaged bridge rail, caused by an accident, requires a structural engineer to certify the design. The cost of the design is usually covered by insurance. This agreement will help to quickly process these projects.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there is a way to determine the grade of Engineer on the project site. Mr. Schmitt responded that the billing will reflect the individual name of the Engineer as well as the Engineer's grade.

Motion by Cavallini/Black to recommend approval of the Engineering Agreement – Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. (HLR).
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton continued with the 2011 County MFT Maintenance Resolution.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that this is an annual Resolution to allocate the funds for maintenance done throughout the year:

- Seal coat
- FOB chipping
- Aggregate shoulder
- Cold patch
- Hot mix
- Signs
- Cracker filler
- Striping – paint and glass beads
- Ice control

Motion by Black/Caisley to recommend approval of the 2011 County MFT Maintenance Resolution.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Hoselton reported that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information, beginning with Project Summaries.

Mr. Schmitt stated that the Gillum Road – Sec 10-00074-01-RS project has been completed. The road goes from just south of CH 36 to Route 136.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Pipeline Road, Sec 07-00073-09-WR reporting that the project is completed. A dirt wedge will be installed along the shoulder of the road by the Department.

Mr. Cavallini questioned the projected costs compared to the actual monies spent. Mr. Schmitt advised that a pay estimate will be processed this week and estimated compared to actual will be similar. Most of the work was done within one week.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the Kappa Road Bridge Repair – Sec 10-00100-00-BR project is nearly completed. Only the guardrail and other miscellaneous items remain. Completion date is estimated to be November 15, 2010.

Mr. Schmitt stated that Mr. Soeldner had suggested that the Committee take a field trip to view some of the transportation projects. He asked the Committee if there was an interest in the field trip.

Mr. Soeldner pointed out that the last field trip the Committee took to the gravel pit sites and some local subdivisions was very informative. He suggested that a possible trip to the following projects:

- The completed bike trail between Bloomington and Shirley.
- Money Creek Bridge.
- Evergreen Lake – White Oak Boat Launch.
- Proposed East Side Highway entrances to Interstate 74 and Interstate 55.

Chairman Hoselton acknowledged Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission. He asked if she would update the Committee on the progress of the East Side Highway Study.

Ms. Sicks pointed out that the study is still in progress. Part of the point of the current study is to do a very detailed environmental assessment and to look at the broader implications of where the location might be and the influences that might have.

The Committee decided to wait until spring and discuss the field trip at that time.

Mr. Schmitt referred to a letter received by the Department from Illinois Department of Transportation. The letter is to inform the Department that Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) funding in the amount of \$1,528,400 has been approved for the McLean County Historic Route 66 Bike Trail. The project will extend the bike trail from north Normal to Towanda. He stated that the engineering will be done in 2011 and the construction in 2012. Mr. Schmitt advised that there will be two crossings along this section of the trail. He stated that McLean County's share of the project is between \$96,000 - \$100,000.

Mr. Soeldner asked if Normal and Towanda are aware of their share of the project. Mr. Schmitt responded that before the grant was applied for, the Towns of Normal and Towanda were notified. The Towns of Normal and Towanda are both supportive of the project.

Mr. Caisley advised that it is his experience that the Bike Trail is a very popular project. People are interested in the extension of the trail.

Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that a resolution has been reached concerning the request of a property owner in Old Town Township requesting access to a parcel of land.

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Mr. Soeldner stated while traveling his wife was given an East Side Highway information survey to complete. Mr. Schmitt advised that this is an Origin-Destination Study. The study groups are located at 20 different destinations at different times of the day.

Mr. Terry Lindberg, County Administrator, advised the Committee that there will be a Special Board Meeting Monday, December 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. to swear-in new members and make Committee assignments.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary