

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, June 7, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Soeldner, Member Buchanan, Harris, Metsker, Robustelli and Martin

Members Absent: Member Finch

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator, Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Assistant County Engineer, Mr. Kurt Bialobreski, Hanson Professional Services, Inc. Ms. Becca Wagner, Hanson Professional Services, Inc.

Chairman Soeldner 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 June 2, 2015 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to recommend approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2015 Transportation Committee meeting.

Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner asked the Committee to review the bills and transfers for May 31, 2015. The prepaid total is \$2,206,259.77.

Motion by Metsker/Robustelli to recommend payment of the June 30, 2015 bills and transfers as submitted by the County Auditor.

Motion carried.

Mr. Schmitt introduced Mr. Kurt Bialobreski and Ms. Becca Wagner, Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for a presentation on McLean County Roadway Infrastructure Prioritization Study sponsored and funded through the Soybean Association.

Mr. Bialobreski stated that the Soybean Association wanted to reach out to County Highway Departments to help prioritize projects, as funding becomes tighter over time. He presented the Prioritization Study pointing out the reason for the Study

- Build Illinois Soybean Association relationship.
- Use of Data Driven Metrics to guide decisions
- Determine Importance of Asset
- Comparison Across Project Types

Mr. Bialobreski introduced Ms. Becca Wagner. She continued by explaining the Methodology used to develop a benefit/cost ratio for each project. Stakeholders in the area contacted to discuss their view of the County road system and what was important to them were:

- Unit 5 School District
- EMA – Fire Departments, Police Services
- State Farm
- Farmers, Road Commissioners and Grain Facility Operators

Ms. Wagner stated the Mr. Schmitt asked what the life cycle of an oil and chip road be compared to a hot mix asphalt (HMA) road. Two projects were compared:

- Cropsey Road – 2.5 miles - \$62,000 – Oil and Chip
- Gillum Road – 2.8 miles - \$1,100,000 - HMA

She noted that oil and chip roads need to be redone every 4-5 years where HMA surfaces can last up to 20 years. Ms. Wagner indicated that it never gets to the point where, over a 50 year life cycle, the cost is more for oil and chip if done on a 4-5 year cycle.

Ms. Wagner presented the final benefit/cost ratio of six bridge projects and 14 road projects, (8 complete reconstruction and 6 resurfacing) pointing out that there is no real benefit to replacing a bridge before it's absolutely necessary.

Ms. Wagner asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Harris stated that she appreciates the thoroughness of the report.

The Committee discussed how the stakeholders were identified and their input noting:

- the importance of the Danvers/Yuton Road to the fire department and emergency medical vehicles

- Unit 5 School District's need for the East Side Highway to redistrict and better place their students

Mr. Robustelli asked if the model provided from the study will continue to be used by the Department staff in the future. Mr. Schmitt responded that the methodology can be reproduced in-house to evaluate future projects. He added that there is valuable information in this study that can be applied to the County system.

Mr. Robustelli stated that the information gathered has good feedback for the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal. He suggested the information be passed on to the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal. Mr. Schmitt will make the information available.

Mr. Schmitt noted that many of the projects listed in the results are projects the Department has on the schedule for this year or on the Five Year Plan. Bridges on the list will be done as they are needed. At this point, with limited funding, unless there is real need to reconstruct a road, the Department will continue to maintain those roads as oil and chip roads.

Mr. Robustelli noted that as we continue to use oil and chip because of limited funding in the maintenance budget, what does this mean for us in five or ten years when we have more roads needing more maintenance attention. What does this look like for the Department in the future? Mr. Schmitt responded that the Department is seeing more maintenance which is shifting more of our construction funds to maintenance. Mr. Robustelli added that in the future, with the absences of State and Federal funding, we may have to accept a new normal and think differently about the way we fund roads.

Ms. Metsker asked if Intergovernmental Agreements with the townships for maintenance on County roads have been considered. Mr. Schmitt responded that a letter is sent annually to the Road Commissioners asking if they will chip our roads and bill the County. Some townships do and some don't.

Chairman Soeldner thanked Hanson Professional Services, Inc.

Mr. Schmitt advised that there will be an open forum public meeting to discuss the Prioritization Study on Wednesday July 22, 2015 at 102 S Towanda-Barnes Road, Bloomington, IL from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Mr. Schmitt will notify the Villages and the Townships.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Resolution and Bid Tab for the July 1, 2015 letting for one County 2015 Non-MFT Construction Section.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this is the replacement of the bridge located on the Kappa Road, CH 6. This project originally slated for construction in 2013 is to replace the existing bridge, built in 1933. The bid was 15.96% over the estimate. A short time frame, with completion in late September, will limit the conflict with school bus traffic.

Ms. Harris asked why the project came in over the estimate. Mr. Schmitt responded that the estimate was based on past costs. Costs for the removal of the current structure varies with bidders.

Mr. Schmitt recommended approval of the following:

2015 Non-MFT Construction Section:

McLean County Section 12-00100-01-BR Schlipf III Bridge – Kappa Road

The successful bidder on the above section was:

Stark Excavating Inc.

1805 W Washington St, Bloomington 61701

\$402,628.00

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to recommend approval of the July 1, 2015 letting for one County 2015 Non-MFT Construction Section.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Bridge Construction Petition – Allin Road District – 2015 Allin RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2 Repair.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this culvert repair project should take an estimated two days to complete. The estimated cost for the repair is \$6,700 with the County's share being \$3,350. Allin Road District is taxing above 0.125 in their Road and Bridge Fund and the cost of the project is more than 0.02% of their EAV.

Motion by Martin/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Allin Road District – 2015 Allin RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #2 Repair.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Bridge Construction Petition – Bellflower Road District – 2015 Bellflower RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 Repair. The project should take about one day to complete. The existing 30" corrugated metal pipe will be replaced with a 36" precoated arch corrugated metal pipe. The estimated cost of the project is \$4,800. Bellflower Road District is taxing above 0.125 in their Road and Bridge Fund and the cost of the project is more than 0.02% of their EAV.

Motion by Buchanan/Harris to recommend approval of the Bridge Construction Petition – Bellflower Road District – 2015 Bellflower RD Non-MFT Joint Culvert #1 Repair.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Engineering Agreement with Lewis, Yockey & Brown Inc. (LYB) – 2015-2016 General Surveying Agreement.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this is an annual agreement for miscellaneous surveying services. The upper limit of compensation for the agreement is \$25,000.

Motion by Harris/Buchanan to recommend approval of the Engineering Agreement with Lewis, Yockey & Brown Inc. (LYB) – 2015-2016 General Surveying Agreement.
Motion carried

Chairman Soeldner presented the 2015 American with Disabilities Act – ADA Transition Plan.

Mr. Schmitt advised that the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 along with IDOT requires local governments to have a transition plan for County right-of-ways. This is the County's plan to address sidewalk ramps to assure they are within the standards of the American Disability Act (ADA) and Public Right of Way Accessible Guidelines (PROWAG). This past winter the Department did an inventory of all sidewalks on County right-of-way.

Motion by Martin/Metsker to recommend approval of the 2015 American with Disabilities Act – ADA Transition Plan.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner continued with the Construction Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. – Section 07-00113-04-FP – Towanda Barnes Road – CH 29.

Mr. Schmitt reported that this agreement allows the Department to continue to contact and use Hanson Professional Services, Inc. during the construction of the Towanda Barnes Road. The upper limit of compensation will be \$4,700, funded through the Highway Fund.

Motion by Buchanan/Robustelli to recommend approval of the Construction Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. – Section 07-00113-04-FP – Towanda Barnes Road – CH 29.
Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner presented the Supplemental Bridge Resolution for Sec 12-00100-01-BR – Schlipf III Bridge – Kappa Road.

Mr. Schmitt stated that this Supplemental Resolution is for the replacement of the bridge on Kappa Road CH 6. The bid is 15.96% over the estimate. This Supplemental Resolution is needed to cover the additional costs of the projects. The time frame for this project is short, trying to limit the conflict with school bus traffic and trying to complete before harvest.

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Motion by Harris/Martin to recommend approval of the Chairman Soeldner continued with the Supplemental Bridge Resolution for Sec 12-00100-01-BR – Schlipf III Bridge – Kappa Road.

Motion carried.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the next items to be presented to the Committee are items of information. He presented the project summaries.

Mr. Schmitt advised that construction on the Hudson Stuckey Road widening and resurfacing project is completed. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Towanda Barnes Road widening project. He reported that the project has been slowed significantly by weather conditions. Work continues on the dirt work and installation of the storm sewer.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the Towanda Barnes resurfacing project is completed. Final paperwork needs to be completed.

Chairman Soeldner advised that Enbridge will hold a kick off meeting for people directly involved in the project.

Chairman Soeldner stated that the Transportation Committee will meet next on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. The field trip will be immediately following the Committee Meeting.

Chairman Soeldner asked if there was anything further to come before the Committee.

Motion by Robustelli/Harris to adjourn the Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion Carried

Chairman Soeldner adjourned the Transportation Committee meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary