

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 8:03 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Selzer, Members Buchanan, Metsker, Harris, and Cavallini

Members Absent: Member Martin

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jerry Stokes, Acting County Engineer,

Others Present: Mr. Jerry Payonk, Clark-Dietz

Chairman Selzer called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. The first item for action is approval of the minutes from the August 2, 2016 Transportation Committee Meeting.

Motion by Cavallini/Harris to recommend approval of the August 2, 2016 minutes of the Transportation Committee Meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Selzer asked the Committee to review the bills and budget appropriation transfers for August 31, 2016. The prepaid total is \$2,566,632.20.

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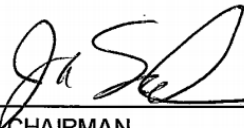
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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Transportation Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0006	SHOW BUS		\$37,374.95	\$37,374.95
0120	HIGHWAY		\$82,721.59	\$82,721.59
0121	BRIDGE MATCHING FUND		\$321,068.19	\$321,068.19
0123	MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$533,160.25	\$533,160.25
0501	TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$1,592,307.22	\$1,592,307.22
			\$2,566,632.20	\$2,566,632.20



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by Buchanan/Cavallini to recommend approval of the bills for July 31, 2016. The prepaid total is \$2,566,632.20.

Motion carried.

Chairman Selzer introduced Mr. Jerry Payonk, Clark-Dietz for a presentation on the East Side Highway.

Mr. Payonk stated that the Environmental Assessment of the East Side Highway project is coming to an end. A final public hearing will be held in October, 2016. The Environmental Assessment (EA) has been signed by the Federal Highway Administration, IDOT and the County of McLean. He presented a map showing the current and projected growth of McLean County. If the 2035 Land Use Plan were to play out, by 2035 Bloomington Normal will be approximately 2 ½ times larger than in 1970. This growth in 1970-1990 precipitated the East Side Highway Study. Mr. Payonk advised that in 1990 it was determined the Towanda Barnes Road needed to be widened to 5 lanes and to look at another type of facility farther out to serve the mobility of the east side and to connect to Interstate 74 and I- 55.

Mr. Payonk advised that this project has been monitored by a Project Study Group (PSG) of transportation representatives from the area. He presented an ESH timeline:

- 1994 Long Range Transportation Plan
- 1999 Feasibility Study
- 2006 Corridor Study
- 2010 Environmental Study
- 2016 Finding of No Significant Impact

Mr. Payonk stated that the final Environmental Assessment will be made available to the public at a Public Hearing. He indicated that the growth is not the same as in 1970-1990, however, there is still growth. The East Side Highway will only be built if and when needed. If growth stops an East Side Highway may never be built. Mr. Payonk advised that should that growth occur, we need to identify where the corridor would be located.

Mr. Payonk reported that 129 roadway alternatives were considered as well as a no build alternative. A preferred alternative was presented at the last public meeting. The preferred alternative will be a four lane freeway with no signals. The speed limit will be 65 mph. He added that there will also be a 10 foot shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians. Mr. Payonk stated that there are four components to the project:

1. Preliminary and engineering – current stage – completion of the EA
2. Design – developing the plan spec
3. Land Acquisition
4. Construction

There is no funding currently available for the last three components.

Mr. Payonk continued with the monitoring plan, noting again the East Side may never get built if growth stops. There is a need for a means to monitor when and what sequence to start items such as design, land acquisition and construction of the East Side Highway. He presented the conditions to be monitored by intergovernmental agencies every two years or as data becomes available:

- Development and Growth in Land acquisition, population and employment – Growth at the Airport
- Transportation Conditions including congestion, number and type of crashes and Intersection function.
- Operationally Independent Sections as independent projects
 - Morrissey Drive/US 150
 - Ziebarth Road to Towanda Barnes Road and I-55 Interchange
 - I-74 to Morrissey Drive/US 150 and I-74 Interchange
 - Morrissey Drive/US 150 to Towanda Barnes Road

Mr. Payonk asked the Committee for questions.

Mr. Buchanan referred to the Feasibility Study noting that this project is a classic example of not pleasing everyone with the division of public fear and public support of a much needed means to continue to provide a long range transportation plan.

Chairman Selzer asked what role the Transportation Committee could or should play at the upcoming public hearing. It was the consensus of the Committee that when the date is available, Chairman Selzer will work with Administration to see that a meeting notice is published in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Ms. Harris asked if the public would be given the opportunity to provide feedback at the public hearing. Mr. Payonk responded that the public will be given the opportunity to:

- Speak in front of the microphone
- Complete a form at the meeting
- Complete and mail a form
- Comment on the website.

Mr. Barnett thanked Mr. Payonk for the presentation. He stated that he represents the east side of Bloomington. There are some concerns from key subdivisions in his district. He encouraged Mr. Payonk to emphasize that the East Side Highway is only a plan if population growth supports it. He suggested that the population growth statistics from the Bloomington Comprehensive Plan be included in the presentation. Mr. Payonk responded that including those statistics will be considered. He noted that once the

preferred alternative was decided growth forecasts were no longer considered. If the growth occurs, the preferred alternative has been determined.

Mr. Barnett questioned if the public would have their questions answered at the public hearing. Mr. Payonk responded that questions will not be answered at the public hearing, however all questions will be responded to after the public hearing. This is typical for public hearings. All comments and questions have been responded to from every meeting and public hearing held and are available on the website. He added that all comments and suggestions were considered until the preferred alternative was determined.

Chairman Selzer asked if the preferred alternative has been recorded for identification. Mr. Payonk responded that they are currently in the process of identifying and recording an actual center line route so that anyone purchasing property knows that an East Side Highway could someday go through.

Chairman Selzer thanked Mr. Payonk for the presentation.

Chairman Selzer presented the first item for action the Resolution and Bid Tab for the August 30, 2016 Dale Township Motor Fuel (MFT) Maintenance Section.

Mr. Jerry Stokes, Acting County Engineer, stated that this letting is for the resurfacing of Deer Ridge Drive in Dale Township. He advised that McLean County Asphalt was the low bidder. The project includes milling the existing surface and providing a new hot-mix surface. The existing pavement was originally placed in 1995. The project will be funded with Township MFT and local funds.

Mr. Stokes recommended the following:

2016 MFT Maintenance Section:

The successful bidder on the above section was:

McLean County Asphalt Co, Inc	
1100 W Market St Bloomington, IL 61701	\$154,488.00

Motion by Metsker/Cavallini to recommend approval of the Resolution and Bid Tab for the August 30, 2016 Dale Township Motor Fuel (MFT) Maintenance Section.
Motion carried.

Chairman Selzer continued with the Sec 13-00168-02-FP – Towanda Barnes Rd – CH 29 & Ireland Grove Rd Intersections Improvements;

1. Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group
2. Intergovernmental Agreement – City of Bloomington

Mr. Stokes reported that in 2014 an interim Intersection Design Study was completed at the intersection of Towanda Barnes Road and Ireland Grove Road. After the study, the

lanes on Ireland Grove Road were modified to provide dual left turn lanes for the evening peak hour traffic turning north onto Towanda Barnes road. The study also determined that a free flow right lane be added for the southbound leg of Towanda Barnes to Ireland Grove Road for the morning peak hour traffic.

Mr. Stokes advised that the engineering services agreement will prepare the plans needed for the construction of the right turn lane, signal improvements and resurface and striping of the entire intersection. The cost of the engineering services agreement is \$128,200. The design and improvements of the intersection will be split between the City of Bloomington and McLean County.

Motion by Harris/Barnett to recommend approval of the
Sec 13-00168-02-FP – Towanda Barnes Rd – CH 29 &
Ireland Grove Rd Intersections Improvements;

1. Engineering Services Agreement – Farnsworth Group
2. Intergovernmental Agreement – City of Bloomington

Motion carried.

Chairman Selzer presented the items of information, Project Summaries.

Mr. Stokes reported that the Towanda Barnes Road widening project, is nearing completion. The surface course was placed on August 23rd. They are currently finishing signal work, striping and other miscellaneous items. All five lanes should be open for traffic on Friday.

Mr. Stokes stated that the Arteman Bridge project, on the Rock Road near Bellflower is completed and the bridge was opened on August 9th. Final paperwork is being completed.

Mr. Stokes advised that the construction on the Fifer Bridge is completed. The bridge opened on August 16th. Final paperwork is being completed.

Mr. Stokes presented a pictorial of the completed Arteman Bridge, the Gridley Bridge repairs, and the paving process of the Towanda Barnes Road, eliminating the cold joint.

Ms. Harris expressed her appreciation for the informative field trip.

Mr. Stokes presented the Stormwater Education Program 2016 2nd Quarterly Report pointing out that the Ecology Action Center has completed the following tasks as part of the Stormwater Education and Public Participation program:

- Education Programs on Clean Water at various schools;
- Yard Smart Program at Master Gardener's Home Lawn and Garden Day with information on rain barrels and stormwater runoff;

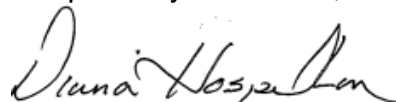
- Facilitation of McLean County Greenways Committee, participant in Watershed Plan Implementation Committee and promotion of Stormwater information.

He referred to the enclosed map, pointing out the storm water drain stenciling.

Chairman Selzer stated that the next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at the Government Center.

Chairman Selzer asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none he adjourned the September 6, 2016 Transportation Committee Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary