



Kane County

KC Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

TEPE, Abbatacola, Iqbal, Kious, Lenert, Roth, K. Young, ex-officios Williams (County Development Chair) and Pierog (County Chair)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Tepe called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Tepe introduced the new Transportation Committee members, Jennifer Abbatacola and Kim Young.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Jennifer Abbatacola Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Kimberley Young Ex-Officio (County Development Chair) Rick Williams
REMOTE	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
ABSENT	Board Member Bill Lenert

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Juby*, Linder, Molina*; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert, Young, Way, Lichtenberger, Coffinbargar, O'Connell, Nika; ITD staff Peters; KC Historian Shepro; ASA Weldon; Spec. ASA Jaeger; and members of the press and public including Parametrix representatives Jeff Frantz and Athreya Sreenivasan, and Metro West Exec. Dir. Lesli Melendy.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

There were no remote attendance requests for today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 19, 2026

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident, Steve Leffler, reminded everyone that there are bicycles on the road. He stated that his personal goal for the month of March 2026 was to use only one tank of gas and ride his bike when able. He hopes others would set similar goals. He explained that while riding his bicycle this morning to the Committee meeting he

wondered where he was supposed to legally ride his bike on County property. He noted that there is a Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) sign on the government property that states, "no bikes". He asked that this be fixed, so that those who wish to ride their bikes can do so legally. Additionally, he requested that a bike rail be installed in the front of the Government Center.

KC Historian Shepro stated that on Monday, February 16, 2026, the Beacon News published an article speaking to the National Park Service certifying the first official Underground Railroad site: the Bartlett House, in Campton Township. He noted that this is a historic moment for Kane County and is welcomed during Black History Month. He acknowledged the passing of Reverend Jesse Jackson, who was a major figure in American history.

6. Finance

A. Monthly Finance Reports

KDOT CFO Young stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

7. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that as of February 4, 2026, snow plow operations have been out 38 times and has utilized 6,800 tons of salt. Compared to 2025, staff had gone out 21 times and used 3,700 tons of salt. Way stated that Cargill, who is the County's representative for salt, has notified them that they are out of salt until April 2026. He explained that Kane County has an approximate reserve of 5K to 6K tons of salt located at the Seavey Road pit location. He noted that the County did deplete some reserves, and will order more salt to build it up again once available. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way introduced this resolution. He stated that there were three renewals and no new applicants.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams

C. Approving the Purchase of One (1) 2026 Ford F-250 Truck Cab and Body for the Kane County Division of Transportation - Unit 47

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way introduced this resolution. He stated that this purchase will be via the Sourcewell Cooperative for a purchase price of

\$68,405.00. He noted that a \$2K contingency has been added to lock in pricing. He does not anticipate utilizing the contingency. This equates to the total of \$70,405.00. Way explained that the vehicle will be used by a supervisor for daily activities and responding to emergent situations. He stated that with the Sourcewell contract the body of the truck will be installed. He noted that this will save the County approximately \$7K.

KC Administration Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Administration Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

D. Approving the Purchase of One (1) 2027 Tandem Axle Dump Trailer for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way introduced this resolution. He stated that staff worked with the Purchasing Department to put out a bid for one 2027 Tandem Axle Dump Trailer, or Bomber Trailer. He explained that this is a semi-trailer that is utilized to haul debris, dirt, and salt. He noted that this would be an additional dump trailer to the overall fleet. He explained that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has one dump trailer that is about 15 years old that is set to be repainted and rebuilt. He noted that by having two dump trailers, it would allow staff to be more equipped to respond to storms, hauling salt, and respond to the growing operation. He stated Midwest Trailer Manufacturing, LLC (MTM) was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$58,227.34. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

E. Approving a Deposit for Three (3) 2027 Tandem Axle Truck Cab & Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way introduced this resolution. He stated that this purchase would replace three trucks within the snow plow fleet. He hoped to stop making deposits on vehicles, but companies have been playing catch up to purchase new trucks and responding to the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations that will take place in 2028. Therefore, everyone is trying to buy trucks in bulk before 2028, because it will add approximately \$20K per truck. Way explained that the build spots for 2027 are halfway full. Therefore, the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) would like to lock in their build spot with this deposit. Way noted that the deposit and purchase of these trucks are included in the proposed FY2027 Budget. He stated that if all three trucks are not received, then part of the deposit could be put towards the other trucks, or be refunded. He explained that the deposit for each truck is \$5K, which equates to a total of \$15K. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Kimberley Young
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

8. Planning & Programming

A. Planning & Programming Report

KDOT Dir. of Communications and Transportation Planner Lichtenberger stated the monthly report was on file. She reported that the Kane County Division of Transportation's Council staff secured an additional \$3.7M for the Randall at Big Timber Road Project. Secondly, the County received an honorable mention from the League of American Bicyclists' through its Bicycle Friendly Community Program recognizes progress toward national bike friendly standards. Lastly, since January 1, 2026, the Ride in Kane Transit Program has become a full countywide coordinated program. Lichtenberger stated that this has been a smooth transition with support from PACE and the Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

B. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the County of Kane for the Illinois Route 47 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

KDOT Dir. of Communications and Transportation Planner Lichtenberger introduced this resolution. She explained that the County received a \$4M statewide planning and research grant to conduct a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, in coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), of Illinois Route 47 from Plank Road south to I-88. She stated that this is a planning level evaluation of the corridor to look into transportation needs, potential improvement strategies, and environmental considerations. She explained that of the \$4M, \$3.2M is federal funding and the balance of \$800K will be covered by IDOT. She noted that no County funds would be expended on the study. Lichtenberger and KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert explained that a federal grant has been applied towards the study and IDOT will be providing the matching funds. He stated that this is a joint effort that is not primarily led by the County. He explained that Kane County is the lead agency in administering the study, but will be working closely with all municipalities located along Illinois Route 47. He noted that this funding was requested by the municipalities. He explained that Metro West, the Council of Mayors, IDOT, and Kane County are coming together to start moving this project forward. Ultimately, this is not a Kane County project to implement, but staff is here to do the planning and the initial environmental and aspects of the Phase I Engineering. Rickert stated that this is an IDOT led project and the funding received proposes that a lead agency be authorized, which the County is best suited for. Further discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

C. Adopting Land Use Assumptions Associated with the Imposition of Impact Fees

KDOT Asst. Dir. Nika introduced this resolution. He stated that this is an ongoing effort to update the Impact Fee Program, which is required by State Statute. Most recently, KDOT staff prepared and presented land use assumptions that established proposed growth, households, population, and employment in the region. Afterwards, several public hearings were held to allow the public to provide their comments. Nika stated that the Impact Fee Advisory Committee met on January 22, 2026 and voted to recommend the land use assumptions to

the Kane County Board for approval. He explained that the growth assumptions are used as inputs into the County's Traffic Demand Model to identify deficiencies and evaluate impact fee eligible projects. He introduced Parametrix Principal Consultant, Jeff Frantz.

Parametrix Principal Consultant Frantz presented the Kane County Road Impact Fee Program Update. He reviewed the land use assumptions for the impact fee program update. He explained that land use informs the socioeconomic data that correlates to the number of trips made on a highway network. He stated that Kane County has utilized socioeconomic forecasts from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for northeastern Illinois. He reviewed the land use assumptions shared at recent public hearings. This began with CMAP's 2050 adopted forecasts (2018-series), followed by the 2020 and 2030 forecasts being adjusted through County's public process, and ended with the adopted land use assumptions by the Kane County Board in 2021. For 2027, the Impact Fee Program Update and public hearing presentation started with CMAP's 2050 adopted forecasts (2018-series), updated in 2023, then applied the same adjustment factor from previous Impact Fee updates to 2025 and 2035. Lastly, it maintained CMAP's 2040 values for the 20-year horizon. Frantz stated that public hearings were held and the Impact Fee Advisory Committee voted upon the land use assumptions. He noted that there were a total of four public hearings that were required by State Statute for land use assumption changes. Throughout the process, no direct comments were received on the use of data. Frantz shared a few tables that represented the input that is being used in the County's Traffic Demand Model. He reviewed the next steps within the process of the land use assumptions.

Chairman Tepe added that the County needed to go through the process. He found it interesting that the public was not engaged with the process, but the Impact Fee Advisory Committee was. He explained that the Impact Fee Advisory Committee consists of various mayors, township officials, builders and developers, and others that relate to business development. He has been impressed by the engagement. He commended staff and consultants for putting together a process that has been successful.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Kimberley Young
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

9. Permitting**A. Permitting Report**

KDOT Asst. Dir. Nika stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

10. Traffic Operations**A. Traffic Operations Report**

KDOT Asst. Dir. Nika stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

11. Project Implementation**A. Project Implementation Report**

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell stated the monthly report was on file. She informed the Committee that KDOT Project Manager, Calley McPherson, and KDOT Construction Manager, Jessica Costello, have obtained their Professional Engineer (PE) Licenses and have been promoted to Civil Engineer III. She stated that passing this exam and obtaining this license is a large milestone in an engineer's career and are valuable assets to the organization.

B. Approving an Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for Reimbursable Utility Adjustment for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement and Grade Separation Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that this is in preparation for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement and Grade Separation Project. She stated that ComEd has existing transmission towers that conflict with the proposed grade separation. She explained that these facilities are located within an existing ComEd easement. Therefore, the relocation costs are the responsibility of Kane County. O'Connell stated that since this project entails federal funds, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is requiring that ComEd comply with Buy America, Build America requirements when sourcing the steel required for the manufacture of the new transmission towers.

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
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SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- C. Approving a Relocation Commitment Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for the Relocation of Facilities for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement and Grade Separation Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She stated that this is for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement and Grade Separation Project. She explained that ComEd has requested a second advance deposit of \$2.4M to complete Phase 2 Engineering and procurement of material with long lead times in order to maintain the expedited schedule of the project. She added that the current estimated total of the ComEd transmission tower relocation project is \$7M. She stated that Kane County submitted deposits of \$100K last summer and \$1M in January 2026. Therefore, an additional \$3.5M is expected in the future. O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- D. Approving an Agreement for Phase I Engineering Services with V3 Companies of Woodridge, Illinois for I-88 Tollway Bridge Services, Kane County Section No. 25-00585-00-BR

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that the Kane County Department of Transportation (KDOT) selected V3 Companies to provide Phase I Engineering services for structure improvements to be made

to four structures over the I-88 Tollway.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- E. Approving a Contract for Construction with A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois for the 2026 Kane County Kirk Road PCC Repair Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00592-00-RP

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that in January 2026, eight bids were opened at the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) for the Kirk Road PCC Repair Project, which includes concrete maintenance repair. She stated that staff recommends approval of a contract with A Lamp Concrete Contractors for \$1,158,960.53. She noted that this bid does not meet the requirements set forth within the Responsible Bidders Ordinance (RBO), but is in compliance with the remaining sections of the County's Purchasing Ordinance. O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Kimberley Young
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- F. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2026 Dundee Township Resurfacing Project, Section No. 26-07000-01-GM

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that staff recommends approval of a contract with Builders Paving, LLC, for the 2026 Dundee Township Resurfacing Project for \$308,828. Discussion ensued.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- G. Approving a Contract for Construction with Peter Baker and Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois for 2026 Hampshire Township Resurfacing Project, Section No. 26-10000-01-GM

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that staff recommends approval of a contract with Peter Baker and Son Co. for the 2026 Hampshire Township Resurfacing Project for the \$205,437.15.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- H. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2026 Kaneville Township Resurfacing Project, Kane County Section No. 26-11000-01-GM

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that staff recommends approval of a contract with Builders Paving, LLC, for the 2026 Kaneville Township Resurfacing Project for \$202,778.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- I. Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Fabyan Parkway Intersection Improvements at Settlers Hill and Kingsland Drive, Kane County Section No. 21-00373-01-CH

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that this relates to the right of ways required in order to complete the Fabyan Parkway Improvements at Settlers Hill and Kingsland Drive as proposed in the engineering design. She stated that staff recommends approval of this resolution that authorizes the County to acquire parcels as described. Additionally, in the event an agreement on compensation cannot be reached, the resolution authorizes the State's Attorney to institute eminent domain proceedings.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- J. Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Plank Road from Romke Road to Brier Hill Road, Kane County Section No. 21-00540-00-SP

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that right of way acquisition is required in order to complete the Plank Road - Romke Road to Brier Hill Road - Safety Project as proposed in the engineering design. She stated that staff recommends approval of this resolution that authorizes the County to acquire the parcels. Additionally, in the event that an agreement on compensation cannot be reached, this resolution authorizes the State's Attorney to institute eminent domain proceedings.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Rick Williams
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

- K. Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection and CNRR Grade Separation Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that right of way is required for Randall Road at Hopps Road. She stated that staff recommends approval that would authorize the County to acquire the parcel as described. Additionally, in the event that an agreement for compensation cannot be reached, the resolution authorizes the State's Attorney to institute eminent domain proceedings. O'Connell and KDOT Asst. Dir. Coffinbargar addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Jennifer Abbatacola, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Roth, Kimberley Young, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert

Committee Member Kious requested to go back to the Project Implementation Report for questions. The Committee obliged.

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

12. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

13. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Rick Williams

This meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary