



Kane County

KC Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

TEPE, Daugherty, Iqbal, Kious, Lenert, Roth, ex-officios Williams (County Development Chair)
and Pierog (County Chair)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Vern Tepe Board Member Mo Iqbal Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Bill Roth Ex-Officio (County Development Chair) Rick Williams
ABSENT	Board Member Gary Daugherty Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Member Allan*, Linder, Molina*; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert*, Young, Way, Files, Hohertz, Weesner, O'Connell, Lichtenberger, McPherson; ASA Weldon; ITD staff Peters; Spec. ASA Jaeger; and members of the press and public.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

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

4. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

Kane County resident, Steve Leffler, reflected on his travels to Amsterdam and Copenhagen. He mentioned both cities' biking infrastructure. He explained how it was a great way to travel and site see, and how this was the preferred way of travel for the locals. He stated that the difference between the two cities was that Amsterdam was very bike friendly, in which everyone rode. However, Copenhagen was better set up for cars. Leffler questioned how these cities could have this same infrastructure and America does not.

6. Finance

A. Monthly Finance Reports

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

B. Approving FY25 Transfer of Appropriation and Budget Adjustment for Fund #558 North Impact Fees, Fund #559 Central Impact Fees, Fund #560 South Impact Fees, and Fund #300 County Highway

KDOT CFO Young introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution authorizes the transfer of appropriation and budget adjustments to cover the Impact Fee Program's administrative costs. She stated that the County is permitted to transfer up to five percent of impact fees collected to cover these costs. She noted that this adjustment will not increase the total expenditure appropriation for these funds.

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Finance and Budget Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Corinne M. Pierog

7. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that the entire fleet is ready for winter operations. He stated that the County has 15K tons of salt on hand. Lastly, he recognized KaneComm for their help in installing the new radios in all of the new trucks and plow trucks. He spoke on the difference in communication between the trucks and headquarters from Longmeadow Parkway to Jericho Road. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued on salt usage.

8. Planning & Programming

A. Planning & Programming Report

KDOT Chief of Planning and Programming Files stated the monthly report was on file. She highlighted the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM) Newsletter. She reminded the Committee that the County receives funding to staff the KKCOM. She explained that the KKCOM's primary responsibility is to

program any transportation project that receives federal funding in Kane County and Kendall County. In FY2025, the counties received the largest historic obligations of funds. Files recognized KDOT Dir. of Council of Mayors (COM) Lichtenberger and staff who manage upwards of 150 projects year round. She spoke on the accomplishments over the last year. Files addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Files added that the KKCOM staff has opened a bi-annual Service Transportation Program - Local (STP-L) funds for programming out to 2030 and 2031. She explained that staff are working on Kane County projects for Tyrrell Road and Galligan Road for a 2030 implementation. She provided an update on the County's Impact Fee Program. She stated that the public hearing on the proposed land use assumptions will be held tonight, November 18, 2025. She mentioned that the next item on today's meeting agenda is another land use assumption public hearing in January 2026. She explained that the state statute clearly defines the requirements for publicizing these public hearings. She stated that the Kane County of Transportation (KDOT) received confirmation, paid for, and received proofs from a local newspaper for the publication to meet those requirements. However, the newspaper did not publicize the proper dates. Therefore, the second public hearing must be scheduled. Files addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Establishing Public Hearing Date for Consideration of Land Use Assumptions for Road Improvement Impact Fee Ordinance Update

KDOT Chief of Planning and Programming Files introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution will establish a second public hearing date for January 14, 2026 for consideration of land use assumptions to satisfy state statute requirements.

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert

9. Permitting

A. Permitting Report

KDOT Chief of Permitting Hohertz stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

B. Adopting Revised Fees for Oversize and Overweight Vehicles

KDOT Chief of Permitting Hohertz introduced this ordinance. She stated that the County does have an existing oversized/overweight permit fee structure that was established by the Board in 1999. She explained that the current fees were established on July 1, 1999. In reviewing these fees, staff looked at the

Consumer Price Index (CPI) data and inflation trends that have caused increase to cost of materials, labor, and services. Staff has found it appropriate to request a revision to these permit fees. Hohertz and KDOT Dir. Zakosek addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Corinne M. Pierog

10. Traffic Operations

A. Traffic Operations Report

KDOT Traffic Ops. Engineer Weesner stated the monthly report was on file. He explained that staff has begun to transition the equipment maintenance contract. He stated that the County utilized H&H Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the past six years. However, Meade Electric was the current lowest bidder. Therefore, the County is now working with H&H to wrap up their maintenance activities. The County is working with Meade to get them on board and up to speed, so they can begin on December 1, 2025.

11. Project Implementation

A. Project Implementation Report

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell stated the monthly report was on file. She announced that the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) selected the Longmeadow Parkway Corridor and Fox Valley Bridge for the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award in the over \$100M category. She mentioned that the project was recognized at the 2025 ASCE Illinois Section Awards Dinner in October. O'Connell shared several photographs on construction sites around the County.

B. Approving an Amendment to the County of Kane - Blackberry Township Road District - Union Pacific Railroad Company Wayside Horn Agreement (Brundige Road)

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She noted that this resolution and the following are related. She explained that in 2015, the County Board approved agreements with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the original Wayside Horn System (WHS) installations at Brundige Road for the

Blackberry Township Highway Commission, and at LaFox Road for the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT). More recently, while coordinating the Bunker Road Extension Project, it was decided to replace both of the WHS, due to one malfunctioning and the manufacturer is no longer in business. O'Connell explained that the UPRR has required that the original agreements be updated and a payment estimated at \$12,500 for Railroad Force Account Work and \$1K for administrative handling fee, for a total of \$13,500. Since this is an estimate, KDOT staff has recommended approving a contingency of 25%, or \$3,375, be added for the total appropriation of \$16,875. O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Rick Williams
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Corinne M. Pierog

C. Approving an Amendment to the County of Kane - Union Pacific Railroad Company Wayside Horn Agreement (LaFox Road)

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She stated that this is for the LaFox Wayside Horn System (WHS). She explained that staff recommends approval of an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to replace the LaFox WHS for an estimation of \$12,500 for the Railroad Force Account Work and \$1K for administrative handling fee for a total of \$13,500. She stated that staff recommends a contingency of 25% be added for a total appropriation request of \$16,875.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
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D. Approving an Agreement for Phase I Engineering Services with GFT Infrastructure, Inc. of Schaumburg, Illinois for the Burlington Road at Silver Glen Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 25-00584-00-CH

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that staff completed the consultant selection process and has chosen GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for Phase I professional engineering services for the intersection improvements at Burlington Road at Silver Glen Road. She stated that staff has recommended approval of an agreement with GFT for Phase I engineering in an amount not to exceed \$379,682.00. 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:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Corinne M. Pierog

12. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

13. Executive Session

The Transportation Committee entered into an Executive Session at 9:33 a.m. to discuss land acquisition on a motion made by Roth, Lenert seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Gary Daugherty, and Corinne M. Pierog

A. Land Acquisition

14. Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:41 a.m. on a motion made by Kious, Lenert seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Chris Kious
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert

- A. Resolution: Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Hopps Road and CNRR Grade Separation Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH, Parcel No. 0007 (not included)

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15. New Business

None.

16. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious

This meeting was adjourned at 9:42 AM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary