



# Kane County

## KC Transportation Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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

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

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**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**County Board Room**

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**1. Call To Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan\*, Gripe, Juby\*, Molina\*, Penesis\*; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert, O'Connell, Forbes, Way, Nika, Hohertz; ASA Cermak; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including KDOT Atty. Pat Jaeger.

**3. Remote Attendance Requests**

Chairman Tepe announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Members Daugherty, Berman, and Iqbal attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

**4. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2025**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious

**5. Public Comment**

Gerry Seiwert, St. Charles, explained that in October 2023 he requested the Transportation Committee and the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) to look into establishing a four-way stop at the intersection of Burlington Road and Silver Glen Road. He thanked the Committee and KDOT for listening. He stated that a four-way stop was established two weeks ago and has made a drastic difference in traffic. He provided the Committee donuts as a sign of appreciation.

## 6. Project Funding Presentation

Chairman Tepe stated that the Transportation Committee will share presentations that will help with the understanding of how transportation projects are funded and how they occur. He stated that it is important for all to understand the complexity of County projects. He explained that the County needs to understand the projects and the process because funding, especially for road projects, is important.

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert presented the Transportation Project Development and Funding of Capital Projects. He stated that this presentation will help those understand project development and how major projects are funded. Rickert announced that KDOT's Director of Programming, Jackie Forbes, has terminated her employment with the County for a new career opportunity. (Committee Member Berman arrived remotely at 9:06 a.m.). He spoke on her influence and impact on the County and at the regional level. Rickert provided Forbes' background and accomplishments while working for KDOT. He spoke on the difficulties of losing valued employees.

Rickert explained that all projects begin with planning. He spoke on the Kane County's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Five-Year Financial Plan, which are required by law. He explained that all KDOT projects are listed within these two plans. Rickert stated that the planning aspect of all projects start with evaluating the County's population, household, and employment trends, which translates into vehicle miles traveled in Kane County. He spoke on the projected population growth of Kane County. He presented a color-coded map that depicted the vehicle growth on Kane County roads per day. Rickert stated that Kane County will not be able to fund all the capacity expansion projects needed in the 2050 LRTP planning horizon. He listed the priorities due to the limited revenues anticipated for projects. Beyond these priorities, the capacity and safety projects will require local matching funds to seek grants. He noted that capacity projects take multiple years to develop. Rickert handed out an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) brochure titled, "It Takes Time". This brochure explains the steps it takes to develop a project. There are four major project phases from funding to completion: Preventative Maintenance, Repair, Repave, and Reconstruct (no bridges), Repair, Repave, Reconstruct (bridges), and New Construction. Rickert spoke on each phase and the time each one takes to complete. He noted that New Construction can take over ten years to plan and complete. He shared a graph depicting the plausible time frame and phases of New Construction.

KDOT Dir. Zakosek spoke on the Primary County (Local Matching) Revenue Sources. The major revenue sources for KDOT are the State Motor Fuel Tax, Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Sales Tax, and County Impact Fees. These sources of revenue help fund the Division's Capital. Zakosek spoke on the primary federal and state funding sources the County seeks. The major federal and state funding sources that KDOT receives funds from are the Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Zakosek mentioned that if KDOT is awarded these funds, Kane County must pay 100% for Phase I Engineering and typically Phase 2 Engineering, Construction Engineering, and Right-of-Way (ROW). Once these phases are complete, KDOT invoices IDOT for all eligible funds.

Additionally, IDOT will pay up front for construction costs and then Kane County will receive an invoice from IDOT for its local portion, which is typically 20%. Zakosek reviewed other primary federal and state funding that is received by the County: Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF), Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS)/Community Project Funding (CPF), and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Zakosek presented the completed Dauberman Road Extension Project Funding Example. This project cost \$23M, which was funded by nine funding sources. The County is now waiting for final invoices to be received from IDOT for the County's local share and seeking Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) reimbursements that were paid by the County.

Zakosek spoke on a funding example of a current project: Randall Road at Hopps Road Grade Separation. This project is to address safety at the intersection and railroad crossing, capacity needs, and last at-grade at the railroad crossing on Randall Road. Zakosek reviewed the ten funding sources of this estimated \$60M project. He noted that the funding package for this project has not been finalized, due to land acquisition. Zakosek presented another funding example of a future project: Randall Road at Interstate 90 Interchange. He noted that this project could take five to ten years to develop with the Illinois Tollway. He spoke on the need and purpose of this project. The construction cost estimates are \$60-75M. The County will need to develop a funding plan with tollway funds, federal funds, Kane County funds, and possibly state funds, if available. Zakosek stated that Phase I of this project is currently underway and will cost the County approximately \$3.3M. Lastly, Zakosek reviewed the considerations for project starts and seeking federal and state funds, such as completing assessments and prioritization of projects based on revenues and County Board, willingness to upfront Phase I and Phase II Engineering costs, and expertise of project engineers and consultants to manage federal, state, and local requirements.

Tepe stated that there is a large amount of complexity to plan and complete these projects. He explained that the County needs to fund all upfront costs of an initial project's engineering. Even before a contract is negotiated and completed, KDOT needs to have all funding upfront. He noted that a large portion of the County's available investible funds are committed to IDOT. This funding is committed to IDOT because contracts have to be vetted and funds need to be available. Additionally, when funds are in interest, it is committed to KDOT. Lastly, Tepe commented on the time it takes to accomplish these projects. He noted that it is important for all to understand these key things. Tepe spoke on the importance of visiting and understanding the work being done by KDOT staff. Discussion ensued. Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Further discussion ensued.

## **7. Finance**

### **A. January Transportation Committee Finance Reports**

KDOT Dir. Zakosek stated the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

- B. Authorizing Two (2) Procurement Cards Issued to the Kane County Division of Transportation and the Transaction Limits Thereof

KC Finance and Budget Committee

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

8. **Maintenance**

- A. Maintenance Report

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way stated the monthly report was on file. He explained that as of February 7, 2025, KDOT was addressing cold weather conditions 21 times and have utilized 3,700 tons of salt. Regarding the most recent snowstorm, Way commended staff for their hard work.

- B. Approving a \$40,073.00 Contract for the Purchase of OPW Petro Vend 200 Fuel Management System for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KC Executive Committee

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

- C. Approving a \$163,386.00 Contract for the Purchase of Three (3) 2025 Ford F-350 Truck Cab & Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation - Units 24, 28 & 29

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way explained that KDOT utilizes these F-350 trucks daily and have been used for the last 15 years. He noted that these trucks should have been replaced about ten years ago. He added that he obtained quotes from the state, private dealers, and other cooperatives. He stated that SourceWell was the lowest cost at \$53K per truck. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

## KC Administration Committee

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

**9. Planning & Programming****A. Planning & Programming Report**

Chief of Plan./Prgm Forbes stated the monthly report was on file. Pertaining to the County's Impact Fee Program, KDOT is getting ready to update the program, along with the Comprehensive Road Improvement Program. She noted that the County is required to complete this every five years. Short listed firms have been identified through KDOT's Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) process. These firms will be submitting proposals until the end of February 2025 and interviews will be conducted in March 2025. Forbes shared the Impact Fees Collected by Service Area for FY2023 to FY2024. In FY2024, KDOT collected \$3.7M in impact fees. This was a decrease from FY2023. However, several projects have outstanding fees that need to be collected. Forbes noted that FY2025 collected impact fees may be higher due to this. She shared charts depicting the Impact Fees by Current Service Areas for FY2024, and Impact Fees by Current Service Area FY2023 to FY2024. She spoke on the Ride in Kane Program. She shared the Quarter Four Ridership Data. Forbes addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

- B.** Approving an Amendment to the Funding Agreement Between the County of Kane and Pace for the Ride in Kane Program

Chief of Plan./Prgm Forbes addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

KC Executive Committee

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

## 10. Permitting

- A.** Permitting Report

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

- B.** Adopting Revised Kane County Division of Transportation Permit Regulations and Access Control Regulations

Chief of Permitting Hohertz provided additional information on this ordinance. Hohertz addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

KC Executive Committee

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

**C. Orchard Road (Jericho Road to US Route 30), Village of Montgomery Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concept**

Chief of Permitting Hohertz presented the Orchard Road (Jericho Road to US Route 30), Village of Montgomery Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concept. Since Orchard Road is considered a Strategic Regional Arterial (SRA) and a Limited-Access Highway, approval from the County Board is needed to develop new accesses to the roadway. Hohertz stated that KDOT was approached by the Village of Montgomery to add three accesses to Orchard Road: west-side of Knell Road, west-side of Aucutt Road, and west-side of Countryside Avenue. KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert mentioned that this concept has been around for approximately 20 years. He stated that the concept is now beginning to move forward with a developer. Therefore, the County needs to receive approval for the Intergovernmental Agreement. Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. The Committee provided consensus to move forward on this concept.

**D. Big Timber Road (IL Route 47 to 1,120 feet east of Manning Road), Village of Pingree Grove Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Concept**

Chief of Permitting Hohertz presented the Big Timber Road (IL Route 47 to 1,120 feet east of Manning Road), Village of Pingree Grove IGA Concept. She mentioned that KDOT had a drone fly over to take pictures of how the new pavement widening project would look for the opening of Providence Road, which is the full intersection access. She stated there are additional parcels on the south-side of Big Timber Road that will also require access. This is why KDOT would like to incorporate a longer length of Big Timber Road in the discussions for the IGA, such as the right-in/right-out labeled as "A" in the shared photograph. Hohertz presented the different accesses that need to be developed off of Big Timber. KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert explained that this is all part of the Providence development. There has been approximately 5K homes developed in the area. A new development is projected to build an additional 1,200 homes. Rickert stated that it is important to have these agreements completed to ensure that this is not forgotten or aspects of the project are not constructed incorrectly. He added that IGAs are not typically considered. However, when large developments are occurring it is helpful to clarify the needs. Rickert and Hohertz addressed questions and comments from the Committee. The Committee provided consensus for this IGA concept.

## **11. Traffic Operations**

**A. Traffic Operations Report**

Asst. Dir. of Transportation Nika stated the Traffic Operations Report was on file. He stated that staff has remained busy in January 2025 with a number of knock downs of traffic signals and lighting equipment. He provided pictures on each of those incidents. Additionally, staff activated the four-way stop and flashing beacon at the intersection of Burlington Road and Silver Glen Road in January 2025. Nika thanked staff. He presented photos of this project.

**12. Project Implementation****A. Project Implementation Report**

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell stated the monthly report was on file. No additional report was made.

**B. Approving an Agreement of Understanding with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Construction and Maintenance**

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She provided additional information.

KC Executive Committee

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

**C. Approving an \$850,000.00 Agreement with BLA, Inc. of Itasca, Illinois for On-Call Design Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 24-00578-00-ES**

KC Executive Committee

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

- D. Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with BLA, Inc. of Itasca, Illinois for Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR

KC Executive Committee

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

- E. Approving a \$299,406.00 Agreement for Phase I/II Design Engineering Services with Gonzalez Companies, LLC of Downers Grove, Illinois for HSIP Systemic Safety Improvements on Rural Curves, Kane County Section No. 24-00577-00-SP

KC Executive Committee

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

- F. Approving a Contract for Construction with Geneva Construction Co. of Aurora, Illinois for 2025 Batavia Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-02000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

- G. Approving a Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2025 Dundee Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-07000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

- H. Approving a Contract for Construction with Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois for 2025 Elgin Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-08000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

- I. Approving a Contract for Construction with Curran Contracting Company of Crystal Lake, Illinois for 2025 Hampshire Township Maintenance Project, Section No. 25-10000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

**13. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Kious

**14. Executive Session (If Needed)**

**15. New Business**

Chairman Tepe thanked the Committee for their attention to the presentations. He stated that the presentations will be emailed to all Kane County Board Members.

**16. Adjournment**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lenert

This meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Savannah Zgobica

Sr. Recording Secretary