



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)

Tuesday, March 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
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty Board Member Dale Berman
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Juby*, Molina*, Penesis*; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert, Way, O'Connell, Hohertz, Coffinbargar, Young, Weesner, ; ASA Cermak, Weldon; 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 Berman and Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Finance**A. February Transportation Committee Finance Reports**

KDOT Dir. Zakosek stated the monthly financial reports were on file. He announced that Senior Accountant, Ashley Young, has been promoted to the Division of Transportation's Chief Financial Officer.

B. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert presented the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) Draft Transportation Improvement Program for FY2025 through FY2029. He explained that KDOT is beginning to look into the five-year financial planning efforts. He noted that this plan will include all the projected revenues over the next five years. Additionally it will include information on personnel, commodities, contractals and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP will include expansion projects, which include projects that are in progress and projects that have been completed, but funding is still owed to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for KDOT's share of the projects. (Committee Member Daugherty arrived remotely at 9:04 a.m.) Rickert spoke on purchase orders. He stated that some purchase orders state that the project was completed years prior, but the invoice from IDOT has not been submitted to KDOT. Currently, there is approximately \$90M worth of contractual obligations. Rickert noted to get a clearer idea on where KDOT is financially, one needs to look over the TIP. He stated that the TIP lists expansion projects, modernization projects, safety projects, and preservation projects. He noted that all the projects listed were approved by the Kane County Board in prior years. KDOT has not added any new projects to this program due to the County's financial restraints. Additionally, multiple projects are in Phase I Engineering in order for KDOT to submit applications for outside funding sources. Rickert stated that preservation/maintenance are the primary projects that KDOT is responsible for. KDOT has about 68 structures to maintain and/or replace on an annual basis, which costs \$12M per year. Additionally, KDOT expends approximately \$13M a year for roadway paving, striping, and safety aspects. Rickert stated that KDOT's annual reoccurring revenue is approximately \$52M, and about \$50M in expenses for maintenance and operations. This leaves approximately \$1M to \$2M for KDOT to match federal funds, which is not a substantial amount. Rickert spoke on the financial difficulties KDOT faces to maintain County roadways. He addressed KDOT's contractual and commodities, such as vehicle replacements. Rickert stated that by 2028, KDOT will be facing a \$33M shortfall. This shortfall has been listed in every KDOT financial plan over the last several years. KDOT has continued to look into federal and state funding to address this financial gap. However, this deficit will make it more difficult for KDOT to have local funds to match federal funding. Rickert handed out an one-page summary: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - Projected Revenues/Expenditures as of March 18, 2025. He noted that this handout is a summary of KDOT's cash flow. He provided examples of critical FY2026 to FY2028 projects within the TIP that utilize County funding only. There are over \$100M worth of required projects that must be

done within the next four years, such as intersection safety projects, replacement of bridges, tree mitigation, and roadway improvements. Rickert stated that KDOT will be working on finalizing the five-year financial plan within the next couple months. He requested that all feedback on the financial plan and TIP be forwarded to himself. Lastly, he explained that he was recently informed that KDOT will be responsible for the Claude Hanson Bridge in Elgin. There is approximately \$250K worth of improvements that need to be done to this bridge. KDOT Dir. Zakosek and Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

7. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that 75% of the snow fencing has been removed from fields. As of March 10, 2025, KDOT has addressed cold weather conditions 30 times and has utilized 6K tons of salt. Way thanked the Kane County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) for their assistance on Friday, March 14, 2025 and Saturday, March 15, 2025 with tree and power line removal from County roadways.

Way provided a presentation on Kane County's Division of Transportation's (KDOT) sign making process. KDOT's Sign Shop responsibilities include trash pick-up and roadway inspection for 375 center line miles, 800 lane miles, and 16,500 signs in Kane County. Way shared a map that depicted the location of each of these signs. He reviewed the old sign making process. This process was a long, tedious process. Way shared the new sign making process, which has cut down the time spent and garbage waste of each sign. He shared photos of the new sign making machine that was purchased approximately three years ago. The signs made with the new process are guaranteed to last 15 to 20 years. Way reviewed the cost difference between the old and new sign making methods. The old method cost \$84.58 per sign. The new method cost \$58.94 per sign. The total savings for a 36x36 sign is \$25.64 per sign. Way spoke on the timesaving with the new method. The old method would take about 45 minutes. The new method takes 25 minutes. Way spoke on the UV overlay that protects the signs. With the UV overlay installed, the sign is warranted to last 15 years. 3M states that the signs should last 20+ years, before the reflectivity falls below acceptable range. Way spoke on emergency response. He explained that in an event of a disaster where numerous signs were lost, the Sign Shop is now able to print 100s of signs in less than an hour. Additionally, through the recycle program of political signs, KDOT is able to utilize these old signs to post temporary roadway signage, when needed. Way shared pictures of KDOT's Sign Shop. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

KC Executive Committee

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

C. Approving a \$25,000.00 Deposit for Five (5) 2026 Tandem Axle Truck Cab & Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way addressed the cost of each unit. For the four snow plows, the cost is \$149,974 per chassis. For the tractor truck, the cost is \$191,305. He noted that these prices are not locked in, but it will lock in the build spot for 2026. If some of these units are not approved in the County's FY2026 budget, the deposits are able to be utilized for those that are approved. If none of the units are approved, the \$25K deposit is refundable. Way spoke on the difficulties of purchasing new units. 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:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

D. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network (IPWMAN) for Membership Participation and Mutual Aid Assistance

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way provided additional information on this resolution.

KC Executive Committee

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

8. Planning & Programming**A. Planning & Programming Report**

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert stated the monthly Planning and Programming Report was on file. He reviewed the contents of the report, such as the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Newsletter. The newsletter lists funding opportunities. The monthly report shares information on the Kane County Safety Action Plan. Rickert stated that KDOT will be in Springfield to speak on transit, encouraging certain directions, and discussing KDOT's Quick-Take Bill regarding Randall Road at Hopps Road. He addressed the Kane County's Impact Fee program update. He stated that KDOT staff has conducted interviews with consulting firms to complete the statutorily required update to the Comprehensive Roadway Improvement Plan (CRIP) and Impact Fee Program. This contract will be presented to the Committee for approval. Rickert noted that this is done every five years and takes about two years to complete.

B. Authorizing Applications for and Execution of FY2024 and FY2025 Grant Agreements Under the Section 5310 Funds Program for Ride in Kane

KC Executive Committee

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

9. Permitting**A. Permitting Report**

KDOT Chief of Permitting Hohertz stated the monthly report was on file. She highlighted projects that have undergone ongoing plan reviews and are anticipated to start construction this spring: Kirk Road and Division Street, Main Street and Deerpath Road, Longmeadow Parkway and Stonegate Road, and Madeline and Big Timber.

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

KDOT Traffic Operations Engineer Weesner stated the monthly Traffic Operations Report was on file. He stated that KDOT is in the last year of a three-year luminaire replacement project. This project entails the replacement of Metal-Halide lighting with LED lights. Additionally, KDOT is replacing the light engines in the decorative housings on the Fabyan Parkway Bridge. With these replacements, the County can expect the lights to have a longer lifetime and electricity savings. Weesner addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

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

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell stated the monthly Project Implementation Report was on file. She highlighted the awards received for the Longmeadow Parkway Corridor project and the Dauberman Road Extension project. Longmeadow Parkway won for projects greater than \$75M at both the APWA Fox Valley Branch and the Chicago Metro Chapter. Additionally, Longmeadow Parkway won the ACEC Illinois Honor Award and the Lincoln Grand Conceptor Award for the best project in Illinois. O'Connell stated that the Dauberman Road Extension project won the APWA Fox Valley Branch Award for projects \$25M to \$75M. O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

- B. Approving a \$193,746.89 Contract for Construction with D. Construction, Inc. of Coal City, Illinois for the Keslinger Road Box Culvert Extension and Guardrail Removal Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00575-00-DR

KC Executive Committee

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

- C. Approving a \$260,071.50 Contract for Construction with Martam Construction, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for the LaFox Road Pedestrian Box Culvert Repair Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00574-00-BT

KC Executive Committee

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

- D. Approving a \$6,248,000.00 Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2025 Kane County Resurfacing Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00576-00-RS

KDOT Asst. Dir. Coffinbargar addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

KC Executive Committee

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

- E. Approving a \$125,000.00 Appropriation to the Forest Preserve District of Kane County for Improvements to Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves

KC Executive Committee

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

- F. Approving a \$100,000.00 Relocation Commitment Agreement with Commonwealth Edison Company for Relocation of Facilities for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

KC Executive Committee

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

- G. Approving a \$372,811.00 Engineering Services Agreement with H.R. Green, Inc. of Aurora, Illinois for 2025 Structure Safety Inspections, Kane County Section No. 25-00579-00-EG

KC Executive Committee

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

- H. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for \$58,885.20 for Phase III Construction for Illinois Route 47/U.S. Route 30 at Waterpark Way to Jericho Road

KC Executive Committee

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

- I. Approving a \$483,483.00 Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for the 2025 Blackberry Township Road District, Section No. 25-04000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

- J. Approving a \$175,398.75 Contract for Construction with Peter Baker & Son Co. of Lake Bluff, Illinois for 2025 Burlington Township Road District, Section No. 25-05000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

- K. Approving a \$387,887.00 Contract for Construction with Builders Paving, LLC of Hillside, Illinois for 2025 Kaneville Township Road District, Section No. 25-11000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

- L. Approving a \$991,000.30 Contract for Construction with Plote Construction, Inc. of Hoffman Estates, Illinois for 2025 St. Charles Township Road District, Section No. 25-14000-01-GM

KC Executive Committee

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

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:	Bill Lenert

This meeting was adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Sr. Recording Secretary