



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, September 16, 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
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty
ABSENT	Board Member Dale Berman Ex-Officio (County Development Chair) Rick Williams Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Gripe, Juby*, Linder, Molina*, Penesis*, Strathmann*; KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert & staff O'Connell, Young, Files, Hohertz, Nika, Coffinbargar; ITD staff Peters; Special ASAs Jaeger, Shepro*; and members of the press and public.

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.

Committee Member Berman did not attend today's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes: August 19, 2025

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

Steve Leffler, St. Charles, spoke on Kane County Road, Kirk Road. He hopes that with recent news this road does not get tagged as "Killer Kirk" Road in the next five years. He felt that this stretch of road should have been included in the five-year

Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He explained that there are 4K students that attend Red Wing Middle School and St. Charles East High School who live across Kirk Road. He stated that Kirk Road is a two-lane, country road that is now heavily populated with traffic. Leffler spoke on the conditions of Kirk Road that are impractical and unsafe. He explained that there needs to be better routes for pedestrian traffic on the east side of Kirk Road for students to get to and from school safely. Additionally, he suggested that the speed limit be lowered from 40/45 to 30/35 miles per hour. He stated that the County needs something new and innovative to heighten safety before someone gets hurt.

Jon Gripe, St. Charles, thanked ITD/BLD Exec. Dir. Fahnestock for following the Presidential and Gubernatorial Order to lower the flags to half staff around the County. He stated that it was nice to have Fahnestock be so nice and helpful during a time were hate and celebration of death is occurring. He explained that he has been trying to do his part in calming folks down, especially politically, and finding peace. He challenged those that hear untrue remarks on either side of the political parties to stop it and encourage those individuals to be more thoughtful.

Ginger Romano, Sycamore, thanked the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) staff on their immediate response to her reported traffic sign issue. She is hopeful that this solution will help with the situation.

6. Finance

A. Monthly Finance Reports

KDOT CFO Young stated the monthly financial reports were on file. She reported that the recently added future obligations have been listed on the bottom of the Fund Status Report. Additionally, she noted that purchase orders sometimes have a lag in obtaining them due to the timing of receiving executed contracts and agreements. Therefore, this month, Young included pending purchase orders that have been Board approved in the Contractual Obligations. She stated that moving forward, she will continue this trend. Young addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

B. Approving an Agreement for County Engineer's Salary Program

KDOT CFO Young introduced this resolution. She stated that this resolution is to approve an agreement for the County Engineer's Salary Program. She noted that this agreement has been recently revised. Historically, this agreement was for a period of six years at a time. Now, it is a perpetual agreement. Young stated that the appropriation request and the authorization of the transfer of funds are taken through the County Board annually for the purposes of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) paying 50% of the County Engineer's salary.

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

7. Maintenance**A. Maintenance Report**

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that the new road radios are being installed and programmed. Additionally, Maintenance staff has begun the final mow of County right-of-ways. Rickert stated that staff will begin moving forward with winter prep.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert introduced this resolution. He stated there are two renewal applications: IBEW Local 117 and The Phillips Family and no new applications.

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

KDOT Chief of Planning and Programming Files stated the monthly report was on file. She stated that the Ride in Kane Program was awarded \$2.7M by the Federal Transit Authority (FTA). She explained that the Ride in Kane Program still needs to apply for the funds from the FTA. She stated that this award has the potential to fund the next three years of operations for the Program at a 50% federally funded level. Files reported that the Planning and Programming

Division are applying for funding through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to update the nine-year old ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. She explained that the Transition Plan brings awareness and provides guidance to address facilities, as the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) moves through the Capital Improvement Program and Resurfacing Program. She stated that every time KDOT makes changes to a roadway, they have to bring the pedestrian ADA facilities up to the latest standards by law. Files provided the new County Highway and Bike/Pedestrian maps. She stated that 15K of these maps have been printed and distributed throughout the County. Additionally, she provided an updated Kane County Highway Map. Lastly, she mentioned that within the monthly report is the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Newsletter.

B. Establishing a Public Hearing Date for Consideration of Land Use Assumptions for an Update to the Kane County Road Improvement Impact Fee Ordinance

KDOT Chief of Planning and Programming Files introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution is to establish a Public Hearing for the consideration of Land Use assumptions. The Land Use assumptions provide socioeconomic data that is entered into the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) travel demand model. The data collected includes households, population, and employment projections from this year until 2035 and 2045. Files explained that KDOT begins with the adopted regional forecast from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). She stated that KDOT starts by utilizing the comments and revised numbers received by municipalities. Additionally, they are going to request feedback from the municipalities, the public and the development community. Therefore, this resolution has requested the approval of the public hearing date of November 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to address these matters. Files noted that once this resolution is approved by the County Board, she will work with PIO Mann to share the information to the public.

Chairman Tepe spoke on the Impact Fee Analysis process. He addressed the commitment the volunteers make for the process. Files 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, Gary Daugherty, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog

9. Permitting**A. Permitting Report**

KDOT Chief of Permitting Hohertz stated the monthly report was on file. She spoke on the Algonquin Meadows Subdivision New Major Access to Longmeadow Parkway. The new major access will be located on Longmeadow Parkway and Stonegate Road, just east of Randall Road. Hohertz shared two pictures that depicted the new access on the north side of Longmeadow Parkway and the new turn lane from the west. She explained that the project included the concrete widening of right and left turn lanes, curb and gutter pavement marking, signage, right-of-way regrading, and a new multi-use path located on the north side of Longmeadow Parkway. She spoke on the Ignite Batavia - Long Term Care Facility Project alongside Main Street and east of Deerpath Road. She explained that due to spacing concerns, this project was provided a right-in/right-out access to the County highway. Hohertz shared several photographs depicting the barrier median, right turn line, and a concrete median with a sidewalk. She stated that the project entailed widening, right-of-way regrading, signage, and utility coordination.

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

KDOT Asst. Dir. Nika stated the monthly report was on file. He reported that staff has been working to review and respond to a number of questions on light timing from the public.

B. Approving a Contract for Construction with Helm Electric Facility Solutions, Inc. dba Helm Electric of Rockford, Illinois for the KDOT Fiber Optic Backup Improvement Project, Kane County Section No. 25-00583-00-TL

KDOT Asst. Dir. Nika introduced this resolution. He explained that the Fiber Optic Backup Improvement Project is to install fiber optic cable as a backup connection between the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) Office and the Traffic Fiber Network. He stated that this is important because it will allow KDOT another route to connect to the network. Presently, there is approximately a five mile stretch of the fiber network that if it were damaged, all communication would be lost. This project would fix that potential issue. Nika stated that the side benefits of this project is that they will be able to pull in the Information Technologies (IT) fiber through the same conduit, which would allow communication to continue, if damage were to occur. He explained that the project went out for public bid. However, none of the bidders met the guidelines of the County's Responsible Bidders Ordinance (RBO), but did meet the County's Purchasing Order. Nika stated that staff has recommended approval for construction with Helm Electric Facility Solutions, Inc. Nika addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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

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

KDOT Asst. Dir. Coffinbargar stated the monthly report was on file. He explained that the American Society of Civil Engineers - Illinois Section selected Longmeadow Parkway for their Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award in the over \$100M category. Additionally, he stated that the Galligan Road from Binne Road to Freeman Road Project Public Informational meeting will be held on September 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Gilberts Eagles Club. At the meeting, the proposed improvements will be presented, which include dual roundabouts at Binnie Road and Freeman Road intersections and a center dual left turn lane in between. Coffinbargar shared several photographs of numerous construction projects around Kane County. Coffinbargar addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Approving a Contract for Construction with Martam Construction, Inc. of Elgin, Illinois for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR

KDOT Asst. Dir. Coffinbargar introduced this resolution. He noted that this resolution has missing information. He explained that this occurs when the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has a federal project, such as Randall Road and Route 72 Intersection Reconstruction Project, that was letted and awarded by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). He stated that IDOT has a 45-day award deadline. He explained that each time that KDOT lets an IDOT project, they need to compare it against the Transportation Committee and County Board dates to make sure all resolutions are passed in a timely matter in order to move forward with the projects. Coffinbargar stated that bid opening is on Friday, September 19, 2025. He explained that once all bids are received, staff will review each of them and update the resolution accordingly for the County Board's consideration. Coffinbargar addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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- C. Approving an Agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR
- KDOT Asst. Dir. Coffinbargar introduced this resolution. He stated that this resolution regards the Phase III Construction Engineering Services contract. He explained that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) went through the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process and received nine statements of interest. KDOT short listed three firms for the award winning QBS process and has selected Stanley Consultants, Inc. KDOT negotiated a contract for approximately \$1M towards the improvement. Coffinbargar addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

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12. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

13. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

14. New Business

County Board Member Gripe thanked the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) staff who have been working on trying to improve the Burr Road and Silver Glen Road intersection in District 14. He noted that this is not a County intersection. However, KDOT staff have been assisting with the improvements. He commended staff for their willingness to help the Township.

Committee Member Kious explained that he sits in on the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings where staff contribute to businesses and individuals who want to improve or change zoning to make improvements. He stated that the contributions from all of the departments have helped those that need extra guidance on how to move forward. He noted that all staff is invaluable in assisting these projects along. He thanked staff for their assistance. Thank you.

Chairman Tepe welcomed Special Assistant State's Attorney Shepro back.

15. Adjournment

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

This meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary