



# 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, August 19, 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 Mo Iqbal 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
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan\*, Bates\*, Garcia, Juby\*, Linder, Molina\*, Penesis\*; KDOT Dir. Zakosek & staff Rickert, Way, Files, Hohertz, Nika, Coffinbargar, O'Connell, Lichtenberger; ITD staff Peters; SAO staff Hunt\*, Weldon, Jaeger; 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.

**4. Approval of Minutes: July 15, 2025**

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

**5. Public Comment**

Steve Leffler, St. Charles, spoke on Account Number 30150: Local County Option. He suggested that the Committee consider modifying this account. Currently, the account is at 5.0. Leffler recommended that the Committee change it to 9.7 to match DuPage County. Lastly, he hopes the Committee considers what ever they can to improve bike ability in Kane County.

**6. Finance****A. Monthly Financial Reports**

(Committee Member Berman arrived remotely at 9:02 a.m.)

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert stated the monthly financial reports were on file. He spoke on the Status of Funds Report. He explained that this report was created approximately 15 to 20 years ago to ensure that the County Board could see the status of funds on one-sheet of paper. He noted that the report highlights the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) primary fund sources, money in and money out, and fund balances. Currently, KDOT has a fund balance of \$182M. Historically, the County Board has been aware of the amount KDOT had in fund balance in the accounts, but did not understand the contractual obligations. Rickert explained that KDOT's contractual obligations at the end of the prior month was \$83M, which are purchase orders that are in place that KDOT owes funds on. Additionally, KDOT will look at these fund sources and move the cost of projects that the County Board has approved into them. He noted that many of these projects have not been reflected in this month's financial reports. He believes KDOT's contractual obligations are closer to \$97M. He stated that the existing fund balances, after the contractual obligations are removed, is \$105M. (Committee Member Iqbal arrived in-person at 9:05 a.m.) Rickert stated that he will continue to include KDOT's agreement contractual obligations, in order to have them more assessable to the Committee. He included a list of the agreements and projects that need to be completed within the next three years, which will be primarily covered by local funds that equate to \$118M. He explained that while KDOT develops their five-year financial plan, they try to ensure that there are local funds to complete necessary projects. However, KDOT will face a \$13M budget shortfall in the next three years for projects that must be done. Rickert stated that the County will need to figure out how to fund these projects in the near future.

**B. KDOT's FY2026 Budget Presentation**

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert presented the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) FY2026 Budget. He reviewed KDOT's mission and goals, such as maintenance and preservation of existing system of roads, bridges, traffic control, and bike/ped infrastructure, public safety, planning, and efficiency. He shared the responsibilities and tasks that are guided by the Kane County Board, such as the annual budget, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Ride in Kane Paratransit Program. He listed KDOT's nine funds and their primary uses, such as County Highway Fund 300, Motor Fuel Tax Fund 302, and Transportation Sales Tax Fund 305. He noted that all Impact Fees have been bundled into three funds: North Impact Fee, Central Impact Fee, and South Impact Fee. Rickert shared KDOT's Proposed FY2026 Budget Revenues and Expenditures - Recurring versus Non-Recurring Costs. He explained that the meaning of recurring is the annual expenditures that KDOT either needs to receive the revenues on, or expend funds on. He stated that non-recurring are extra funds that are brought into the County to complete capacity type projects,

contractual obligations, commodities, and grants. He explained that KDOT's annual revenues are \$46.61M, which does not include \$6.85 in the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. He stated that the budgeted primary annual expenditures, that include personnel, traffic operations, resurfacing of roads, and maintenance of bridges, are \$49.59M. Rickert explained that with the removal of the \$6.85M in Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Sales Tax, KDOT will face a \$3M shortfall, which will have consequences. He stated that KDOT has a number of non-recurring revenue for projects that are on going, such as grants, reimbursements, impact fees, investment income, and fund balance utilization, which is approximately \$70.4M. He spoke on KDOT's expenditures. He explained that the Capital - Non-Maintenance, which includes Engineering and Right-of-Way construction, is \$67.39M. He reviewed the FY2026 Budget highlights. He stated that the KDOT's FY2026 proposed budget is \$116.98M. He spoke on KDOT utilizing a program based budget, due to the large fluctuations that can occur. He explained that KDOT's Budget does not utilize any funding from the County's General Fund, but is funded by Special Revenue funds and grants. He noted that KDOT has continually transferred \$448,435 to the General Fund for assistance from the Information Technologies Department (ITD) and the State's Attorney Office (SAO). Additionally, the FY2026 Budget does not utilize a property tax increase. Rickert explained that KDOT's Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Sales Tax will be reduced by \$6.85M. He stated that approximately 86% of the budget is projects and about 14% is operations, such as personnel, maintenance, and traffic. He explained that the budgeted projects that are listed in the budget are obligations or required due to purchase orders, safety, maintenance, agreements, and grant commitments. He stated that KDOT plans to use \$67.39M of the fund balance, which is 57.6% of the budget, to cover existing obligations, such as purchase orders, agreements, and grant commitments. Rickert reviewed KDOT's personnel highlights. There are a total of 79 positions: 71 full-time and eight part-time/seasonal. Out of the 71 full-time positions, 34 of the administrative positions are funded by County Highway Fund 300 and the 37 maintenance positions are covered by the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund 302. Rickert noted that there is a 1.25% decrease to salaries and wages due to the budget only including union wage increases per contract and it does not include any non-union considerations. Rickert reviewed the impacts of the County reducing the RTA Sales Tax to 50%. He explained that this reduction of \$6.85M decreases the FY2026 annual recurring revenues by 12.82%. The annual recurring operations and maintenance now exceeds annual revenues by \$3M annually. Rickert stated that except for existing grants, there will no longer be any matching funds available for projects, which will stop most grant applications until alternative revenue sources are found to match federal and state funds. He noted that KDOT will continue to focus on finding alternative revenue sources in order to match federal and state funding for safety and capacity projects. He shared the future year priorities for any potential grant considerations, such as maintenance to bridges/structures and pavement, safety for intersections and traffic operations, and transit. Additionally, the reduction will not allow KDOT to add any new projects to the County's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), unless required, will cause maintenance changes

that will have a significant cost savings annually. KDOT will seek to protect existing grants and associated fund balances and will put on hold 19 projects, or portions thereof, while seeking additional funding. Rickert listed the 19 projects that will be affected, such as the Burlington at Silver Glen Intersection, Dauberman Meredith Realignment, Galligan - Freeman to Binnie, and Randall at I-90 Interchange. He reviewed the ways that KDOT can internalize a number of services to help with cost savings. 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 explained that due to recent storm activity, staff assisted with clearing eight downed trees located near the Bliss Road Roundabout. Additionally, he stated that Sugar Grove received approximately five inches of rain, that covered one area of a roadway. Way commended the Ditching Program and Culvert Replacement Program that ensures the roadways stay clear of water. He explained that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is currently monitoring Paw Paw and the expected rainfall for needed assistance.

### **B. Approving Purchase of One (1) 2025 3.25 Cubic Yard Articulating Wheel Loader for the Kane County Division of Transportation**

KDOT Maintenance Supt. Way stated that this resolution is to purchase one 2025 Articulating Wheel Loader for the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT). He explained that the current Wheel Loader is a 2008 CASE 721G with approximately 175 operating hours. He stated that the current loader was pulled from the fleet for repair. However, after the quotes were received for the repairs, staff realized the loader was up for replacement in FY2026. Way stated that KDOT has some surplus funding due to the cancellation of a flooring project in FY2025 that would be able to cover the replacement of the loader. He stated that this purchase will be through Sourcewell for \$288,590. He reviewed the additional competitive quotes received for a Wheel Loader. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

Committee Member Iqbal spoke on the inconsistency within several resolutions. KDOT Dir. Zakosek stated he would review the resolutions with the Kane County State's Attorney's Office.

## 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>	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 Adopt-A-Highway Applicants**

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<b>AYE:</b>	Vern Tepe, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, and Bill Roth
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Corinne M. Pierog
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Rick Williams

**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 Impact Fee Advisory Committee met in July for their first Kick-off Program Update. She noted that the Impact Fee process is dictated by State statute. She noted that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) is on a deadline to adopt the Impact fees by January 2027. She stated at the second Advisory Committee meeting, a discussion and presentation will be provided to review the socioeconomic information of Kane County. She explained that the Advisory Committee will be asked to present to the County Board a date to hold a Public Hearing to receive public feedback on the land use assumptions. She stated that the land use assumptions will feed into the Travel Demand Model and will show deficiencies and types of capacity projects the County faces due to new development. Files explained that next month she will be presenting the rough data and projections that would be posted at the Public Hearing. She spoke on the Ride-in-Kane Program. She stated that the County was allocated \$2.5M for the Ride-in-Kane Program, which will match 5310

funds. These funds will be spread out over the next two years to support the program. Files noted that the funds should be received in May 2026. Lastly, the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors continue to work hard programming federal funds for municipal and County projects.

## 9. Permitting

### A. Permitting Report

KDOT Chief of Permitting Hohertz 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. He mentioned that the County experienced vandalism to the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) traffic fiber network. He explained that the vandals cut KDOT's fiber optic line near Sterns Road, which was part of a network loop. He stated that KDOT's Electrical Maintenance Contractor (EMC) is working to repair the damage. The damage will be handled through an insurance claim. Nika addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

### B. Approving a Contract for Maintenance Services with Meade, Inc. of Willowbrook, Illinois for 2026, 2027 & 2028 Electrical Maintenance Contract, Kane County Section No. 26-00000-01-GM

KDOT Asst. Dir. Nika explained that this resolution is related to the Kane County Division of Transportation's (KDOT) three-year electrical maintenance contract. He stated that KDOT went to public bid on this contract for FY2026, FY2027, and FY2028. He explained that the electrical maintenance contract is responsible for keeping signals and lighting systems throughout the County in working order. He stated that KDOT received two qualified bidders, in which none met the County's Responsible Bidder Ordinance (RBO). However, both bidders are Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) KDOT qualified contractors for electrical work.

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<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

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

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell stated that the monthly report was on file. She explained that design projects listed within the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) continue to move forward. She stated that the consultant for the Randall Road at Highland Avenue design project recently presented the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) with design alternatives. O'Connell explained that KDOT is close to achieving design approval on the Randall Road Multi-Module Project, which plans for a bike path on the northern most nine-mile stretch of the County. She shared several photographs depicting the numerous construction projects that are occurring around the County. O'Connell and KDOT Asst. Dir. Coffinbargar addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

**B. Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Michael Baker International, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois for the 2020 Structural Services Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00523-00-BR**

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution would grant an extension of time in order to complete the two packages.

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<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 Amendment No. 2 To the Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company of Chicago, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for Longmeadow Parkway C-2, Kane County Section No. 18-00215-21-BR

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that in order to allow adequate time to prepare the final Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) reports necessary for the contract to close out, staff has proposed an extension of the term of the agreement to December 31, 2030.

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<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. 1 to the Agreement with V3 Companies, LTD. of Woodridge, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the Bliss Road, Main Street Road, Fabyan Parkway Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 14-00288-01-PV

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that in order to allow adequate time to prepare the final documentation reports that are necessary for contract close out, staff has proposed an extension of the term of the agreement to November 30, 2025.

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<b>ABSENT:</b>	Corinne M. Pierog



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

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that in order to complete the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Improvement and Grade Separation project, 13 right-of-ways are required. She stated that on August 1, 2025, Governor Pritzker signed the Quick Take Bill. She explained that while the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) continues to negotiate with property owners in good faith, condemnation will be pursued in order to meet the funding deadline. She stated that KDOT staff has recommended approval of this resolution that will authorize the County to acquire the properties as described. Discussion ensued.

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<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. Amending Resolution 25-066 - Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement Project, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution pertains to the land acquisition efforts for the Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement Project. She stated that there was an error in the legal description for Parcel #0001-A and #0001-B. She explained that this resolution corrects the legal descriptions.

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<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

- G.** Approving Acquisition of Real Property for Dauberman Road Extension, Parcel No. 1N20009, Kane County Section No. 15-00277-01-BR

KDOT Chief of Design O'Connell introduced this resolution. She explained that this resolution pertains to the Dauberman Road Extension Project. She stated that the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) asked for the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) help in acquiring land adjacent to Illinois Route 30 via quick take. She explained that four year ago, the County Board approved the preliminary just compensation amount of \$138K, with executive office holdings for a parcel of land. More recently, as IDOT has settled with the property owner, the court ordered an additional \$126K to be paid to the property owner for damages to the remainder.

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<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

**12. Reports Placed On File**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Roth

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

None.

**14. New Business**

Chairman Tepe thanked KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert and staff for the comprehensive budget report.

**15. Adjournment**

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

This meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Savannah Zgobica

Sr. Recording Secretary