



Kane County

KC Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

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

DAVOUST, Daugherty, Berman, Iqbal, Kious, Lenert, Roth, & ex-officios Ford (County Development Chair) & Pierog (County Chair) and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Davoust called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT	Board Member Mark Davoust Board Member Dale Berman Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Ron Ford Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
ABSENT	Board Member Mo Iqbal

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Juby*, Kenyon, Linder, Molina*; KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert & staff Zakosek, VanVoreen, Coffinbargar, Way, O'Connell, Nika, Forbes, Hohertz; ASA Weldon; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including KDOT Atty. Pat Jaeger.

3. Remote Attendance Requests

Chairman Davoust announced the remote attendance requests for today's meeting. He asked the Committee if there were any objections to Committee Member Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

Brain Anderson, Sugar Grove, stated that at the November 12, 2024 County Board meeting, the Board was discussing the FY2025 Budget, tax levies, and the referendum that will be placed on the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election ballot. He spoke on Chairman Davoust's remarks regarding a group of citizens that come to Board meetings with their tax bill in one hand and their bible in the other being misguided.

Anderson stated that as he has been attending Board meetings, he has spoke on the essence of fiscal responsibility. He explained that Davoust continued to say that these same citizens come to the Board with no solutions. He stated that he reviewed the compensation of all Kane County employees and was amazed at the salaries of the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) staff. With a new Transportation Committee Chairman being chosen, these financials will need to be looked into. Anderson stated that if the referendum fails in April, it will force the County Board to look into cuts that will have to be made. He explained that he had a career in corporate America and during his time, he had one corporate downsizing. He stated that the solutions to the County's financial issues will be pay cuts, pay freezes, staff reductions, and the elimination of programs, such as the Impact Fee Program. He explained that if the referendum does not pass, the County Board will have massive opportunities to trim the budget. He stated that cuts are being made across 3,100 counties throughout the United States. There are consequences to mishandling a budget responsibly.

6. Finance

A. October Transportation Committee Finance Reports

KDOT CFO VanVooren stated the monthly financial reports were on file. He explained that the Procurement Card Report has been included in this month's agenda packet, which they were unable to do in the past. He stated that if this report is available at the time the agenda packet is due, it will be included.

7. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT staff Way stated the monthly Maintenance Report was on file. He explained that staff has finished the final mow of right-of-ways at the end of October. Currently, staff is installing eight miles of snow vents throughout the County, which reduces plowing during the winter. He stated that the current rain has slowed down this production down. The Division of Transportation (KDOT) currently has approximately 15K tons of salt, on hand. The County averages the use of 8K tons of salt, per year. Lastly, KDOT staff hosted a live line training demo. There were three classes offered to all KDOT personnel, other public works organizations, and police/first responder agencies throughout the County. Way stated that KDOT was able to train approximately 300 people over two days. He explained that an experienced utility lineman, Instructor Steve Hancock, provided a four-hour safety presentation on power lines and what should happen when a line is down.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

KC Executive Committee

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

8. Planning & Programming

A. Planning & Programming Report

KDOT staff Forbes stated the monthly Planning and Programming Report was on file. She explained that in the monthly Kane-Kendall Counsel Mayor's Newsletter it highlighted a call for projects through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) for projects for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects. She stated that KDOT will apply for TAP funding for the Randall at Big Timber Road project. She anticipates that other municipalities will be applying for this funding, as well. She noted that all applications are due at the end of December 2024. Forbes spoke on the Kane County Impact Fee Program. Staff continues to pursue the violations of the County's ordinance with the assistance of the State's Attorney's Office to ensure fees are being collected. She shared the Impact Fees Collected by Service Area FY2023-FY2024 date. Throughout this year, the County has collected fewer fees. The report for FY2024 has shown that the County is trending at \$3.6M, so far. Last year, the County collected \$5.6M. Forbes shared a graph depicting the impact fees by current service areas for FY2024. She noted that staff is open to suggestions on the type of data this new report should include. Forbes addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

Forbes spoke on the Ride in Kane Program. She presented the Ridership Data for the third quarter. The program has gained a new sponsor, Rutland Township. Staff will continue to work on the marketing aspect of this program.

- B. Approving a Funding Agreement Between the County of Kane and Pace for the Ride in Kane Program

KDOT staff Forbes provided additional information on this resolution. She 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:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

- C. Approving an Amendment to a Technical Services Agreement Between the Regional Transportation Authority and County of Kane, Contract No. S5310-2021-12, Federal Project No. IL-2022-025 for the Ride in Kane Program Phase 19 & 20 Operating

KDOT staff Forbes provided additional information on this resolution. She 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:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

9. Permitting

- A. Permitting Report

KDOT staff Hohertz stated the monthly Permitting Report was on file. No additional report was made. Hohertz addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

10. Traffic Operations

A. Traffic Operations Report

KDOT staff Nika stated the monthly Traffic Operations Report was on file. He highlighted the flashing beacon enhancement made to the pedestrian crossing in the Village of Hampshire at Allen Road and Harmony Road. He spoke on the all-way stop and overhead flashing beacons that will be placed at Burlington Road and Silver Glen Road. He noted that this project is reliant on ComEd power to be arranged in order to activate the beacon. Nika addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued. (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived remotely at 9:22 a.m.)

B. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)

KDOT staff Nika introduced this resolution. He addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued on the possibility of utilizing the County's fiber optics.

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TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

11. Project Implementation

A. Project Implementation Report

KDOT staff O'Connell stated the monthly Project Implementation Report was on file. She announced that four bids have been opened for the Bunker Road Extension project. The lowest bidder came in at 2% under the engineer's estimates. This construction contract will be presented to the Committee next month. O'Connell shared numerous photographs of construction projects occurring around the County.

- B. Approving an Overpass Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) for the Kirk Road over Union Pacific Railroad, Kane County Section No. 12-00192-04-BR

KDOT staff 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:	Ron Ford
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

- C. Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Ciorba Group, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois for On-Call Phase III Engineering Services, Kane County Section No. 23-00564-00-EG

KDOT staff O'Connell and Way 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:	Bill Lenert
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

- D. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Elgin
Vacating/Abandoning Exclusivity of Utility Easement Along Randall Road

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Chris Kious
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

12. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

13. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

14. New Business

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert explained that this will be the last Transportation Committee meeting with three Board Members that will not be moving forward with the County. He spoke on the privilege of working with these members and the great work that was accomplished. Staff is looking forward to seeing each of them in their future on their new endeavors.

Chairman Davoust spoke on the Randall Road at Route 64 intersection proposed project. He stated that compromise is afoot for this project. He would like everyone to look into this project to ensure contracts are accomplished and that this project moves forward. The delay of this project is not a reflection of the work that KDOT staff does, but simply the politics of commerce, economics, and desire to serve the public. Davoust spoke on the lack of agreement on impact fees. In the spirit of negotiations, he hopes that St. Charles understands that the County is asking them to oblige the Impact Fee Ordinance. Lastly, Davoust spoke on the questions regarding the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) proximity to St. Charles' water well. He stated that he has struggled to get a clear-concise answer. However, right now there is new technologies and agreements that will allow IEPA to be at the distance it is to the well. He hopes that an agreement can come about to make this possible. He wished the Committee luck with these upcoming projects. Davoust thanked KDOT staff for their work.

County Board Member Kenyon stated that the Transportation Committee was great to experience and that the staff continues to work hard for the County. He stated that this is a good County and he is proud of KDOT.

Committee Member Ford spoke on his childhood dream of being an architect, but grew to love civil engineering. He commended staff on their work on major construction projects. He spoke on the need for engineers to be located on job sites and what it takes to get these projects completed. Discussion ensued.

15. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Ron Ford
SECONDER:	Mark Davoust

This meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Sr. Recording Secretary