



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, October 15, 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 Mo Iqbal Board Member Chris Kious Board Member Bill Lenert Board Member Bill Roth Board Member Ron Ford
REMOTE	Board Member Gary Daugherty Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. Members Allan*, Juby*, Kenyon, Linder*, Molina*, Strathmann*; KDOT Dir. Schoedel & staff Rickert, Zakosek, Coffinbargar, Way, O'Connell, Nika, Forbes, Hohertz, VanVooren, ITD staff Peters; ASA Spec. Shepro*, ASA Cermak; and members of the press and public including Metra Board of Directors Rep. McMahon and 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 was any objection to Committee Member Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There was no objection.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Metra Presentation

Metra Board of Directors, Joe McMahon, presented Metra's FY2025 proposed budget. He stated that Metra is proposing a \$1.135B budget for FY2025. This budget will hold the fares at the current levels with no need for an increase. This budget will rely on strong sales tax revenue and the continued use of COVID Relief Aid. In addition to the operation budget, Metra will have a capital budget of \$366M for next year that will continue their investment in the infrastructure of bridges, stations, rolling stock, and diesel engines. McMahon stated that Metra's operating budget is 4.1% higher than last year due to inflation, contractual and marketing increases, and upgrades to their positive train control system. This positive train control system provides safety to prevent collisions, backups, stopped trains, cyber security risks, and additional training of staff. McMahon stated that Metra's budget is funded by system generated revenue, fare revenue, sales tax receipts, and a portion of Metra's COVID Relief Aid funding. He noted that Metra has projected a continued ridership growth of approximately 7% in FY2025. He spoke on Metra's capital budget. He stated that the capital budget allocates funding across six different areas. He broke down the financials of each area. He noted that the capital budget is funded primarily by state and federal funds, which is separate from the normal operating budget. McMahon stated that public hearings will take place across the region on the proposed budget. The Public Hearing for Kane County is scheduled for November 7, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Kane County Government Center Auditorium. Public comments will be excepted in-person, via e-mail, U.S. Mail, and voicemail. McMahon spoke on the impending fiscal cliff of long-term spending for FY2026 that all public transit organizations are facing. He explained that COVID Relief Funds have been used over the last few years to cover short falls in Metra's operating budget. However, these funds will run out in FY2026. Metra, along with all other transit organizations are actively working to identify solutions. They have been working with legislators in Springfield and Washington D.C. to address long-term funding solutions that preserve the level and quality of service to the riders across the suburbs and Chicago. McMahon stated that Metra provides a safe, efficient, and responsible form of public transportation that takes significant pressure off the surface roads and tollways and is a vital part of the economic success of the region. He explained that there has been numerous discussions at the local and state level on the consolidation of PACE, Metra, and CTA. Metra is committed to the collaboration with these other service boards and agencies, which is critical to maintain the level of service that Kane County residents expect. Weekend rider ship is at 100% across the area. He provided additional information on ridership. Ridership across the region has continued to grow and is projected to increase by 7% across the region. McMahon provided an update on capital projects. He explained that the Union Pacific West Line at Third Street and Main Street in Geneva is nearing completion. He provided additional details about this project. The expected completion date is Spring 2025. He spoke on the extension of the Milwaukee District West Line from Elgin to Rockford initiative. This initiative is funded by State money and will not come out of Metra's operating budget. This line will have additional train stops in Elgin, Huntley, Marengo, and Belvidere. McMahon noted that this extension line would terminate in the City of Rockford. To find out more information on this extension project, visit www.ChicagotoRockfordrail.org. McMahon explained that there are ticket vending machines being installed at train stations to make purchasing tickets more convenient.

Additionally, new platform monitors were installed at stations to display additional service information, arrival/departure times, and delays. Finally, McMahon spoke on the investment Metra has made on the new and refurbished rolling stock. This investment includes zero emission, two-car train sets, which is expected to be delivered in early 2027. Metra has ordered 200 new and refurbished passenger cars that are set to be delivered in 2026 through 2029. McMahon addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert spoke on the future funding and concerns with the transit merger. He stated that numerous conversations have been ongoing on the significant changes to come. He announced that on November 7, 2024 a public forum would commence for residents to voice their concerns. Further discussion ensued.

7. Finance

A. September Transportation Committee Finance Reports

KDOT CFO VanVooren stated the monthly financial reports were on file. He stated that there was a reduction in the contractual commitments due to the deletion of hazardous waste removal from one of the contracts. VanVooren addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

8. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

KDOT staff Way stated the monthly Maintenance Report was on file. The Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) has begun the final mow of right-of-ways. Way stated that 90% of KDOT's plow fleet is ready for the first snow of the winter season. The entire fleet will be prepared and stocked by November 15, 2024. Way spoke on new technology that is being utilized during the plowing season. Last winter, KDOT utilized three frost solution portable cameras. These cameras are mini weather stations that KDOT leases for \$2,500 per camera per year. All upgrades and repairs to the cameras are covered by Frost Solutions. These cameras were used in the summer to measure the temperature of roads during extreme heat. In the winter, the cameras will be moved to the far west end of the County. These cameras show the hourly forecast of air temperature, surface temperature, wind speed, and road condition predictions. Way stated that these cameras allow KDOT to save material and make smarter decisions when addressing road conditions. He noted that this system is approximately 90% accurate. He explained that the more cameras the County utilizes throughout the County, the smarter the system becomes in predictions. KDOT has been collaborating with local townships in order to place more of these cameras on the roadways. Due to this, the County will have an additional 12 cameras throughout the County. Way shared photographs of these cameras. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

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

C. Approving Purchase of Six (6) Body and Equipment Packages Including Installation Thereof on Six (6) Tandem Axle Truck Cab & Chassis for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KDOT staff Way provided additional information on this resolution. He 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:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

9. Planning & Programming

A. Planning & Programming Report

KDOT staff Forbes stated the monthly Planning and Programming Report was on file. She provided KDOT's Safety Action Plan summary. She explained that those who are looking to provide input on this plan can take the survey on the Safety Action Plan website. She explained that on Sunday, October 13, 2024, an event was held with Abate of Illinois at the Sycamore Speedway to have residents provide their feedback on the Safety Action Plan. She noted that Abate of Illinois is a motorcycle advocacy group. Forbes spoke on the new

report of the Impact Fee Program that will be included in next month's Committee agenda packet. Lastly, KDOT will begin the next five-year update to the Impact Fee Ordinance and Comprehensive Road Improvement Program. KDOT will begin the process to select a consultant for this update.

- B.** Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Phase III Construction for Recessed Reflective Pavement Markings Project, Kane County Section No. 22-00557-00-SP

KDOT staff Forbes addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
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MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Dale Berman
AYE:	Mark Davoust, Gary Daugherty, Dale Berman, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

10. Permitting

- A.** Permitting Report

KDOT staff Hohertz stated the monthly Permitting Report was on file. She shared photographs depicting the Big Timber - Providence Street Full Access in Pingree Grove. She provided a aerial video showing the Full Access Project. Hohertz addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

11. Traffic Operations

- A.** Traffic Operations Report

KDOT staff Nika stated the monthly Traffic Operations Report was on file. He highlighted KDOT's electric maintenance 36-month contract. KDOT is approaching it's two-year mark with the current contract. Nika shared graphs that depicted the contract's activity. He shared the Maintenance Ticket Summary. In 21 months, 666 total tickets were submitted. Tickets are created when electrical maintenance contractor (EMC) receives a report of a problem from any party regarding a traffic signal, street lighting, flashing beacon, etc. Nika spoke on the ticket system for traffic network operation activities. He shared the Network Ticket Summary. In 21 months, 307 tickets were received. Nika explained that anytime there is a communication outage or error that is registered, a ticket will be generated. KDOT is fortunate to have this traffic management system that is centralized and robust. This system has been built out over the last 30 years. Nika addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion

ensued.

12. Project Implementation

A. Project Implementation Report

KDOT staff O'Connell stated the monthly Project Implementation Report was on file. She stated that KDOT was recently notified that one of the applications for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding was approved and granted to Kane County. She stated that advertisement for a new project will be shared that will utilize this money to provide safety features on the County's 140 rural curves, such as speed warning signs and rubble strips. O'Connell stated that advertising will be broadcasted for on-call design services with a consulting firm to assist with KDOT's engineering project management due to the shortage of engineering staff. Additionally, there are current advertisements for on-call traffic safety services and other design new starts. O'Connell shared several photographs of construction projects that are occurring around the County. O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Forest Preserve District of Kane County for the Conveyance of Stearns Road Greenway Parcels

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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, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Bill Roth, and Ron Ford
ABSENT:	Corinne M. Pierog

- C. Approving an Agreement with V3 Companies, Ltd. of Woodridge, Illinois for Phase III Construction Engineering Services for the Bunker Road Extension, Kane County Section No. 14-00275-01-PV

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

13. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

14. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

15. New Business

None.

16. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Dale Berman

This meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Savannah Valdez
Sr. Recording Secretary