



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 17, 2023

9:00 AM

County Board Room

1. Call To Order

Chairman Davoust called the meeting to order at 9:00 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
ABSENT	Board Member Mo Iqbal Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog

Also present: Co. Bd. members Allan*, Bates*, Juby*, Kenyon, Lewis, Linder, Molina*, Strathmann*, Williams; KDOT Dir. Schoedel & staff Rickert, O'Connell, Zulkowski, Zakosek, Coffinbargar, Nika, Forbes, Edwards, Way, Vanvooren; ASA Ford, Weldon; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public including KDOT Atty. Pat Jaegar & Metra Board of Directors Dir. Joe McMahon.

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: September 19, 2023

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Gary Daugherty

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

6. Metra 2024 Budget Overview

Metra Board of Directors' Dir. Joe McMahon stated he sent the Metra FY24 Proposed Budget via e-mail to the Transportation Committee Members. He noted that the proposed budget was voted on and passed by the Metra Board. A Public Hearing will be held at the Kane County Government Center on November 2, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for public review and/or comment on the FY24 Budget. McMahon explained that last week the Metra Board voted on a budget of approximately \$1B. This is a 4.9% increase over the FY23 budget, mostly due to inflation, insurance costs, labor, and employment. Additionally, the Metra Board proposed an operating budget of \$575M for next year. The majority of that investment is in the Capital Structures, such as rolling stock, trains, engines, and bridge work. The average age of Metra bridges are approximately 70 years old. Some bridges exceed 100 years. Maintenance is crucial. Metra has proposed a new fare structure across 13 zones in the region. The proposed structure would reduce the 13 zones down to four. McMahon provided the proposed fare structure for Metra Ticket Options and Fares. He reviewed the new options in relation to the four zones. He spoke on the Return of Ridership. McMahon provided information on the changes in ridership patterns. The majority of ridership is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. McMahon reviewed CMAP's Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) Report. There are a number of issues that need to be dealt with and will be addressed within the report. One major challenge is to find a funding source for public transportation. Once the funding source is decided upon, the Governance Model will fall into place. If the funding source and Governance Model are not decided upon, there is concern that service cuts would need to be made. If Metra cuts services, it will cause a downward spiral in ridership. McMahon addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

7. Finance**A. September Transportation Committee Finance Reports**

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert stated the monthly financial reports were on file. He introduced KDOT's new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Justin Vanvooren.

B. 2024 Budget Update

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert provided KDOT's FY24 Budget Update. Currently, the Transportation Sales Tax fund balance is \$52,866,730. The existing contractual obligations for projects completed or almost completed had to be borrowed at an amount of \$6M from FY24 to complete the them. Rickert stressed the importance of this. Because of cash flow, they have had to borrow \$6M. Rickert reviewed some General RTA Sales Tax information, such as the proposed reduction in the amount of the RTA Sales Tax KDOT would receive. He listed the new revenue percentages by fund source. The primary revenue is the Transportation Sales Tax for maintenance and capital projects. Rickert provided the FY24 Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures - Annual, Recurring, and Capital Projects Costs. The FY24 budgeted revenue for FY24 is \$47.16M, and the total expenditure is \$44.58M. Rickert reviewed the budget highlights. The overall proposed budget for FY24 is \$115.64M. Rickert spoke on the impacts of reducing the RTA Sales Tax amount for Transportation to 70%. If this is done, KDOT's budget will be depleted by \$1.25M. Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

C. Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agreements with Kane County Townships for Ice Control Salt

KC Executive Committee

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

8. Maintenance**A. Maintenance Report**

KDOT staff Edwards provided the monthly Maintenance Report. No additional report was made.

B. Approving Adopt-A-Highway Applicants

KC Executive Committee

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

9. Planning & Programming**A. Planning & Programming Report**

KDOT staff Forbes provided the monthly Planning and Programming Report. She stated that the Safe Streets for All Grant is one of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding sources available to KDOT. She will provide updates on the progress of this grant. Forbes reviewed the Impact Fees Collected in FY22 through the third quarter of FY23. She provided two graphs depicting the Impact Fees by current Service Areas for FY23. Lastly, Forbes shared the Ridership Data of the Ride in Kane Program's third quarter. They continue to work with their marketing group to share the program with the entire County.

B. Approving an Agreement with GIS Solutions, Inc. of Springfield, Illinois for Geographic Information System Services, Kane County Section No. 23-00567-00-AM

KC Executive Committee

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, and Corinne M. Pierog

- C. Approving an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Phase III Construction for Dauberman Road Extension, Kane County Section No. 15-00277-01-BR

KC Executive Committee

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, and Corinne M. Pierog

- D. Naming a New Highway as “Bliss Road”

KC Executive Committee

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

- E. Approving a Road Impact Fee Payment Agreement between the County of Kane and The Tito Group, LLC

KDOT staff Forbes provided information on the proposed resolution that would approve a Road Impact Fee Payment Agreement between Kane County and the Tito Group, LLC.

KC Executive Committee

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

10. Permitting**A. Permitting Report**

KDOT staff Nika stated the monthly Permitting Report was on file. No additional report was made.

B. Central 301 Plato Road Widening Project

KDOT staff Nika presented the Central 301 Plato Road Widening Project. He stated that KDOT has requested the Committee's guidance on how to move forward with this project. The project concerns Plato Road and the Central High School access. KDOT has coordinated with School District 301 on constructing left and right turn lanes on Plato Road at the high school's main access point. The estimated cost of this project is approximately \$500K. Nika provided a photograph depicting the location of the project. The school has raised some concerns about the cost of the improvements. Specifically, as it relates to super elevation or banking of pavement. KDOT thinks the super elevation was unintentionally lost over years of milling and resurfacing. KDOT believes that these improvements would be appropriate at this time and that the super elevation is an important design feature that needs to be resolved. KDOT is considering financially participating in these improvements to offset the super elevation cost. KDOT staff is seeking direction on the possible financial contribution for this project (Madam Chairman Pierog arrived in-person at 10:13 a.m.) Nika addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued. The Committee provided a consensus to direct staff to pursue this and prepare a future resolution.

11. Traffic Operations**A. Traffic Operations Report**

KDOT staff Zulkowski provided the monthly Traffic Operations Report. He noted Ongoing Routine Activities, such as the design and construction of the signal modification Turn-ON assistance at the intersection of Randall Road and Alft Lane.

B. Approving Establishment of Speed Limit, Kane County - Bliss Road

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

KC Executive Committee

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

12. Project Implementation**A. Project Implementation Report**

KDOT staff O'Connell presented the monthly Project Implementation Report. She noted that the Engineering team remain busy handling over 40 projects. They recently kicked off a phase one engineering study for the Fabyan Parkway project at Route 31, which includes the Fox River Bridge. The Randall Road at Hobbs Road intersection realignment project recently started of phase 2 engineering design stage. O'Connell provided numerous photographs of the progressive construction projects around the County.

13. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Mark Davoust
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert

14. Executive Session (If Needed)

None.

15. New Business

None.

16. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

17. Adjournment

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

This meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Savannah Valdez

Recording Secretary