



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, January 21, 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 Gripe, Gumz*, Juby*, Penesis*, Molina*; KDOT Dir. Schoedel & staff Zakosek, Rickert, Coffinbargar, Way, Forbes, O'Connell, Nika, Hohertz, Vanvooren; ASA Weldon, Cermak; KDOT Spec. ASA Jaeger; ITD staff Kash; 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 Member Daugherty attending today's meeting remotely. There were no objections.

4. Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2024

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Recognition of Carl Schoedel

KDOT staff Zakosek recognized KDOT Dir. Carl Schoedel for his 27 years of service.

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert provided a presentation on Schoedel's career highlights as the Director of Transportation and County Engineer. In 1997, Schoedel was hired by the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) as a permit engineer and transportation planner. In 2005, he became the Director and County Engineer. Rickert spoke on the professional and personal relationship he has had with Schoedel. He presented the numerous awards that have been given to Schoedel over the years, such as the "Friend of the Industry" award and the "Urban County Engineer of the Year" award. He highlighted the accomplishment of the "Stearns Road Bridge Corridor Eminent Conceptor" award. This is a top honor for engineering excellence from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois. Rickert highlighted various projects that Schoedel was apart of, such as the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor, I-90 at IL-47 full interchange, evolution of Randall and Orchard Corridor, and various bike/pedestrian enhancements. The Committee commended Schoedel's tenure and accomplishments.

Schoedel reflected on his tenure with Kane County. He highlighted the "Friend of the Industry" award. He spoke on the importance of this award. He appreciated the recognition. The Committee provided their feedback on Schoedel's dedication.

7. Finance

A. December Transportation Committee Finance Reports

KDOT CFO Vanvooren stated that the monthly financial reports were on file. No additional report was made.

B. Amending the Source Fund Line Item of Prior Resolution No. 24-371 - Approving a Phase I Engineering Services Agreement with BLA, Inc. for Randall Road at U.S. Route 20 Interchange Improvements, Kane County Section No. 19-00520-00-CH

KDOT staff Coffinbargar 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 Lenert
SECONDER:	Bill Roth
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Gary Daugherty, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Dale Berman, Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog

8. Maintenance

A. Maintenance Report

Chairman Tepe spoke on his experience touring the KDOT maintenance facility and recommended that all Committee Members take a tour.

KDOT staff Way stated the monthly Maintenance Report was on file. He reported that on January 14, 2025, a KDOT plow truck was hit by a semi-truck at the intersection of Orchard Road and Route 30, which caused approximately \$10K to \$12K in damages. He explained that there is a new aggressive driving trend of cars passing on the right of a plow truck, which has taken some adjustment by the plow truck drivers to overcome. KDOT is currently performing normal winter operations. As of January 9, 2025, KDOT has been out 12 times and has utilized 1,600 tons of salt. Way addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Approving a \$132,880.25 Contract for the Purchase of One (1) 2025 3TS-8T JCB Teleskid for the Kane County Division of Transportation

KDOT staff Way provided additional information on this resolution.

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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. Planning & Programming

A. Planning & Programming Report

KDOT staff Forbes stated the monthly Planning and Programming Report was on file. In the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors Newsletter, there is information on PACE's revision project. Additionally, there is an open survey that will close on Friday, January 24, 2025, on the two different concepts that PACE has brought forth. One concept will increase coverage, and another that will increase frequency of bus routes in Kane County. Forbes asked the Committee members to take the survey. Forbes stated that she handed out a flyer to all in-person Committee members with a QR Code that will send them directly to the survey, or they can visit PACE's website. Forbes stated that the monthly report includes an update on the local funding calls. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) had a call for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ),

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Surface Transportation Program - Shared (STP-Shared), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding. There were six applications submitted from the Council of Mayors from Aurora, Batavia, Elgin, and the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT). Forbes mentioned that there will be another funding call later this year from the Council of Mayors for the Surface Transportation Program - Local. She anticipates this occurring in the fall with announcements early next year.

- B.** Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois for Phase III Construction for Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00514-00-WR

KDOT staff Forbes provided additional information on this resolution.

KC Executive Committee

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

10. Permitting

- A.** Permitting Report

KDOT staff Hohertz stated the monthly Permitting Report was on file. She reviewed the current list of permitting activities.

11. Traffic Operations

- A.** Traffic Operations Report

KDOT staff Nika stated the monthly Traffic Operations Report was on file. He explained that this time of the year, the majority of construction has been shut down. Due to this, the team is busy with administrative work.

12. Project Implementation

- A.** Project Implementation Report

KDOT staff O'Connell stated the monthly Project Implementation Report was on file. She reported that the Randall Road Multi-Module Project, which involves the planning of a pedestrian path along the northern most eight miles of Randall Road, will hold the second round of public information meetings in February 2025. One meeting will be held on February 4, 2025 at the Elgin Community College from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The second meeting will be held on

February 6, 2025 at the Algonquin Village Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. O'Connell stated that all the information for these meetings can be found on the project's website: www.RandallRoadMultimodule.org. For public outreach, she stated that approximately 600 postcards have been sent to the immediate stakeholders that live along the corridor. Information was posted on LinkedIn, FaceBook, and a press release was published in Kane County Connects. O'Connell addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Discussion ensued.

- B. Approving a \$23,154.00 Amendment to the Phase I/II Engineering Services Agreement with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. of Warrenville, Illinois for Plank Road HSIP Improvements, Romke Road to Brier Hill Road, Kane County Section No. 21-00540-00-SP

KDOT staff O'Connell and Rickert addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
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

- C. Approving a \$25,698.00 Amendment to the Phase I/II Engineering Services Agreement with Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. of Warrenville, Illinois for Plank Road HSIP Improvements, County Line Road to Engel Road, Kane County Section No. 22-00553-00-SP

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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

- D. Approving a \$65,434.50 County Share and Contract for Construction with Precision Pavement Markings Inc. of Pingree Grove, Illinois for Countywide Recessed Reflective Pavement Markers Project, Kane County Section No. 22-00557-00-SP

KDOT Deputy Dir. Rickert stated a resolution listing the lowest responsible bidder was handed out at today's meeting and will be updated for the Executive Committee meeting.

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

- E. Approving a Contract for Construction for \$83,092.00 with Clean Cut Tree Service, Inc. of Grayslake, Illinois for the Randall Road at Illinois Route 72 Tree Removal Project, Kane County Section No. 24-00514-01-WR

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RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE
TO:	KC Executive Committee
MOVER:	Bill Roth
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

- F. Authorizing Acquisition of Real Property for Randall Road at Big Timber Road Intersection Improvement, Kane County Section No. 19-00369-01-CH

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SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
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NAY:	Gary Daugherty
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- G. Requesting Quick Take Powers for the Acquisition of Highway Right of Way for the Randall Road at Hopps Road Intersection Realignment and Railroad Grade Separation Improvement, Parcel Nos.: 0001, 0002, 0002TE, 0003, 0003TE, 0004A, 0004B, 0005PE, 0006, 0006TE, 0007, 0008, and 0009TE, Kane County Section No. 19-00511-00-CH

KDOT Dir. Schoedel introduced this resolution. He provided additional information. He stated that KDOT staff recommends pursuing the Quick Take legislation through the Illinois General Assembly to meet the September 30, 2026 deadline for the \$25M Federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant. He provided photographs depicting the Randall Road and Hopps Road project's preferred alternative row acquisition and impacts. He listed the project description and the items that will be addressed. He presented the Right-of-Way Acquisition Exhibit. To complete this project, KDOT needs to obtain property from nine different property owners. Schoedel stated that KDOT will need to request Quick Take authority through the legislator. There are a number of procedural steps that need to be taken before this can be done, such as the Kane County Board passing a resolution requesting this authority. Schoedel stated that KDOT usually has the authority of eminent domain or condemnation, but does not utilize this option often. KDOT typically negotiates with property owners to obtain land. Due to the tight time frame, KDOT needs to request this Quick Take. Schoedel noted that KDOT does not normally have Quick Take authority, but the State of Illinois does. The purpose of a Quick Take court case is to notify the respective property owners' rights are preserved and that they receive proper compensation for their property. In a normal eminent domain case, KDOT would go through the entire condemnation and at the end of the case, a final amount of just compensation would be set. The property would not change hands until the court case has concluded, which would take approximately 18 months. This time frame would be over the September 30, 2026 deadline and the County would lose out on the \$25M grant. With a Quick Take, the process is similar, but early on in the case, a preliminary just compensation is determined, which allows the property to change hands much

earlier in the process. This will allow Kane County to move forward with the project. This is a special form of eminent domain in order to protect the \$25M federal grant. Schoedel addressed questions and comments from the Committee. Much discussion ensued.

Unrelated to this resolution, Chairman Tepe explained that after meeting with KDOT staff, he recognized that there are project key items that need to be explained in depth to this Committee. He explained that over the next few months, projects and the related financials will be presented. If the Committee understands the financial aspects of KDOT's projects, then this Committee can do a better job at helping KDOT maintain funding and stay on schedule.

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13. Reports Placed On File

RESULT:	APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
MOVER:	Chris Kious

14. Executive Session

The Transportation Committee entered into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss the release of closed session minutes on a motion made by Lenert, Roth seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

A. Release of Closed Session Minutes

15. Open Session

The Committee returned to Open Session at 10:12 a.m. on a motion made by Roth, Kious seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert
AYE:	Vern Tepe, Gary Daugherty, Mo Iqbal, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, and Bill Roth
ABSENT:	Rick Williams, and Corinne M. Pierog
AWAY:	Dale Berman

16. New Business

County Board Member Gripe questioned the 221 \$50 fraud credits. He wondered why 221 fraudulent uses of cards were issued to KDOT. KDOT Dir. Schoedel stated that KDOT was notified of these fraudulent charges in early December 2024. He explained that someone got a hold of the credit card number and was making fraudulent charges against the account of \$50 each. KDOT worked with Chase Back to freeze the account and was issued a new card number. KDOT is still working with the bank to resolve all of the charges. Schoedel stated that he and the Kane County Purchasing Department were notified about these charges.

17. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Bill Roth
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert

This meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Savannah Zgobica
Sr. Recording Secretary