

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** May 10, 2016  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Koukol, Scott Gryder, Jeff Wehrli and Matt Prochaska  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates and Fran Klaas  
**ALSO PRESENT:** John Shaw, P.J. Fitzpatrick, Jeff Newkirk, Marcia Newkirk, Tim Newkirk, Lynn Dubajic, Gary Golinski, Bart Olson, Kari McCue, Alyssa McCue, Jim McCue, Bill McCue, and Kelly Lefever

The committee meeting convened at 4:00 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Gilmour absent. Quorum established.

Motion Gryder; second Prochaska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Gryder, second Prochaska to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from April 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Klaas gave a brief historical record of the Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program (KC-TAP). Lynn Dubajic then introduced members of the McCue family in attendance at the meeting. Darlene McCue was killed on Kennedy Road while riding a bike in 2009. As a result of that accident, and the community's desire for a multi-use path along Kennedy Road, Yorkville received a \$1.3 million ITEP grant to fund the path from Route 47 to Mill Road. But Yorkville did not have the wherewithal to pay the local \$357,000 match. So a not-for-profit corporation called Push for the Path was formed to privately raise money to fund the local share needed. They have raised approximately \$230,000 so far. Bart Olson indicated that the project is being managed by the City. The engineering for the project will be done soon and it should be going to a letting for construction later this year. There is currently a \$57,000 unobligated fund balance in the TAP Fund. In 2017, that unobligated balance will be \$107,000. Current rules restrict TAP funds to locations along State and County Highways. They also provide for a \$50,000 per project limit. If the County considers awarding TAP funds for this project, Prochaska confirmed that the money raised by Push for the Path would be considered the local match. He also said that he would be supportive of raising the \$50,000 cap for the project. Wehrli agreed that it might be possible to pay additional monies over a multi-year schedule. Chairman Koukol and members of the Committee were very supportive of the project and for use of TAP funds. Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to recommend a \$50,000 KC-TAP award to City of Yorkville for construction of a multi-use path along Kennedy Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitioner Jeff Newkirk requested a variance from the Kendall County Access Regulation Ordinance to allow another right-in / right-out access to the west side of Orchard Road approximately 650' south of Mayfield Drive in Montgomery, IL. The access was denied by the Highway Department because it is too close to the access immediately north, and because multiple right-ins / right outs are not allowed between full access intersections where no median barrier exists. The petitioner indicated that he needed the additional access to serve his proposed Culvers Restaurant. Because of the curve in Orchard Road, southbound traffic will have a

difficult time seeing the restaurant until they are already past the existing access, and so he felt the additional access was necessary. The Committee discussed the high speed of traffic on Orchard Road, and the need for a southbound deceleration lane. Newkirk indicated the Village of Montgomery was very willing to work with him in trying to get the project going. Wehrli discussed the idea of remote signing. There will be a panel at Route 30, but the petitioner didn't think that would solve the problem; and there was no provision for signing at Caterpillar Drive. Prochaska was concerned about the proximity of the proposed access to the existing access immediately north. Wehrli agreed that this could be a safety issue and suggested a variance from Montgomery to allow for remote signing instead allowing more access. Klaas suggested the idea of revising the site plan to make the access point about another 100' south, which would allow for a longer deceleration lane. He also discussed the idea of way-finding signage at the existing right-in / right-out. Committee agreed to let the petitioner explore the idea of moving the proposed access to the south to provide greater distance from the existing right-in / right-out to the north. They also agreed to place the variance request on the County Board agenda.

An agreement for right-of-way consulting services with Mathewson Right-of-Way Company was presented to the committee. Motion Prochaska to recommend approval of the agreement to the County Board. Second Gryder. The work to be performed under this agreement involves two projects: Little Rock Road reconstruction just south of Galena Road, and Grove Road Bridge replacement over the West Aux Sable Creek. Specific work items include appraisals, review appraisals, negotiations and closing costs for a total of \$63,000. Motion carried unanimously.

The County received a petition from Little Rock Township requesting aid to construct a drainage structure and approaches connecting Mitchell Road from Schaefer North Subdivision to Lakewood Subdivision in the City of Plano. The petition is for a total of \$150,000, which would be split 50/50 between the County and the Township. Prochaska asked whether the petition legally requires the County to provide for 50% of the costs. Klaas stated that this would be a good question for the State's Attorney. Prochaska also indicated that for public safety reasons, the connection would be important when Eldamain Road is closed for reconstruction between River Road and U.S. Route 34. Wehrli thought that the connection made a lot of sense and is supportive of it. Gryder wondered whether making the connection would set some kind of precedent for other missing links around the county. The committee agreed to bring this matter back to Highway Committee in June.

Three quotes were presented to the Committee to make some roof repairs and re-shingle the salt dome at the Highway Department. The low quote was from Advanced Roofing for a total of \$22,423. The Committee directed the County Engineer to have the work done by Advanced Roofing.

Koukol discussed the fact that IDOT has a project in their 5-year plan to install some turn lanes and a traffic signal at Route 126 and County Line Road. He again brought up the status of the stop signs at Old Ridge Road and Route 126. He directed the County Engineer to draft a letter to IDOT regarding this ongoing issue. Prochaska reported that a resolution will be presented to Judicial Committee as well requesting IDOT take down the stop signs at Old Ridge Road.

PJ Fitzpatrick gave a report on the progress of preliminary engineering by WBK on the Collins Road Extension. He expected to be ready to go to a joint meeting with the Village of Oswego in about 3 months.

Motion Prochaska; second Gryder to forward Highway Department bills for the month of May in the amount of \$174,805.52 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion to approve bills carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis C. Klaas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Francis C. Klaas, P.E.  
Kendall County Engineer

**Action Items (Highway)**

1. Consideration to award \$50,000 in KC-TAP funds to the City of Yorkville for use on the proposed multi-use path on Kennedy Road from Route 47 to Mill Road.
2. Variance to Kendall County Highway Access Regulation Ordinance allowing right-in / right-out access to west side of Orchard Road approximately 800 feet south of Mayfield Drive.
3. Agreement between Kendall County and Mathewson Right-of-Way Company to provide right-of-way consulting services on the Little Rock Road and Grove Road Bridge projects in the amount of \$63,000 to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.