

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** September 8, 2020  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Ginger Gates, John Burscheid and Fran Klaas  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Ryan Sikes from WBK Engineering

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. All members present. Quorum established.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from August 11, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to recommend authorization of County Board Chairman and County Clerk to execute Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Eldamain Road Contract B construction. Klaas reported that IDOT was supposed to send this agreement to Kendall County, but has not done so yet. This item may have to be scratched from Board agenda if it does not come in time. Gryder suggested that the County contact their lobbyist to see if they can help; but keep the item on the agenda just in case. Kellogg also suggested that the matter could be taken up at either of the C.O.W. Finance meetings on September 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>, if action would not be taken next Tuesday. By roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg to recommend approval of a resolution appropriating funds for the improvement of Eldamain Road – Contract B. This appropriation resolution is an addendum to the Joint Agreement discussed above. By roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska to recommend approval of an agreement between State of Illinois and Kendall County pertaining to the construction and maintenance of the intersection of Illinois Route 71 and Eldamain Road. By roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Klaas informed the Committee that Yorkville had made a request to have the County be a joint applicant for an ITEP project along Fox Road that would look at the installation of a sidewalk and/or multi-use trail between White Oaks Subdivision and Hoover Forest Preserve. The ITEP project would be a separate and distinct project from the widening and resurfacing of Fox Road that the County intends to complete in 2021. Klaas estimated the cost for engineering at approximately \$10,000. Gryder thought it was a great idea, especially considering that the Eldamain Bridge project would provide interconnection with all the Forest Preserves in the area. Committee agreed that this was a good project and should be pursued with City of Yorkville.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the 5-Year Surface Transportation Program 2021-2025. Klaas indicated that some previous projects in the program have been pushed back or eliminated to allow room for the Eldamain Road project and Collins Road

Extension... two very large and expensive projects. The 5-Year Program is estimated to cost about \$93 million, with \$42 million coming from other sources besides Kendall County. Gryder asked about Township Bridge Program projects in latter years of the program. Klaas indicated that projects in the near term are identified, while projects in later years are earmarked but yet to be determined. He also discussed the years identified in the Program. They are the anticipated letting dates in the County's fiscal year. This does not necessarily mean that construction will begin that same year, as sometimes utility relocations delay the actual construction work.

Committee discussed the Ridge Road / Johnson Road intersection improvement. Gryder discussed recent meetings with the Village of Plainfield, and Plainfield's desire to extend 143<sup>rd</sup> Street westerly to intersection at Ridge Road. Said intersection would then be 2 legs County and 2 legs Village jurisdiction. Group had discussed the idea of Plainfield fronting the money with potential reimbursement from Kendall County. Klaas indicated that there were so many financial demands in the next 2 years of the program, that there probably was not room to fund anything until 2023. He also suggested that a limit of perhaps \$1 million would cover the County's share of the improvement. Prochaska expressed concern about the zoning in the area. He didn't want to put in a big improvement if the zoning was all residential. He was interested in more commercial, light industrial or mixed use; and he wanted that in writing if the County was going to invest any money in the intersection. After additional discussion about this location and future intersections along Ridge Road in the Village of Plainfield, the Committee agreed to keep a place holder in the 5-Year Plan, and reply back to the Village about some of the County's concerns. By voice vote, motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Gryder reported that he had already talked to the County lobbyist, and instructed County Engineer to talk to Mandy as soon as possible regarding the Eldamain Road Agreement.

Under Other Business, Klaas reported that the Highway Department is working with Soil and Water Conservation District and Army Corps of Engineers to perform a bank stabilization project on the Big Rock Creek, just upstream of the Fox River Drive Bridge, where flooding has created a large oxbow in the creek, threatening the north abutment of the bridge. He estimated that the County's share of the project would be about \$40,000, with the rest coming from Soil & Water Conservation. The project must get built this year, or funding from Soil & Water would be lost. Committee was not opposed to moving forward with the project.

Prochaska pulled up Plainfield's LRMP and reported that there was some commercially-zoned property along Ridge and Johnson Roads, but everything else was residentially-zoned. He was not in favor of spending money at this intersection, unless the LRMP was updated to show more commercial or mixed uses.

Motion Cesich; second Prochaska, to forward Highway Department bills for the month of September in the amount of \$1,825,164.62 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Prochaska asked when the County might need to go to bond issue for the Eldamain Road project, and how much that bond issue would be. Klaas did not think that the County would need to obtain bond funds until 2022, because Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds and Transportation Sales Tax funds should be able to cover Eldamain costs in 2021. The total bond issue will be dependent on the bid price; but he estimated that it will be \$11 million.

Motion Prochaska; second Cesich, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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 at the end.

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

**Action Items**

1. Authorize County Board Chairman and County Clerk to execute Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Eldamain Road Contract B construction.
2. Resolution appropriating funds for the improvement of Eldamain Road – Contract B.
3. Agreement between State of Illinois and Kendall County pertaining to the construction and maintenance of the intersection of Illinois Route 71 and Eldamain Road.
4. Approve the 5-Year Surface Transportation Program 2021-2025.