

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: August 13, 2019
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Judy Gilmour, Matt Kellogg and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: Allen Persons, Randy Jessen, Scott Threewitt, Jason Fluhr, Kelly Farley, Tice Cole, P.J. Fitzpatrick, Ryan Sikes, and Joe Cwynar

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Amy Cesich absent. Quorum established.

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

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from July 9, 2019. Motion approved unanimously. Chairman Gryder then introduced the committee and asked all visitors to introduce themselves.

Representatives of the Village of Plainfield, including Persons, Jessen, Threewitt and Fluhr, discussed the proposed extension of 143rd Street westerly to an intersection with Ridge Road. This project was spurred by the construction of Project Jupiter, including the Diageo warehousing and distribution center. Diageo is the largest bottler of hard spirits in North America; and their facility being constructed in Plainfield is 1.5 million square feet. Persons discussed the construction and traffic flow in the area, as well as idea of a new intersection on the WIKADUKE Trail. Fluhr then spoke about the specific intersection improvements, including proposed turn lanes and traffic signals at the intersection. The proposed intersection configuration should serve at acceptable level of service until 2050. Persons stressed the importance of Kendall County's support for the intersection plan. He noted the request from Plainfield for participation in the cost of the intersection, which is estimated at approximately \$1.7 million for Kendall's share. He emphasized that this project will open the corridor for future development, which might help offset some of the initial investment in the intersection. Gryder asked what the Village's comprehensive plan showed for development in the area. He indicated that if it is residential, then the County would not be so inclined to participate financially in the project. Persons stated that there is some commercial / industrial in the immediate area, and also agriculture in the surrounding area. He also indicated that comprehensive plans change over time and this could certainly be addressed in future updates. Kellogg asked whether IDOT was still thinking about moving Route 126 over to this new 143rd corridor. Persons stated that the easterly part of 143rd Street would have to be completed before IDOT would consider this. Additionally, he believes that Wallin Drive would likely be the westerly connection back to Route 126... at least initially. Prochaska asked whether the Village's analysis of the overall traffic projections had anticipated completion of the missing sections of the WIKADUKE Trail. The Village relied on CMAP's traffic modeling for future traffic numbers. They were uncertain whether CMAP anticipated completion of all parts of the WIKADUKE Trail. Gryder reaffirmed the County's interest in getting connectivity of the WIKADUKE Trail, especially in the Oswego area.

Kelly Farley and Tice Cole presented information on the feasibility study for Galena Road, Kennedy Road and Mill Road intersections. Farley indicated that a single lane roundabout is not recommended at the Galena / Kennedy / Mill intersection, because rising traffic numbers would cause it to fail within a period of just 10 years. CMT analyzed traffic out to 2050. A multi-lane roundabout would work at acceptable level of service, but multi-lane roundabouts tend to be more confusing to some drivers. Cole discussed the several alternate alignments and intersection treatments. Committee members evaluated the alternatives and discussed pros and cons of each. After much discussion, committee was desirous of meeting with City of Yorkville to discuss alternatives and developing plan to move forward. Klaas will set up meeting.

Geneva Construction Company was low bidder for Mill Road resurfacing at a price of \$140,797.50. This was about \$20,000 over the estimate. Klaas indicated this was because of summer bid and short construction timeline. Motion Gilmour; second Kellogg to forward low bid to County Board for consideration. Motion approved unanimously.

Committee reviewed latest updates to the Multi-Year Plan. Comments from July's meeting were included into the latest draft. Klaas noted that he had included \$1 million in 2022 for the Ridge Road / 143rd Street intersection improvement simply as a starting point for discussion. Prochaska reminded committee that transportation sales tax fund may see future increases due to collection of sales tax for online sales. He also thought that monies could possibly be budgeted in later years for the 143rd Street intersection if Plainfield makes changes to their comprehensive plan. Committee was in favor of keeping the line item in the Multi-Year for this project, but not budgeting money at this time. Kellogg asked what increases to the sales tax revenues were anticipated in the Multi-Year. Klaas stated that very small increases were proposed for sales tax, but pretty significant increases are anticipated in the Motor Fuel Tax due to increases that are part of the State's new Capital Bill. With the changes, he indicated that the County has roughly \$9 million per year in anticipated capital funds for highways and bridges; so Multi-Year Plan will generally show about \$45 million in proposed expenditures. Prochaska asked whether the Plan anticipates the County taking over Crimmins Road. Klaas discussed the idea of taking over Crimmins, providing intersection improvement at Fox River Drive and Crimmins, as well as realignment of Walker Road to the south, creating a single intersection with Fox River Drive and Crimmins Road. The beginnings of this idea are in the Multi-Year Plan. Kellogg expressed concern about the structures on Schlapp Road if they are to be used as a detour during replacement of 3 bridges on Caton Farm Road. Gryder asked about realignment of Newark with Plattville Road. Realignment is not in Multi-Year, but could be considered in Long Range Plan. Committee discussed other County projects and State Highway improvements. Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the Multi-Year Plan to the County Board, with no money budgeted for 143rd Street project. Motion approved unanimously.

Gryder asked about timeline for TAP projects. Call for projects will be in the fall, with deadline for submittal being end of calendar year.

Klaas reported to the Committee that budgets for Highway Department are being completed this month. Information is online. Total property tax revenue request will remain the same as it has been for the past 12 years. He also reported that work continues on the Millington Bridge, and shared photos of the work with the Committee.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska to forward Highway Department bills for the month of August in the amount of \$137,192.57 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 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, written over a white background.

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

Action Items

1. Low bid from Geneva Construction Company in the amount of \$140,797.50 for resurfacing Mill Road from Kennedy Road to Allegiance Crossing; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.
2. Approval of the 5-Year Surface Transportation Program for Kendall County