



Record of Meeting | November 21, 2024

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (“Tollway”) held the regularly scheduled Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in the Boardroom of Tollway headquarters in Downers Grove, Illinois. The meeting was held pursuant to the By-Laws of the Tollway upon call and notice of the meeting executed by Chairman Arnaldo Rivera and posted in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*

[Bolded entries indicate issues which may require follow-up to present or report to Directors.]

Call to Order / Roll Call

Director Connolly called the meeting to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. and announced that he would chair the committee in Director McConnaughay’s absence.

Given Director McConnaughay’s advance notice to the Board Secretary of her inability to attend due to a conflicting business commitment and given that a quorum of the committee was physically present, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and Tollway By-laws, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to allow Director McConnaughay’s participation by audio conference. Director Paddock made such a motion, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Chair Connolly asked the Board Secretary to call the roll, those Directors present and absent being as follows:

Committee Members Present:	Other Directors Present:
Director Karen McConnaughay <i>[by telephone]</i>	Director Jacqueline Gomez
Director James Connolly	Director Melissa Neddermeyer
Director Scott Paddock	Director Mark Wright
Director James Sweeney	Chairman Arnaldo Rivera
Committee Members Not Present:	
Director Gary Perinar, Jr.	

The Board Secretary declared a quorum present.

Public Comment



Committee Chair Connolly opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was offered.

Committee Chair's Items

Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve **Committee Chair's Item 1**, the minutes of the regular Engineering, Planning & Development Oversight Committee meeting held on October 17, 2024, as presented. Director Paddock made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Having no further items, Chair McConnaughay called on Executive Director Cassandra Rouse.

Executive Director

Executive Director Rouse noted that the meeting agenda contains 9 items for the Committee's consideration.

Items for Consideration

Engineering

Executive Director Rouse asked Chief Engineering Officer Manar Nashif to present to the Committee the following items:

Item 1: Award of Contract I-24-4761 to Plote Construction, Inc. for Runway 10R Approach Lighting with Sequence Flashing (ALSF) Lighting System Relocation, Earthwork and Bridge Construction on the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (I-490) between Mile Post 1.0 (York Road) and Mile Post 2.6 (Taft Avenue) in the amount of \$38,561,610.10.

Item 2: Award of Contract RR-24-4964 to Areatha Construction Co., Inc. for Bridge Repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Mile Post 21.2 (Mile Long Bridge) in the amount of \$975,238.05.

Item 3: Acceptance of Proposal from J.A. Watts, Inc. on Contract I-24-4958 for Construction Management Services for Plaza Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Mile Post 6.3 (159th Street) and Mile Post 45.2 (Golf Road) in an amount not to exceed \$3,708,500.00.

Item 4: Acceptance of Proposal from RS&H, Inc. / Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson and Associates, Inc. on Contract I-17-4677 for Supplemental Design Services for Roadway and Bridge Design on Elgin O'Hare Western Access Tollway (I-490) from Mile Post 4.3 (Devon Avenue) to Mile Post 5.1



(Pratt Boulevard) in an amount of \$2,512,500.00, increasing the upper limit of compensation from \$9,133,538.16 to \$11,646,038.16.

Directors and staff discussed how the 4% bid preference for Illinois businesses might affect competition and pricing by out-of-state vendors. **Executive Director Rouse noted that staff will monitor the impact of the bid preference on contract costs.**

Upon conclusion of the presentation and discussion of items, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to consolidate for consideration and action Engineering Items 1-4. Director Paddock made a motion to consolidate these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The motion to consolidate these items having carried, Committee Chair Connolly entertained a motion to approve placement of **Engineering Items 1-4** on the November Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve these items, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Legal

Executive Director Rouse requested that Legal Items 2-5 be deferred until after consideration in the Executive Session of the full Board meeting. She asked General Counsel Kathleen R. Pasulka-Brown to present Legal Item 1 for the Committee's consideration.

Item 1: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for costs associated with a project impacting I-39 and US Route 20. Estimated cost to the Tollway: \$974,671.00.

Item 2: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois State Police. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 3: Approval of a Workers' Compensation Settlement – Carl Styrcula. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 4: Authorization to Enter a Litigation Settlement Agreement – Property Owner – Sante Fe Property LLC; Tollway Parcel No. TW-3B-16-008. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.

Item 5: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Service Employees International Union Local 73. Cost to the Tollway: As discussed in Executive Session.



Upon conclusion of the item presentation, Committee Chair Connolly deferred action on Legal Items 2-5 until after consideration in the Executive Session. He then entertained a motion to approve placement of **Legal Item 1** on the November Board of Directors meeting agenda with the Committee's recommendation for approval by the Board. Director Paddock made a motion to approve this item, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Committee Chair Connolly requested a motion to adjourn. Director Paddock made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Sweeney. The motion PASSED unanimously by voice vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Christi Regnery
Board Secretary
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority