

**The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting
December 17, 2009**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at approximately 8:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Building in Downers Grove, Illinois. Those in attendance were as follows:

Chair Paula Wolff	Mr. Mike Colsch
Committee Chairman Jim Roof	Mr. Albert Murillo
Director Tom Canham	Mr. Stan Ryniewski
Director Bill Morris - phone	Mr. Tom Bamonte
Director Maria Saldaña	Mr. Jeff Redding
Director Carl Towns	Capt. Jesernik
Director Tom Weisner	Mr. Andrew Boron
Mr. Mike King	Ms. Trudy Steinhauser
Mr. Paul Kovacs	

Chair Wolff reminded everyone that the meeting was being videotaped and streaming live on the Tollway's website.

Committee Chairman Roof called the meeting to order and stated that Director Morris was joining the meeting by phone.

Committee Chairman Roof then called for a motion approving the Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting.

Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being "Ayes" and no "Nays", declared the motion carried.

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Committee Chairman Roolf then called on the Chief Engineer. Mr. Paul Kovacs provided a brief update on the completion of construction projects and the milepost conversion being done Systemwide.

Mr. Kovacs then introduced Ms. Angela LaPorte, who gave a presentation on environmental issues, copy attached.

The Board then engaged in discussion on the Tollway's Wetland Mitigation Plan and Chair Wolff asked where the resources came from to maintain the wetlands after the Tollway turns them over to other agencies. Ms. LaPorte stated that the Tollway tries to make maintenance as minimal as possible but a lot of the land stewards that take over these properties are not sure where the funding will come from to take care of them.

Chair Wolff also inquired about whether the Tollway has goals or metrics on the environmental plans. Ms. LaPorte responded that the Tollway does not have metrics but annually puts together a priority list and works off that. The Chair encouraged development of environmental metrics for the Tollway.

Mr. Kovacs requested approval of the following:

Award of Contract I-07-5230RR to McGinty Bros., Inc. for a Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Plan for the North Chicago Mitigation Site on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Milepost 64.4 (Buckley Road/IL Route 137), in the amount of \$2,215,147.15.

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Award of Contract I-07-5539 to R.W. Dunteman Company for Bioswale Stormwater/Water Quality Treatment on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 42.2 (Touhy Avenue) to Milepost 52.2 (Sanders Road Overpass), in the amount of \$5,218,725.11.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said Awards for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the Award of Contract RR-09-5603 to Plote Construction, Inc. for Winter Hot Mix Asphalt Production & Intermittent Pavement Repairs, Upon Request, Systemwide, in the amount of \$443,780.00.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said motion. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Saldaña.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried. Committee Chairman Roolf abstained from voting on Contract RR-09-5603.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

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Proposal from Ciorba Group, Inc. for Design Services on Contract RR-05-5428 for Roadway Rehabilitation on the Edens Spur (I-94) from Milepost 48.5 (West Lake Avenue) to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 53.5 (Deerfield Road – IL Route 68), in the amount of \$894,646.10.

Proposal from Collins Engineers, Inc. for Construction Management Services on Contract RR-09-5582 for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Milepost 23.1 (Fox River), in the amount of \$299,695.76.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said proposals for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Canham.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then introduced Mr. Pete Foernssler, the Deputy Chief of Engineering and the Project Manager for the HNTB contract.

Mr. Foernssler gave a presentation on what the Program Manager (PMO) has done over the last five years as well as what has been accomplished by the Tollway with the help of the PMO. A copy of the presentation is attached.

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During discussion, Mr. Foernssler stated that the PMO had 62 people working on the Tollway contract but that number will be reduced to about 22 during the first half of 2010. The new contract being presented to the Board is to transition certain PMO functions back to Tollway staff and to monitor the construction and design projects.

Director Rooff asked what the cost savings were by using the PMO versus hiring personnel to handle the project in-house. Mr. Foernssler stated that the Tollway saved over \$200 million. It was also noted that over the last five years, if you measured the workload based on the construction volume of work, there has been a 6-fold increase in workload and the PMO has helped the Tollway double the engineering staff that would normally be available to do that work.

There was also discussion on having the Tollway develop a PMO group of its own now that the major part of the construction is complete. It was explained that the PMO allowed the Tollway to do more work by giving the Tollway specialists in different categories. That allowed the Tollway Project Managers to be free of doing detailed reviews of schedules, change orders, extra work orders, etc. and they were then able to cover more projects at the same time. In 2010 the workload is decreasing from about \$1 billion to \$300 million and the Tollway's Project Managers will go back to taking on more responsibilities.

Chair Wolff would like to begin a process to review the future program for the Tollway after the current Congestion Relief Program ("CRP").

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There was then discussion on the HNTB contract. It is a three-year contract but the fee will be negotiated on an annual basis and transition down from roughly 60 people to 20 people by mid-year. There are 160 CRP contracts that have to be closed out and the more efficiently and effectively that work is closed out, the sooner the funds are returned to the Tollway. Management also does not want to have a decrease in service. There is a high level of service for Tollway customers which management wants to maintain. Staff will come to the Board every year on this contract and if all the critical work is transitioned back to Tollway staff, this contract will not be renewed. Staff was tasked to have language in the contract stating that this contract can be terminated at any given year.

Mr. Kovacs reported that staff was dealing with an issue relating to HNTB's conflict of interest disclosures in its bid materials and would inform the Governor's Office and the Procurement Policy Board of the situation before finalizing the contract. He then requested approval of the proposal from HNTB Corporation on Contract RR-09-5602 for Program Management and Technical/Administrative Services, Systemwide, in the amount of \$6,423,000.

After some discussion, Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said proposal for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being "Ayes" and no "Nays", declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the proposal from Allied Research Associates, Inc. on Contract RR-09-9071 for Pavement Roadway Management Services and Quality Assurance Testing, Systemwide, in the amount of \$1,100,000.

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Director Morris asked staff to look into minority or women owned firms that do this type of work.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said proposal. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Canham.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of a renewal of Contract RR-07-9035 with Systems Development Integration, Inc. for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Fiber Optic Program Management & Support, Systemwide, by \$1,000,000, from \$2,834,279.50 to \$3,834,279.50.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said item for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Saldaña.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs the requested approval of the following:

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-06-5216 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen and Assoc. for Widening and Reconstruction on the Southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 41.3 (Devon Avenue) to Milepost 42.8 (Des Plaines River), to \$530,000.

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Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-07-5225 to Lorig Construction Company for Bridge Reconstruction and Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) at Milepost 66.2 (O'Plaine Road) and Milepost 69.8 (IL Route 132 – Grand Avenue; and at Milepost 75.8 (IL Route 173 – Rosecrans Road), to \$110,000.

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-07-8979 to Lorig Construction Company, for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 17.56 to Milepost 17.60 (95th Street), to \$86,432.

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-06-5518 to Martam Construction Co. for Reconstruction and Widening on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Milepost 138.0 (22nd Street), to \$250,370.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-5447 to Rockford Blacktop Construction Co./Civil Constructors, Inc./Rock Road Companies (TV), for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from Milepost 60.8 (Mill Road) to Milepost 62.4 (Business US 20), to \$315,000.

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Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-08-5541 to Rockford Blacktop Construction Co./Rock Road Companies (JV), for Grading and Drainage, Rubblization, Pavement Widening and Bridge Substructure Widening on the Westbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from Milepost 69.9 (IL Route 173) to Milepost 62.3 (Cherry Valley Interchange), to \$160,000.

After discussion, Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Saldaña.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried. Director Towns abstained from voting on Contracts I-05-5447 and I-08-5541.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of a Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-07-5243 to Plote Construction Company for Widening and Reconstruction on the Northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 48.3 (Willow Road) to Milepost 51.3 (Dundee Road), to \$630,000.

After discussion, Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said Partial Release for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Saldaña.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried. Committee Chairman Roof abstained from voting on Contract I-07-5243.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

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Final Release of Retainage on Contract I-07-5235 to Walsh Construction Companies of Illinois, for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-94) from Milepost 70.3 (South of Stearns School Road) to Milepost 72.9 (Waukegan Plaza 21), in the amount of \$10,000.

Final Release of Retainage on Contract RR-09-5498 to Albin Carlson and Co. for Bridge and Noise Wall Repairs on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) from Milepost 4.2 (C&NW RR) to Milepost 28.7 (C&NW RR); Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 30.9 (Roosevelt Road) to Milepost 32.2 (Electric Avenue) and from Milepost 54.5 (Deerfield Road) to Milepost 55.5 (Duffy Lane), in the amount of \$152,631.17.

Final Release of Retainage on Contract RR-08-9045RR to Builders Chicago Corporation for Salt Dome Repairs on the Westbound Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Milepost 76.1 (IL Route 251); Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 30 (Cermak Road); Northbound Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Milepost 21.9 (I-88), in the amount of \$29,024.92.

Final Release of Retainage on Contract RR-08-9046 to RoadSafe Traffic Systems Inc., for Pavement Marking, Systemwide, in the amount of \$68,994.05.

Final Release of Retainage on Contract RR-08-9054 to Madison Construction Company for New Chloride Station, Systemwide, in the amount of \$13,206.97.

After discussion, Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Canham.

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Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Director Pradel joined the meeting at this point.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following two amendments.

Amendment to Resolution No. 18272 authorizing a reallocation of previously estimated corridor utility relocation funding to more closely represent actual utility relocation work required in each roadway corridor and extending the completion date to December 31, 2010.

Amendment to Resolution No. 18273 authorizing a reallocation of previously estimated corridor fiber optic relocation funding to more closely represent actual fiber optic relocation work required in each roadway corridor and extending the completion date to December 31, 2010.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said Amendments for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Canham.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of Permit EW 09-23 to AT & T for permission to install, maintain and operate fiber optic facilities. The fiber optic cable will be directionally bored under and across the I-88 westbound exit ramp at Winfield Road. Fee will be \$1,000.

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Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said Permit for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of a resolution conveying portions of Tollway Parcel T-9A-2.3 to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said resolution for the Consent Agenda. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Roof called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kovacs stated that Contract RR-03-5142 (Item 8) was being deferred so the Board could view the TIMS Center and become more informed on the program.

Mr. John Benda then gave a presentation on the Traffic & Incident Management Program (copy attached).

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion to adjourn. Director Towns moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Canham.

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Committee Chairman Roolf called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____
Trudy Steinhauser