

**Illinois State Toll Highway Authority  
Minutes of the  
Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting**

**September 30, 2010**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at approximately 8:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Building in Downers Grove, Illinois. Directors on the Committee in attendance were as follows:

Committee Chairman Jim Roof  
Director Maria Saldaña  
Director Carl Towns

Committee Chairman Roof called the meeting to order. Chair Wolff stated that Director Canham was unable to attend the meeting as he was out of town on business.

Director Towns moved to approve the Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee meeting held on August 26, 2010; seconded by Director Saldaña. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Chairman Roof called on Chief Engineer Paul Kovacs to present the Engineering agenda items. Mr. Kovacs requested approval of the following:

Proposal from Teng & Associates, Inc. on Contract I-06-5423 for Supplemental Construction Inspection Services on Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Milepost 56.2 (Half Day Road) to Milepost 64.4 (Buckley Road) in the amount of \$179,822.50.

Director Towns moved to approve said Proposal for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Saldaña. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Full Release of Retainage on Contract I-07-5229 to Plote Construction, Inc. for Roadway Reconstruction and Widening on Northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-94) Milepost 62.4 (IL Route 176) to Milepost 65.0 (IL Route 137) in the amount of \$807,927.35.

Director Towns moved to approve said Full Release of Retainage for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Saldaña. Director Roof recused himself from voting on this item. The motion was approved.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Full Release of Retainage on Contract I-08-5543 to Rockford Blacktop Construction Co. (currently known as William Charles Construction Company, LLC)/Rock Road Companies (JV) for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction on Westbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Milepost 74.9 (Plaza 1 – South Beloit) to Milepost 69.9 (IL Route 173) in the amount of \$185,000.

Director Saldaña moved to approve said Full Release of Retainage for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Roof. Director Towns recused himself from voting on this item. The motion was approved.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Full Release of Retainage on Contract I-08-7728 to IHC Construction Companies, LLC for Roadside Completion Improvements on Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) Milepost 0.0 (I-80) to Milepost 13.27 (Boughton Road) in the amount of \$35,000.

Full Release of Retainage on Contract I-06-8974 to K-Five Construction Corporation for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on Southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Milepost 11.13 (Cal-Sag Channel) to Milepost 15.53 (111<sup>th</sup> Street) in the amount of \$200,000.

Full Release of Retainage on Contract RR-08-9053 to Madison Construction for Systemwide Locker Room Renovations in the amount of \$64,443.90.

Contract RR-08-9053 had a DBE goal of 30%, but the DBE attained was only 13%. The Directors discussed setting realistic DBE goals and monitoring to make sure that those goals were achieved. Executive Director Lafleur stated that the analysis of the DBE program will be performed. Director Roolf stated that he would like the analysis to include small businesses and if it is feasible for them to achieve the DBE goals set. Executive Director Lafleur stated that when new firms are hired it would be to the Tollway's advantage to make sure that they understand the importance of the DBE goals.

Director Saldaña moved to approve said Full Release of Retainages for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Amendment to Resolution No. 17033 dated November 17, 2005, increasing the upper limit payable to Adesta Communications by \$20,000, from \$180,000 to \$200,000.

Director Towns moved to approve said Amendment for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Saldaña. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs gave a presentation on the permit fee structure. The Tollway has two types of permits. The first is a Crossing Permit, which grants permission to continue service across the Tollway. These permits are usually for electric, gas, communications, municipal sewer and water. There is a one-time fee to cover the Tollway's administrative costs; however, the fee is waived for municipalities and regulated utilities. The Tollway has an average of 24 crossing permits per year. The second type of permit is a Use Permit. The Use Permit grants permission to use Tollway property. These permits are usually for drainage outlets, utility equipment, and parallel utility installations. There is a one-time fee to cover the Tollway administrative costs, potential increased maintenance, and the benefit to the permittee. There is an average of five Use Permits per year. Mr. Kovacs displayed the permit fees, and advised that they are also listed on the Tollway's website.

**Chair Wolff asked that the Engineering and Legal departments work together to determine if permits should be approved at another level, without having to be brought to the Board.**

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Permit TS 10-13 to RCN Metro Optical Networks for permission to install, maintain, and operate fiber optic facilities. The fiber optic cable will be directionally bored under and across the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Ogden Avenue. Fee is \$1,000.

Permit NS 10-14 to RCN Metro Optical Networks for permission to install, maintain, and operate fiber optic facilities. The fiber optic cable will be directionally bored under and across the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at Ogden Avenue. Fee is \$1,000.

Permit NW 10-15 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 Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at IL Route 23. Fee is \$1,000.

Permit EW 10-16 to NextG Networks for permission to install, maintain, and operate fiber optic facilities. The fiber optic cable will be directionally bored parallel to Forest Lane, North of Roosevelt Road and under the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88). Fee is \$1,000.

Director Saldaña moved to approve said Permits for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Director Saldaña requested the Engineering get information on how much Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) charges others for their permits, and how often the Tollway is required to request a permit from ComEd to cross over their property.**

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion to adjourn. Director Saldaña moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Chairman Roolf again called the meeting to order to allow Ed Vargas, Acting Chief of Information Technology to give a presentation on Tower Co-Location.

Directors on the Committee in attendance were as follows:

Committee Chairman Jim Roolf

Director Maria Saldaña

Director Carl Towns

Ed Vargas explained the ranking of the Tollway's monthly cellular tower co-location rates in comparison with the New Jersey Turnpike, California DOT, Delaware Turnpike, New York State Thruway, Ohio Turnpike, Kansas Turnpike Authority, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Sirianni