

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE OF MAYORS
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 18th, 2010

ATTENDEES:

NAME	TITLE	REPRESENTING
David Brady	President – Committee Chairman	Village of Bedford Park
Kris Wasowicz	Mayor	Village of Justice
John Mahoney	Mayor	Village of Palos Park
Brian Reaves	President	Village of Lemont
Wayne Demonbreun	Village Superintendent	Village of Worth
Rick Boehm	Administrator	Palos Park
John Daly	Administrator	Orland Hills
Earl Dunn	Programmer	IDOT
Bunny Anderson	Engineer Project Liaison	Illinois Tollway
Tim Werner	Director of Engineering	McDonough Associates
Pete Mesha	Group President –Engineer	Wight & Company
Tommy Kraus	Pace Representative	Pace
Mitch Bright	Sales Representative	Traffic Control Corp.
Ryan Mouw	Gouit Relations Officer	CTA
Tim Klass	Village Engineer, Evergreen Park	Frank Novotny & Assoc.
John Donovan	Metro Planning Specialist	FHWA
Dane Vandervelde	Engineer	Christopher Burke Engineering
Kristen Bennett	Acct. Manager	Metro Strategies Inc.
Mike Spolar	Senior Engineer	Robinson Engineering
Joe Vondra	Project Engineer	Ciorba Group
Vicky Smith	Executive Director	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Valbona Kokoshi	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors

NOTE: Copies of all attachments referred to in these minutes are available by contacting the Southwest Conference of Mayors at (708) 403-6132.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brady called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. The roll was called. On a motion by President Reaves and a second by Mayor Mahoney the minutes of the September 1st, 2009 meeting were approved. *See Attachment A.*

II. PROGRAM UPDATE

A. IDOT PROGRAM UPDATES (Earl Dunn)

Mr. Dunn reported that two projects, scheduled for the May 14th letting, came in at low bids: IL 7 (Wolf Rd.) – IL 7 (143rd Street) to 151st. Street at \$328, 098.40 and IL 7(159th Street) over Spring Creek (.5 MI E/o Will-Cook Rd) at \$53,837.50. For the June 11th letting date, only one project is scheduled; Le Grange Rd. over the Des Plaines River –a bridge joint repair. *See Attachment B.*

B. METRA REPORT (Demetrius Skoufis)

No report given.

C. PACE REPORT (Tommy Kraus)

No report given.

D. COOK COUNTY HIGHWAY REPORT (Steve Vaughn/Scott Van Der Aa)

No report given.

E. CMAP REPORT (Holly Ostdick for Janet Bright)

Vice President Joe Biden announced on April 21st that Northeastern Illinois was to receive \$25 million federal stimulus grant for energy-efficient retrofits of commercial and residential buildings, which is one of 25 projects funded nationally by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) "Retrofit Ramp-up" initiative.

On April 6th, Council of Mayors approved advanced funding for DuPage, McHenry and West Central Council. To date, \$27.3 million have been approved for STP advance funding. At the meeting, IDOT's Complete Streets Program was discussed, as well as the proposed cost sharing formulas between IDOT and the municipalities for walking and cycling facilities -an increase to IDOT's share of construction costs from 50/50 to 80/20. Under this program utilities and right-of-way cost which were 100% locally funded would now shift 80% of the cost to IDOT.

The GO TO 2040 Draft Plan will be released for public comment until August 6th. The Final Plan and a summary of feedback comments will be discussed at the September CMAP Board and the MPO Policy Committee meetings, and the recommendations will be incorporated in the plan. In October, the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee will consider adopting the final plan.

The Municipal Survey deadline has been extended.

CMAQ status updates are due by May 31st.

SAFETEA-LU has been extended until the end of the calendar year. It is estimated that through the April letting the Councils have spent over \$57.1 million dollars, 87% of the State appropriations.

F. RTA REPORT (Andy Plummer)

No report given.

G. ILLINOIS TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY (Bunny Anderson)

Intersection on 77th Street and Roberts Road (Justice) is on schedule to reopen on Sunday.

III. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A. IDOT LOCAL PROGRAM REPORT (Mel Mangoba)

An update was given on the STP projects, as well as an update on upcoming STP projects and 8 ARRA funded projects for the September 17th letting were discussed. President Reaves questioned the PESA timeline, why the process takes so long (at least 6 months for Special Waste Disposal) and why the process was not addressed before.

B. SCM STP REPORT (Valbona Kokoshi)

SCM had originally nine ARRA funded projects scheduled for the September 17th, but due to the Special Waste Disposal, only seven projects will be able to make this deadline. Two of the seven projects are 100% ARRA funded, therefore the \$202,000 ARRA funds programmed for the two projects that will not make the September letting will now be divided equally among the other 6 local agencies using STP funds to make up the difference (Orland Park and Orland Hills have a joint project) - \$33K additional ARRA funds for each project. *See Attachment C.*

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Chairman Brady)

No report given.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Vicky Smith)

The SCM Dinner Meeting is coming up May 26th and RSVPs are due.

The Steering Committee is meeting the first week of June to hear URS Corporation's presentation of the Harlem Avenue Corridor Project proposal, followed by a Windshield Tour a week later.

VI. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Village of Worth's Request to designate 110th Street/Depot Avenue from 111th Street (FAU 1581) to Oak Park Avenue (FAU 2955) as a FAU Route (Wayjne Demonbreun –Village of Worth Superintendent and Mike Spolar –Senior Engineer with Robinson Engineering)**

The Village of Worth feels 110th Street/Depot Avenue has a regional importance and there are several reasons to support its reclassification to a FAU route. The METRA Commuter Station provides regional benefits for Worth and the Chicagoland area. It serves traffic that comes from the Toll Road. There are four Pace bus routes that serves the area. 111th Street and Harlem Avenue is frequented by commuters coming and leaving the area, especially in the evenings. The existing ADT (Average Daily Trips) for the 111th Street is 3100, which demonstrate that this route is heavenly used. The two routes in question end at an existing FAU route (south on 111th Street (FAU 1581) and east on Oak Park Avenue (FAU 2955). *See Attachment D.*

President Brady questions the use of truck traffic on 110th Street/Depot Avenue, and if the route is reclassified as a FAU route there would be truck traffic in the future to connect with the other routes. Also, a FAU route allows truck traffic and currently 110th Street/Depot Avenue is classified as a residential street.

President Brady suggests looking at the SCM Draft Policy on Accepting FAU Route Requests and making recommendations to be discussed at the next Transportation Committee meeting, September 21st, for further discussion.

- B. Presentation and Discussion of the SCM Draft Policy on Accepting FAU Route Requests (Valbona Kokoshi)**

The Draft Policy was introduced. President Brady recommends adding third criteria: Route must maintain at least a Class 3 truck route status. This recommendation will go to the full Conference in the September 28th Business Meeting. *See Attachment E.*

- C. SCM's Call For New STP Projects (Vicky Smith)**

Kick-off is today. Deadline to submit July 2nd is the Deadline

The review period will be July 6th through the 12th. On July 20th a program will be introduced. On September 28th they will be introduced to the SCM Board for approval. *See Attachment F.*

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next SCM Transportation meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday, July 20th, at 9:30 A.M.

Bedford Park Village Hall

6701 South Archer Road

VIII. ADJURNMENT

On a motion by President Reaves and a second by Mayor Wasowicz the SCM Transportation Committee meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

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