

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting

April 28, 2011

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011 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 Chair James Roof
Director Maria Saldaña
Director Carl Towns

Committee Chairman Roof called for approval of the Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee meeting held on March 24, 2011. Director Saldana moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Roof called on Chief Engineer, Paul Kovacs, to present two informational items and the Engineering agenda items. Mr. Kovacs informed the Committee that approval of the Authorization to Proceed (ATP) by the Chair was approved the previous month. A description of that ATP was included in the April Monthly Program Report for their reference. The work was for additional quantities of overlay removal required prior to resurfacing the ramp from Southbound 1-355 to Westbound I-88. The existing overly was anticipated to be only ¼ inch thick but was actually one inch thick. The total cost for the additional overlay removal was \$174,222.38. Chair Wolff asked why the variance in the overlay had not been detected prior to the start of the project. Mr. Kovacs replied that staff does not routinely core the site of the project to verify the depth of the overlay. Staff relies on the information in the paperwork at the time of original construction. He also noted that local variances are expected. He also indicated that part of the reason that a

five percent variance in the contract budget amount on Engineering construction projects is allowed is to address this type of issue.

Mr. Kovacs also informed the Committee that the Village of Rosemont awarded the construction contract for the Balmoral Interchange that the Tollway authorized at the previous Board meeting. The ground breaking is expected May 5, 2011. The contract was awarded to Lorig Construction, which submitted the lowest of six bids at \$14,242,052.50. Director Roolf noted that the contract is with the Village of Rosemont, not with the Tollway.

Mr. Kovacs requested approval of the following:

Award of Contract No. RR-09-5591 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Milepost 1.2 (Chicago Road) to Milepost 24.2 (I-55 Ramps), and Tri-State Tollway (I-94) Milepost 20.3 (Everett Road) in the amount of \$1,568,531.80.

Award of Contract No. RR-08-5569 to Lorig Construction Company for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Milepost 40.8 (I-90) in the amount of \$13,120,362.65.

Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Saldana. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Kovacs requested approval of the following:

Proposal from Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc. on Contract No. RR-08-5569 for Construction Management for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Milepost 40.8 (I-90) in the amount of \$2,077,270.50.

Executive Director noted that the contractors were supplied a checklist to help them understand what items need to be submitted. Chair Wolff suggested having contractors submit the completed checklist with their

other contract bid documents. Mr. Kovacs said that many contractors have asked whether they can reference certain documents currently on file instead of re-submitting the documents for each contract bid. His staff is currently reviewing that option. Chair Wolff emphasized that the goal is to increase the number bidders for each contract. Executive Director Lafleur indicated that requiring the contractors to return the checklist could present another opportunity for them to be disqualified if they do not comply. Director Roof added that if most vendors are submitting the documents correctly then the problem likely stems from the affected vendors, not the overall process.

Proposal from TranSystems Corporation on Contract No. I-11-5624 for Design Services for Roadway Widening and Reconstruction on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Milepost 113.6 (IL Route 56) to 114.3 (Deerpath Road) in the amount of \$890,381.30.

Director Saldana moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Kovacs requested approval of the following:

Supplement to Contract I-05-5451 with Teng & Associates, Inc. for Design Services for Reconstruction and Lane Addition on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Milepost 117.7 (Aurora Plaza 61) to Milepost 115.5 (Orchard Road) in the amount of \$146,720, increasing the contract upper limit from \$9,036,873.60 to \$9,183,593.60.

Director Saldana moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Kovacs requested approval of the following:

Full Release of Retainage on Contract No. RR-08-5571 to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Milepost 9.76 (Rexford Avenue) to Milepost 10.31 (Midlothian Turnpike) and Milepost 31.1 (I-88 Tri-Level Bridge) to Milepost 31.4 (CC&P RR) in the amount of \$10,000.

Director Saldana moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Director Saldaña moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____

Tranece Artis
Board Secretary