

**The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority  
Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting  
November 19, 2009**

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 19, 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. Greg Stukel
Committee Chairman Jim Roof	Mr. Greg Busey
Director Jim Banks	Ms. Patti Pearn
Director Tom Canham	Mr. Joe Fivelson
Director Bill Morris	Ms. Leslie Savickas
Director George Pradel	Mr. Kent Vedra
Director Carl Towns	Mr. Peter Foernsler
Director Tom Weisner	Mr. Bill O'Connell
Mr. Mike King	Ms. Jan Kemp
Mr. Andrew Boron	Ms. Stella Banak
Mr. Paul Kovacs	Ms. Maria Molliconi
Mr. Albert Murillo	Ms. Patrice Brazil
Mr. Stan Ryniewski	Ms. Stephanie Stephens
Mr. Tom Bamonte	Mr. John Benda
Mr. Jeff Redding	Mr. Dick Sandberg
Mr. Mike Colsch	Mr. John Hauk
Capt. Jesernik	Mr. Sharif Abou-Sabh
Mr. Ed Vargas	Ms. Arjana Jaupi
Ms. Trudy Steinhauser	Ms. Nancy LaMasse-Geraci
Mr. Rocco Zucchero	Ms. Joelle McGinnis
Mr. Tom Morache	Mr. Joseph Errico
Ms. Colleen Gannon	Mr. Vince Volante

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

Committee Chairman Roolf called the meeting to order and stated that Directors' Pradel and Weisner would be on the Engineering-Planning Committee for today's meeting.

Committee Chairman Roolf then called for a motion approving the Minutes of the October 29, 2009 Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting.

Director Weisner moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

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

Committee Chairman Roolf then called on the Chief Engineer. Mr. Paul Kovacs provided a brief update on the Congestion Relief Plan and a presentation on the ISO Certification, copies attached.

The ISO audit will be done in November and the auditor will be looking at the Tollway's processes and evaluating them. ISO, which means International Organization for Standardization has given the Engineering Department a very strong foundation and is responsible for the Tollway's success. ISO explains that you tell people what you're going to do, do what you told them you were going to do, and have the documentation to prove it.

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Mr. Kovacs then provided information about the Tollway's quality management system and explained ISO. He believes that the Tollway is one of the first transportation agencies in the country to get ISO certified.

Committee Chairman Roolf felt it was very important to recognize that the Tollway has the ISO certification.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of a Proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd. for Supplemental Design Services on Contract I-06-5213 for a New Exit-Ramp to be Constructed from Northbound I-294 to Balmoral Road on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Milepost 40 (Balmoral Road), from \$829,295 by \$2,175,034.10 to \$3,004,329.10.

Mr. Kovacs explained that the total interchange amount is estimated at \$38 million. \$24 million would be related to Tollway work, bridges and ramps, and \$14 million would be related to improvements.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said proposal for placement on the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

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 Change Order on Contract I-07-5241 to Plote Construction, Inc. for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction on the Northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 44.5 (Dempster Street) to Milepost 48.3 (Willow Road), in the amount of \$91,500.

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On this Change Order, Mr. Kovacs explained that there were ancillary costs related to the railroads. An authorization to proceed was originally developed for this work in the amount of \$150,000 to provide for flagging services. When the work began, another \$48,500 was added to this contract. The current change order for an additional \$91,500 for additional flagging bring the current amount to \$290,000 which is over the \$200,000 limit and must be brought back to the Board for approval.

Chair Wolff asked that in the future cumulative pricing be shown on the financial summary sheet.

Mr. Kovacs also stated that engineering would revisit all the Tollway's agreements with the railroads to see if they can be renegotiated.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said Change Order. Director Canham moved for approval; seconded by Director Pradel.

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 I-07-5241.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Change Order on Contract RR-07-5529 to Lorig Construction Company for Bridge Rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 37.1 (Bensenville Railroad Yard Bridge) to Milepost 39.5 (Soo Line Railroad), in the amount of \$180,000.

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Extra Work Order 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 (95<sup>th</sup> Street) in the amount of \$300,000.

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-06-8969 to K-Five Construction Corporation/Walsh Construction Company of Illinois (JV), for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Milepost 6.11 (159<sup>th</sup> Street) to Milepost 9.05 (Rock Island Railroad), in the amount of \$980,071.53.

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-06-8975 to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Assoc. LLC for Roadway and Bridge Reconstruction and Widening on the Northbound Tri-State Tollway from Milepost 11.13 (Cal-Sag Bridge) to Milepost 15.53 (107<sup>th</sup> Street), in the amount of \$1,587,418.70.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion to approve 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 an Amendment of Resolution No. 16461 authorizing an increase in the amount to be paid for fiber optic relocation work from \$245,000 by \$249,706.10 to \$494,706.10.

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There was discussion on this item regarding why the relocation of the fiber had to be done twice. Mr. Kovacs explained that resurfacing work was in progress on the Reagan Memorial Tollway before the CRP program was approved. After approval, this section of roadway was in the plan as a widening project and therefore the fiber had to be moved for the widening.

Directors stated that in the future, for utilities and fiber, the most long-term solution for this type of situation should be looked into so it doesn't need to be done again in a few years.

Committee Chairman Roolf called for a motion approving said Amendment 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:

Permit NW 09-18 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 Barrington Road. Fee will be \$1,000.

Permit NW 09-21 to MCI Metro Access Transmission Services LLC 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 Lee Street. Fee will be \$1,000.

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Committee Chairman Roof called for a motion approving said Permits. Director Weisner 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.

Director Morris thanked Mr. Kovacs and his staff for working with Green Oaks on their sound problem and also for moving along on the north end of the Tri-State.

There was also a brief discussion on how the Tollway’s general and traffic consultants compare to other systems and Mr. Kovacs stated that based on cost comparisons he believes the Tollway is getting great value for the service received.

Chair Wolff wants to maximize the number of bids on these contracts in the future and feels it’s very important to make sure that steps are being taken to encourage many companies to bid on these contracts.

Mr. Kovacs then gave a presentation on the status of the Tollway’s bridges (copy attached).

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

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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 9:00 a.m.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trudy Steinhauser