

Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting November
18, 2010

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 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 Thomas Canham
Director Maria Saldaña
Director Carl Towns

Committee Chairman Roof called for approval of the Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee meeting held on October 21, 2010. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Canham. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Proposal from McDonough Associates, Inc. on Contract I-05-5411 for Supplemental Construction Management Services for Mainline Roadway Widening & Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94) Milepost 64.4 (Buckley Road) to Milepost 69.8 (Grand Avenue) in the amount of \$224,000, increasing the upper limit of contract compensation from \$9,460,000 to \$9,684,000.

Director Canham moved to put said Proposal on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Proposal from Teng & Associates, Inc. on Contract I-05-5451 for Supplement 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 \$126,873.60, increasing the upper limit of contract compensation from \$8,910,000 to \$9,036,873.60.

Director Canham moved to put said Proposal on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Saldaña. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Proposal from HNTB Corporation on Contract RR-09-5602 for the Continuation of Services for Program Management and Technical/Administrative Services Systemwide in the amount of \$6,242,369, increasing the upper limit of contract compensation from \$6,423,000 to \$12,665,369.

Executive Director Lafleur noted that staff is taking a look at this contract, among others, and looking for opportunities to transition functions needed long-term to permanent employees of the Tollway versus receiving them through a contract with an outside vendor. Executive Director Lafleur promised continued analysis through the next month leading up to the December budget.

Director Canham asked why there was a budget shortfall, as indicated in the footnotes of the item summary sheet. Mr. Kovacs answered that this program is included in the funding for the CRP and the budget is available to fund it. Chair Wolff suggested that the footnote might be reworded. Director Morris asked that Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Colsch review the footnote and explain the shortfall reference. Director Roolf proposed holding the item until the Board meeting pending an explanation. Chair Wolff suggested moving the item to the Consent Agenda subject to receiving the explanation.

Director Saldaña moved to put said Proposal on the Consent Agenda subject to receiving an oral explanation for the indicated budget shortfall; seconded by Director Canham. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Roolf asked for clarification on the accuracy of estimates HNTB has done on Tollway projects. Mr. Kovacs answered that the Tollway evaluates HNTB against several performance measures on an annual basis and HNTB has been very effective. As far as predicting construction costs, the Tollway budgeted 5 percent of the contract award as the target zone or variance level, and final construction contract expenditures area averaging less than .5 percent off of the contract award amount, so HNTB is operating well within the budgeted amount for construction contracts.

Director Morris asked what was spent on capital in 2010 versus planned spending in 2011. Mr. Kovacs answered that 2010 was in the \$400 million range and 2011 will be in the \$200 million range. Director Morris asked if it is conceivable that the \$6.2 million of the proposed contract in Item 4 will not be spent by the end of 2011. Executive Director Lafleur answered that part of the issue of why there does not seem to be a direct correlation between next year's program and the amount it is decreasing from 2010 is that some of the long-term needs being met through this contract will ultimately be transitioned to permanent staff. She noted that this contract will not necessarily be 50 percent down at this time next year, because she expects projects to scale back up in the coming years. Director Morris suggested that the Board was essentially approving a not-to-exceed number. Executive Director Lafleur confirmed that interpretation. Director Roolf noted that the \$6.4 million is the upper limit, but actual expenditures will likely end up being less than that amount.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:
Proposal from Applied Research Associates, Inc. on Contract RR-09-9071 for the Contract Renewal of Pavement and Roadway Management

Services and Quality Assurance Testing Systemwide in the amount of \$1,234,000, increasing the upper limit of contract compensation from \$1,164,000 to \$2,398,000.

Director Canham moved to put said Proposal on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-08-5696 to Plote Construction, Inc. for the Eola Road Interchange on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) from Milepost 120.5 to Milepost 122.0 (Eola Road) by \$381,486.75, reducing the retainage from \$431,486.75 to \$50,000.

Director Saldaña moved to approve said Partial Release of Retainage for the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. 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-07-5476 to R.W. Dunteman Co./James D. Fiala Paving Company/Herlihy Mid-Continent Company (Tri-Venture) for Widening and Overlay on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) from Milepost 15.9 (75th Street) to Milepost 19.4 (Ogden Avenue) in the amount of \$400,000.

Director Canham moved to put said Full Release of Retainage on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Kovacs then requested approval of the following:

Permit EW 10-23 to AT&T for permission to install, maintain, and operate fiber optic facilities. The fiber optic cable will be directionally

bored along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at Milepost 127.5 on the Naperville Road entrance ramp to Maintenance Building #8. Fee is \$1,000.

Mr. Kovacs noted that this will be the last routine Permit he will be presenting to the Board for approval, as he has worked with Legal on developing a program to process standard permits.

Director Canham moved to put said Permit on the Consent Agenda; seconded by Director Towns. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director Roolf asked Mr. Colsch if he had an explanation as to the budget shortfall noted for Item 3. Mr. Colsch explained that in 2009 the Board passed a one-year contract with two one-year renewals. The amount the Board approved was formally budgeted for the first year, but included in the cash flow is an amount available to fund the contract. This money is not moved into the project budget until the item is approved by the Board. Director Roolf noted that there is a shortfall in that line item, then, but not overall. Mr. Colsch confirmed that it is built within the Tollway's cash flow but not specifically identified as a project number with a budget until there is Board approval.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Diaz