

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting

January 26, 2006

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Building in Downers Grove, Illinois. Those in attendance were as follows:

Committee Chairman Andalcio	Ms. Maria Molliconi
Director Banks	Ms. Georgia Raymond
Director Harris	Ms. Michelle Damico
Director Materick - phone	Ms. Joby Berman
Director Pradel	Mr. Bill Springer
Director Roolf	Ms. Trudy Steinhauser
Director Towns	Mr. Scott Okun
Executive Director Jack Hartman	Mr. John Hauk
Ms. Marilyn Johnson	Mr. Greg Busey
Mr. Tom Bamonte	Mr. Greg Stukel
Mr. Matt Beaudet	Mr. Sharif Abou-Sabh
Ms. Karen Burke	Mr. John Benda
Ms. Kathleen Cantillon	Mr. Tom Deldin
Mr. Mike Colsch	Ms. Jan Kemp
Mr. Jeff Dailey	Mr. Dick Sandberg
Mr. Brian McPartlin	Mr. Tom Morache
Mr. Ted Young	Ms. Nancy LaMasse-Geraci
Tracy Smith - IG	

Committee Chairman Andalcio called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting held on December 22, 2005.

Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roof.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Committee Chairman Andalcio then called on the Chief Engineer. Mr. Jeff Dailey gave a presentation on construction being done on the I-355 South Extension. He gave a briefing on the history, the value engineering efforts, the status of the construction, an overview of the north/south corridor, and bridge construction at the cross roads.

After some discussion, Mr. Dailey requested approval of the Award of Contract I-05-5316 to FHP Tectonics Corp. for Open Road Tolling on the Tri-State Tollway at Plaza 41 (163rd St.) from Mile Post 5.1 to Mile Post 6.4, in the amount of \$21,637,371.00.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving this item for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roof.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval the following:

A Proposal from URS Corp. for Supplemental Design Services on Contract I-05-7512 for the North-South Tollway, South Extension, South of the ICC RR Bridge to North of 135th Street, from \$1,129,030.00 by \$31,437.00 to \$1,160,467.00.

A Proposal from International Engineering Consultants, Inc. for Supplemental Design Services on Contract I-05-7513 for the North-South Tollway, South Extension, North of 135th Street to South of 151st Street, from \$1,225,385.00 by \$25,879.00 to \$1,251,264.00.

A Proposal from Harry O. Hefter Associates, Inc. for Supplemental Design Services on Contract I-05-7514 for the North-South Tollway, South Extension, South of 151st Street to South of 167th Street, from \$2,216,380.00 by \$81,276.00 to \$2,297,656.00.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Proposal from American Consulting Engineers, LLC for Supplemental Design Services on Contract I-05-7515 for the North-South Tollway, South Extension, South of 167th Street to North of U.S. Route 6, from \$1,363,418.00 by \$33,793.00 to \$1,397,211.00 and a Proposal from H.N.T.B., Corp. for Supplemental Design Services on Contract I-05-7516 for the North-South Tollway, South Extension, North of U.S. Route 6 to the I-80 Interchange, from \$2,530,818.00 by \$150,328.00 to \$2,681,146.00.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving these items for the Consent Agenda. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Proposal from American Consulting Engineers, LLC for Supplemental Design Services on Contract RR-02-5801 for Roadway Widening and Reconstruction on the Reagan Memorial Tollway from Mile Post 126.8 (Washington Street) to Mile Post 128.3 (Naperville Road), from \$5,848,415.00 by \$1,500,000.00 to \$7,348,415.00.

Director Materick had a general question. “Jeff, in the value engineering savings that you’ve been able to achieve over the last several months, we have literally dozens of design firms and I’m wondering how all this information will get transmitted to them so that in the future, if they do a design, they consider these alternatives as they go and actually come up with a better designed project and not have to go back and do as much value engineering.”

Mr. Dailey said, “This has helped us develop concepts on a whole new set of standards and what we’re doing right now is taking these things as corridors. All these value engineering efforts were set in design parameters for the corridor. We are now putting our total focus on our material standards, design standards, process internally so we can assimilate these things properly, put them into standards, and disseminate them out to all the designers. Basically, we’re taking a corridor by corridor approach right now so we can keep the project on schedule. We’re taking all these ideas and pulling them into and updating our standards and we will be posting them out so everybody can get them.”

Director Materick asked, “Do you think it would perhaps be worthwhile having a one day seminar where maybe some of the principals of those firms would be invited to some sort of discussion of what’s been accomplished and bring it more to their attention than simply sending out a document?”

Mr. Dailey agreed. He said, “I think I’ll take your idea and do it. Part of our construction engineering, we are transforming it into a construction managers as opposed to observers. We’re bringing them in, all our construction section engineers, and giving them a lessons learned. We’re telling them about new processes and procedures. I see us doing the same thing for design and we’ll start that out with a kick-off on how we started all this value engineering, how we achieved all these savings and how we’ll be implementing this in the future.

Director Materick thought that would be a good idea.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving this item for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roofl.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Proposal from BLA, Inc. dba Bollinger Lach for Supplemental Construction Inspection Services on Contract RR-03-5146 for Bridge Repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway from Shabbona Road to the Route 56 Ramp, from \$670,022.00 by \$131,868.00 to \$801,890.00.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving said Proposal for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roofl.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of the following:

A Partial Release of Retainage to K-Five Constr. Corp./Walsh Constr. Co. of IL. JV on Contract RR-04-5198 in the amount of \$1,720,374.07 for Roadway Reconstruction and Bridge Rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway from Mile Post 122.9 (Route 59) to Mile Post 127.5 (Naperville Road).

A Release of Retainage to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company on Contract RR-03-5145 in the amount of \$113,333.74 for Bridge Repairs on the Northwest Tollway from Mile Post 28.0 (Tyrell Road) to Mile Post 43.6 (Harmony-Riley Road).

A Release of Retainage to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company on Contract RR-03-5147 in the amount of \$106,834.75 for Bridge Repairs on the North-South Tollway from Mile Post 19.7 (Warrenville Road) to Mile Post 29.8 (Army Trail Road).

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Release of Retainage to K-Five Construction Corporation on Contract RR-02-8949 in the amount of \$85,660.29 for Interim Roadway Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 6.1 (South of 159th Street) to Mile Post 10.85 (135th Street) and the Release of Retainage to K-Five Construction Corporation on Contract RR-02-8950 in the amount of \$153,132.33 for Interim Roadway Improvements on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 11.23 (North of Cal-Sag Bridge) to Mile Post 17.7 (95th Street) and at Mile Post 28.47 (North of Salt Creek).

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving said items for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roolf.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval for Permanent Easements to be obtained on approximately 11 parcels of property from the Cook County Forest Preserve District for the widening and reconstruction of the Tri-State Tollway from Touhy Ave. to Lake Cook Road, in the amount of \$2,600,000.00.

Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion approving said item for the Consent Agenda. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

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

There was a brief discussion on how the value of trees is determined and if our survey takes into consideration the higher value of some trees that may be on the land.

There being no further business, Committee Chairman Andalcio called for a motion to adjourn. Director Towns moved to adjourn; seconded by Director Roolf.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____
Trudy Steinhauser