

The Illinois Tollway

Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting

May 25, 2006

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Central Administration Building in Downers Grove, Illinois. Those in attendance were as follows:

Chairman John Mitola	Mr. Ken Glassman
Director Jim Banks	Ms. Cathy Kendrick
Director Steve Harris	Mr. Sharif Abou-Sabh
Director Ron Materick	Ms. Bunny Anderson
Director Jim Roof	Ms. Joelle McGinnis
Director Carl Towns	Ms. Nancy LaMasse-Geraci
Acting Executive Director Brian McPartlin	Ms. Trudy Steinhauser
Mr. Tom Bamonte	Mr. Greg Busey
Mr. Matt Beaudet	Ms. Jan Kemp
Ms. Karen Burke	Mr. John Benda
Ms. Kathleen Cantillon	Mr. Tom Deldin
Mr. Mike Colsch	Ms. Leslie Savickas
Mr. Jeff Dailey	Mr. Dick Sandberg
Mr. Ted Young	Mr. Bill Springer
Ms. Tracey E. Smith	Mr. Billy Glunz
Ms. Tracy Smith - IG	Mr. John Hauk
Mr. Rocco Zuccherro	Mr. Paul Kovacs
Ms. Rusty Castillo	Mr. Greg Stukel

Chairman Mitola called the meeting to order and requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting held on April 27, 2006.

Director Materick moved for approval; seconded by Director Towns.

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

Chairman Mitola called on Mr. Jeff Daily to brief the Committee on the South Extension of I-355. Mr. Daily showed a slide presentation on the progress of the extension.

Director Roolf commented that representatives from the county and communities along the South Extension were present at the meeting today and a full discussion on their \$20 million contribution for this project would be discussed at the Board Meeting.

Mr. Dailey then presented his agenda and requested approval of an Award of Contract I-05-7709 to K-Five Construction Corp. for Mainline Roadway Construction on the North-South Tollway, South Extension, from Mile Post 1.7 (north of U.S. Route 6) to Mile Post 6.4 (south of 143rd St.), in the amount of \$58,320,551.00.

Chairman Mitola stated that he was not pleased with only two bidders. Mr. Dailey stated that they were starting to see more of that now and he thinks it could be because of market saturation, especially on a large start job.

Director Materick stated that he thinks Jeff and his staff is taking into consideration what’s going on in the marketplace. We have adjusted timing on some bids to try and off-set that but he thinks one of the ways to get more bidders is to bid smaller contracts.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of an Award of Contract I-05-7718 to Divane Bros. Electric Co. for Telecommunication Towers on the North-South Tollway, South Extension, at Mile Post 3.42 and Mile Post 9.26, in the amount of \$3,325,000.00. Twenty-four firms requested bid packages on this contract but only two submitted bids.

Mr. Dailey then requested that the Award of Contract RR-06-5802 be withdrawn at this time.

Continuing with the Agenda, Mr. Dailey requested approval of an Award of Contract RR-06-9938 to Bob Propherter Construction LLC for Salt Dome Replacement and Parking Lot Overlay on the Reagan Memorial Tollway at Mile Post 94 (M-11, DeKalb), and Mile Post 54.3 (M-12, Dixon), in the amount of \$3,896,552.00.

Director Materick brought up the fact that this is the same firm that was supposed to pave the parking lot at the DeKalb Oasis, which never got done.

Mr. Dailey said that we resolved that issue by determining that Wilton Partners would take care of it on an as needed basis.

Chairman Mitola had additional comments relating to the contract.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of an Award of Contract RR-06-5379 to Rock Road Companies, Inc. for Intermittent Pavement Repairs on the Northwest Tollway from Mile Post 62.5 (west of Newburg Road) to Mile Post 76.5 (Plaza 1, South Beloit), in the amount of \$478,837.00.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said contracts for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roolf.

Chairman Mitola 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 McDonough Associates, Inc. for Supplemental Design Section Engineering Services on Contract RR-02-5115 for Roadway Widening and Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 40.5 (O'Hare Interchange) to Mile Post 42.5 (Touhy Ave.), in the amount of \$3,594,820.00.

Director Materick stated, “McDonough, in the last two years and three months has received \$26.7 million dollars worth of contracts, which puts them above \$7.5 million higher than the next consultant, HNTB, which is providing consultant program management. I feel the same as I did last month; I can’t vote for this.”

Mr. Dailey explained that it would cost us more money to split the work up, plus we would lose the time during the construction season. We feel that McDonough is at their capacity and we don’t think we’ll award them anything anytime soon.

Chairman Mitola stated that he felt the same way about engineering firms and contractors. We see concentration all the time and he understands there is a capacity issue that was looked at by Engineering and there are only so many contractors that can do big jobs but it has to remain a goal of ours. He went on to state, “If I recall, the explanation was that this particular engineering firm is the legacy designer that goes back 10, 15 years. Is that, Jeff, why you’re saying it would cost more?”

Mr. Dailey said that if we went with a new firm they would have to resurvey, redesign, etc. There is already a lot of drainage and structural evaluation work that has been done. A new firm wouldn’t put their stamp on this without redoing it.

Chairman Mitola said “you commented that McDonough is at capacity. Does that mean we’re not going to see them?”

Mr. Dailey stated “I have a real concern because we’ve got their best project leaders and I don’t see anybody else that we can go to, with their workload, that I would feel comfortable giving another job to. I looked strong and hard at this job about splitting it off but it would cost the Tollway more money to split it off.”

Director Materick stated, "Just in case anybody misses my point, we create these situations by concentrating on these consultants; that's what we do. So if you say there aren't other qualified firms, it's because they never had a chance to be come qualified."

Mr. Dailey responded that there are other qualified firms that we could put on these jobs, it's just that they've got a lot of the foundation work done and it would have to be re-worked if we gave it to somebody else.

Chairman Mitola said, "I don't want to spend more money, but it was really created 10 or 15 years ago but then you get in this trap and it's frustrating. I feel the same way because of this legacy issue and the fact that we would end up spending more money but what, in effect what happens is that the larger, stronger firms get into a good position because of the legacy design. It just requires more and more creativity."

Director Roof's comment was "I understand the situation but as I look at what has been prepared for us, I've looked particularly at the consultant's side. We have 27 consultants at \$5 million or more. While we have a concentration at the top, to me this indicates that we're working our way out of the legacy trap."

Chairman Mitola stated that he felt we have brought in a diversified base of consultants and Director Materick agreed.

There was then discussion on the statutory selection process of DBE firms and how difficult it is for the newer firms to become a prime contractor.

Mr. Dailey continued with the agenda and requested approval of the following:

A Proposal from Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for Supplemental Design Section Engineering Services on Contract I-05-5444 for Open Road Tolling on the Northwest Tollway at Plaza 17 (Devon) and Plaza 19 (River Road), in the amount of \$1,305,966.00.

A Proposal from STV Incorporated for Supplemental Construction Inspection Engineering Services on Contract I-05-5420 for Open Road Tolling on the Tri-State Tollway at Plazas 39 (83rd St.), 36 (82nd St.), 35 (Cermak) and 33 (Irving), in the amount of \$2,296,913.00.

Director Materick stated, "We're typically seeing quite a few change requests for the Open Road Tolling. This went out so fast, to get these things underway and completed in an expedited way, that there were things that weren't perfect and Jeff has assured me that he and his staff have scrutinized these changes and that we're getting value for our money."

Mr. Dailey said, "Generally the target average for soft comps is right around 20 or 22 percent for design and construction and we're beating that. The one thing interesting is that even though we're making these changes, we're still under that 20 percent number. The fact is that we're making quick decisions and moving fast, but we're saving money on overall design as well as we've avoided the escalation costs in construction."

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Proposal from A. Epstein & Sons International, Inc. for Supplemental Design Section Engineering Services on Contract I-05-5425 for Open Road Tolling on the Tri-State Tollway at Plaza 37 (I-55 Ramp A) and on the Reagan Memorial Tollway at Plaza 51 (York Road), in the amount of \$359,274.00 and a Proposal from American Consulting Engineers, LLC for Supplemental Design Section Engineering Services on Contract RR-02-5801 for Roadway Widening and Reconstruction on the Reagan Memorial Tollway from Mile Post 126.5 to Mile Post 128.3, in the amount of \$181,147.00.

Chairman Mitola moved to approve Contract RR-02-5115 from McDonough Associates, Inc., seconded by Director Roof.

Chairman Mitola called for a voice vote, and there being "Ayes" and one "Nay", declared the motion carried. Director Materick opposed this item.

Chairman Mitola then called for a motion to approve Contracts I-05-5444, I-05-5420, I-05-5425 and RR-02-5801, moving them to the Consent Agenda.

Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roof.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of the following:

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5301 to Plote Construction, Inc./Kenny Construction Co. JV for Open Road Tolling on the Northwest Tollway at Plaza 9 (Elgin), from Mile Post 24.0 to Mile Post 26.5, in the amount of \$737,989.00.

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5336 to James McHugh Construction Company for Open Road Tolling on the Tri-State Tollway at Plaza 36/39 (82nd St./83rd St.), from Mile Post 19.0 to Mile Post 20.5, in the amount of \$272,000.00.

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5335 to Walsh Construction Company of Illinois for Open Road Tolling on the Tri-State Tollway at Plaza 35 (Cermak), from Mile Post 29.2 to Mile Post 30.6, in the amount of \$1,277,085.00.

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5342 to Walsh Construction Company of Illinois for Open Road Tolling on the Reagan Memorial Tollway at Plazas 52 (Meyers Rd.), 54 (Rte. 83 Ramp) and 55 (Midwest Rd. Ramp), from Mile Post 134.6 to Mile Post 137.8, in the amount of \$2,090,000.00.

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5338 to FHP Tectonics Corp. for Open Road Tolling on the Northwest Tollway at Plaza 19 (River Road), from Mile Post 0.0 to Mile Post 0.9, in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5372 to Rockford Blacktop Construction Co./Sjostrom & Sons JV for Open Road Tolling on the Reagan Memorial Tollway at DeKalb Plazas 66 and 67, from Mile Post 85.1 to Mile Post 87.6 and from Mile Post 87.8 to Mile Post 93.8, in the amount of \$376,000.00.

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract RR-01-8940 to Walsh Construction Company of Illinois for Bridge Widening and Pavement Reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway, Markham Yards Bridge, from Mile Post 3.6 to Mile Post 4.07, in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Change Order and Extra Work Order on Contract RR-01-8939 to Walsh/K-Five Joint Venture for Roadway and Bridge Widening on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 0.0 (I-394) to Mile Post 3.6 (south of Markham Bridge).

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving all Change Orders and Extra Work Orders except Contract I-05-5372 to Rockford Blacktop Construction Co./Sjostrom & Sons JV.

Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Chairman Mitola.

Chairman Mitola called for a voice vote, and there being "Ayes" and no "Nays", declared the motion carried. Director Roofl abstained from voting on Contract I-05-5301 to Plote Construction, Inc./Kenny Construction Co. JV.

Chairman Mitola then moved to approve the Extra Work Order on Contract I-05-5372 to Rockford Blacktop; seconded by Director Roofl.

Chairman Mitola called for a voice vote, and there being "Ayes" and no "Nays", declared the motion carried. Director Towns abstained from voting on this item.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of the following:

Release of Retainage on Contract RR-04-5201 to Illinois Constructors Corp. for Bridge and Culvert Repairs on the Northwest Tollway over Higgins, Touhy and the East Branch of Poplar Creek, in the amount of \$73,924.99.

Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-5325 to Rockford Blacktop Construction Co. for Bituminous Mainline Pavement Scarification and Resurfacing on the Northwest Tollway from Mile Post 62.3 to Mile Post 71.0 and a Temporary Median Cross-Over from Mile Post 68.9 to Mile Post 69.2, and from Mile Post 70.7 to Mile Post 71.0, in the amount of \$507,004.86.

Release of Retainage on Contract RR-05-5370 to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company for Bridge Repairs on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 31.1 (Tri-Level Bridge) to Mile Post 47.7 (West Lake Ave.), in the amount of \$169,256.02.

Release of Retainage on Contract RR-04-5302 to Albin Carlson & Co. for Bridge Improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway from Mile Post 118.9 (Church Rd.) and Mile Post 118.3 (Mitchell Rd.), in the amount of \$76,535.54.

Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-7703 to Albin Carlson & Co. for Access Road #2 on the North-South Tollway, South Extension, in the amount of \$154,516.20.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said items. Director Roof moved for approval; seconded by Director Materick.

Chairman Mitola called for a voice vote, and there being "Ayes" and no "Nays", declared the motion carried. Director Towns abstained from voting.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Partial Release of Retainage on Contract RR-01-8939 to Walsh/K-Five Joint Venture for Roadway and Bridge Widening on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 0.0 (I-394) to Mile Post 3.6 (south of Markham Bridge), in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said item. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Materick.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a Revision to Resolution No. 17185 for Contract I-05-5310, Open Road Tolling at the Waukegan Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway, increasing the amount for the relocation of fiber optic utilities from \$15,000.00 to \$390,000.00.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said item for the Consent Agenda. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Materick.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval for Authorization to pay for the protection, adjustment, relocation and service installation of utility facilities required during the construction of the South Extension of the North-South Tollway, in the estimated amount of \$6,000,000.00.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said item. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Materick.

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

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of the following permits:

Permit EW-06-09 to the City of Naperville for permission to install, operate and maintain a 12" water main installed within an 18" steel casing bored under and across the Reagan Memorial Tollway west of IL Rt. 59. Fee is not required.

Permit NW-06-04 to the Village of Cherry Valley for permission to install, operate and maintain a 12" water main in a minimum 24" diameter steel casing bored and jacked under and across the Northwest Tollway between Newburg Road and IL Rt. Business 20. Fee is not required.

Permit NW-06-13 to the Rock River Water Reclamation District for permission to install, operate and maintain a 16" sanitary sewer installed in a steel casing north of IL Rt. 173 under and across the Northwest Tollway. Fee is not required.

Permit NW-06-14 to Insight Communications for permission to install, operate and maintain a fiber optic cable crossing under the Northwest Tollway at Cahoon Road. Fee will be \$1,000.00.

Permit TS-06-15 to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church for permission to install, operate and maintain a sanitary sewer connection across O'Plaine Road and an offsite parcel of property owned by the Tollway. Fee is not required.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said Permits. Director Towns moved for approval; seconded by Director Roof.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 a.m.

Minutes taken by: _____
Trudy Steinhauser