The Illinois Tollway

Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting

October 26, 2006

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority held an Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 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. Michael King
Director Steve Harris         Mr. Paul Kovacs
Director Ron Materick         Mr. John Hauk
Director Jim Roolf            Ms. Nancy LaMasse-Geraci
Acting Executive Director Brian McPartlin Ms. Trudy Steinhauser
Mr. Tom Bamonte               Mr. Greg Busey
Ms. Karen Burke               Ms. Maria Molliconi
Mr. Mike Colsch               Ms. Leslie Savickas
Mr. Jeff Dailey               Mr. Ed Wilmes
Mr. Ted Young                 Ms. Rachel Franzen
Mr. Matt Beaudet              Mr. Vince Volante
Ms. Rusty Castillo           Ms. Joelle McGinnis
Mr. Rocco Zucchero            Mr. Sharif Abou-Sabh
Mr. Billy Glunz               Ms. Jan Kemp
Mr. Greg Stukel              Ms. Cathy Kendrick

Chairman Mitola called the meeting to order and stated that Director Harris would be serving on the Engineering Committee for today's meeting.

Chairman Mitola then called for a motion approving the Minutes of the Engineering-Planning Committee Meeting held on September 28, 2006. 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.

Chairman Mitola then called on the Chief Engineer to present his agenda. Mr. Jeff Dailey requested approval of a proposal from Burns & McDonnell on Contract I-06-5421 for Design and Construction Management Services on the Tri-State Tollway from Mile Post 40 (Balmoral) to Mile Post 52.9 (Lake Cook Road), in the amount of $7,827,958.00.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving said proposal. Director Harris 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 Roolf abstained from voting on this contract.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a proposal from IE Consultants for Supplemental Design Section Engineering Services on Contract I-05-7513, for the Archer Avenue reconstruction and widening to a five lane cross section from the I-355 Interchange to southwest of the intersection at 143rd Street, from $1,369,701.00 by $244,966.00 to $1,614,667.00.

Chairman Mitola asked if this reflected a change in the plan that the Tollway made. Mr. Dailey responded that the original plan did not include the construction of this section but after further review of the traffic numbers, IDOT had a great deal of concern that if we eliminated this section we could have traffic congestion opening up the South Extension there. We agreed with IDOT that we should go ahead and build this section of roadway which will cost about $6 million. We’ll be widening from two lanes to a five lane section. These plans have already been designed and this supplement will update and refresh what we already have.
Chairman Mitola asked, “They were concerned about congestion on Archer due to traffic coming on to 355?” Mr. Dailey said “yes, but it’s actually State Road.”

Chairman Mitola went on to say, “This will be incorporated into our revised rolling 10-year plan?”

Mr. Dailey responded that this will come out of the contingency within that project fund. We’re still within the $730 million for the South Extension. This will be funded within that budgeted amount.

Director Mitola stated, “You have to update the next 10-year plan at the end of this year and the budget process. This is clearly a scope change and you’re reacting to IDOT and local communities and then Mike Colsch has to build it back into the financial plan. Make sure the process reflects that it’s a real scope change. I don’t think this should come out of contingency, it should be reflective of our rolling plan and how we’re always making changes to address the change in needs.”

Director Roolf asked Mr. Dailey to advise Lockport and Homer Glen that this change is being made.

Mr. Dailey then requested approval of a proposal from Teng and Associates for Supplemental Construction Inspection Engineering Services on Contract RR-04-5198 for the Reconstruction and Widening on I-88 from Route 59 to Naperville Road, from $3,589,819.00 by $59,800.00 to $3,649,619.00.
Director Materick stated that he was concerned about supplements coming in from consultants after the work is supposedly complete. There needs to be an effort to make sure that when we say a project is complete it really is.

Chairman Mitola said staff should look at the supplements and see which ones are for scope changes that we have directed they make, or because of delays.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving the proposals for Contract I-05-7513 and Contract RR-04-5198. Director Roolf moved for approval; seconded by Director Harris.

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 Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-5315 to Plote Construction, Inc. in the amount of $885,125.79 for Open Road tolling at Plaza 24 (Edens Spur I-94), Plaza 73 (Army Trail Road I-355) and Plaza 89 (Boughton Road I-355) and the Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-5336 to James McHugh Construction Company, in the amount of $989,228.71 for Open Road Tolling on the Tri-State Tollway at Plaza 36 (82nd Street) and Plaza 39 (83rd Street).

Chairman Mitola moved to approve the Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-5315 and the Partial Release of Retainage on Contract I-05-5336; seconded by Director Harris.

Chairman Mitola called for a voice vote, and there being “Ayes” and no “Nays”, declared the motion carried. Director Roolf abstained from voting on these items.
Mr. Dailey then requested approval of the following:

An Emergency Slab Settlement Repair on the Tri-State Tollway Bensenville Bridge, I-88 Bridge and other locations, to Uretek in the estimated amount of $250,000.00.

Permit EW-06-19 to Painters Union District Council #30 for permission to construct a 12 inch restricted storm water outlet to the Tollway drainage system on the Reagan Memorial Tollway, Mile Post 115.8. Fee will be $7,500.00.

Permit TS-06-20 to Mega Development Group, LLC for permission to install a 24” diameter storm sewer connection to an existing 72” drainage structure located on the Tri-State Tollway at Mile Post 52.2. Fee will be $7,500.00.

Permit TS-06-21 to MIDLOTHIAN Park District for permission to allow an existing scoreboard to remain in place on the Tri-State Tollway west of Kedzie Avenue, Mile Post 9.0. Fee is not required.

Permit TS-06-22 to MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, LLC for permission to install a fiber optic cable crossing under and across the Tri-State Tollway parallel to 88th Avenue (Cork Avenue), Mile Post 20.3. Fee will be $1,000.00.

Chairman Mitola called for a motion approving the Permits and the Emergency Slab Repair. Director Harris 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 Roolf abstained from voting on these issues.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by: ______________________________

Trudy Steinhauser