

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, March 17, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Caisley, Cavallini, McIntyre, Soeldner and Wollrab

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator, Mr. Bill Wasson, Director of Administrative Services, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer

Others Present: None

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is the Resolution allotting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Surface Transportation Program Urban (STU) funds and Surface Transportation Program Rural (STR) funds.

Mr. Eric Schmitt, County Engineer, distributed an updated report on the distribution of the ARRA stimulus funds. Mr. Schmitt informed the Committee that the County's share of the \$3,869,449 Bloomington-Normal Urbanized STU funds is \$1,000,000. The Towanda Overpass is the County's only project in the Urbanized Area that is eligible for the STU funds. He stated that the Committee will determine the amount of STU funds to be distributed for the Horse Farm Road project and any funds allocated to the City of Chenoa Bike Trail. The list of projects will then be sent to the State. He noted that every dollar given to the City of Chenoa is a dollar taken away from the funds for the Horse Farm Road.

Chairman Hoselton pointed out that the City of Chenoa is no longer requesting \$43,500 for the bike trail. The City of Chenoa has reduced their request from \$43,500 to \$25,000.

Mr. Caisley suggested that \$16,000 be given to the City of Chenoa bike trail. He stated that the City does have Motor Fuel Tax funds that can be applied to the project. Chairman Hoselton responded that the City of Chenoa is using their Motor Fuel Tax funds to help fund the project. He stated that they have reduced their original request of \$43,500 to \$25,000.

Mr. McIntyre questioned if by giving the requested funds to the City of Chenoa, is the County setting a precedent for other small town communities. Mr. Cavallini pointed out that the funds being requested are not local monies, the funds are Stimulus funds. Mr. McIntyre responded that the Stimulus money is still County funds, being redirected to the City of Chenoa.

Ms. Wollrab stated that she is in favor of supporting the City of Chenoa Bike trail project.

The Resolution designates the use of the stimulus funds as follows:

Bloomington – Normal Urbanized Area Sub-Allocation (STU)

- 1.) McLean County – Section 05-00071-04-RS - Towanda Overpass (CH 29 at Interstate 55):

State Road Funds =	\$ 296,000
County Funds =	\$1,014,000
ARRA (Stimulus) Funds =	\$1,000,000
Total Project Cost =	\$2,310,000

Project Description: Removal and replacement of existing concrete pavement.

McLean County Sub-Allocation (STR)

- 1.) McLean County – Section 07-00058-06-WR – Horse Farm road (CH 21 from the LeRoy Spur to US Route 136):

Truck Access Route Program (TARP) Funds =	\$156,900
County Funds =	\$ 86,580
ARRA (Stimulus) Funds =	\$576,520
Total Project Cost =	\$820,000

Project Description: Bituminous overlay that will upgrade road to 80,000lb access.

- 2.) City of Chenoa – Section 05-00025-00-BT – Prairie Bike trail Old Route 66 Bike Trail from 3000N to approximately 400 feet north of US Route 24.

SEC Federal Funds =	\$221,500
City of Chenoa Funds =	\$18,500
ARRA (Stimulus) Funds =	\$25,000
Total Project Cost =	\$265,000

Project Description: Construct a bike trail on the abandoned lanes of Old Route 66 and turn the intersection of US Route 24 and Old Route 66 into a four-way stop.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the allocation of \$1,000,000.00 from the Bloomington-Normal Urbanized Area Sub-Allocation (STU) to the Towanda Overpass project over Interstate 55 and the allocation of \$576,520.00 from the County Sub-Area Allocation (STR) to the Horse Farm Road project and an allocation of \$25,000.00 from the County Sub-Area Allocation (STR) to the City of Chenoa Bike Trail. Motion carried with member McIntyre voting "No" on the allocation of \$25,000.00 from the County Sub-Area Allocation (STR) to the City of Chenoa Bike Trail.

Mr. Schmitt continued with the Local Agency Agreement for Federal participation in the Towanda Overpass project showing the division of costs. He stated that the Agreement has been updated to reflect the \$1,000,000 ARRA funds received. Mr. Schmitt stated that the State is responsible for the structure over Interstate 55 and the County is responsible for the approaches on both ends of the structure.

Motion by Soeldner / Cavallini to recommend approval of the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation in CH 29 at Interstate 55 - Towanda Overpass. Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary