

Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force

Public Safety Center II
100 Carrington Drive
West Dundee, IL 60118

DRAFT Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Bill Wyatt (Chairman)
Hollie Lindgren
John Fahy
John Schmitt
Ed Ritter
Larry Keller

Kane County Board
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Village of Algonquin, President
Village of Carpentersville, President
Village of West Dundee, President

Absent:

Anna May Miller
Jerald Bartels
John Mayer

McHenry County Transportation Comm. Chairman
Village of East Dundee, President
Kane County Board

Others Present:

Carl Schoedel
Tom Rickert
Steve Coffinbargar
Patrick Jaeger
Joe Korpalski
Bill Ganek
Dawn Wucki-Rossbach
Joe Cavallaro
Joe Haimann

Kane County Division of Transportation
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Kane County Assistant State's Attorney
McHenry County Engineer/Dir. of Transportation
Village of Algonquin, Village Manager
Village of Carpentersville, Acting Village Manager
Village of West Dundee, Village Manager
Resident, 8484 Greenwood, Carpentersville, IL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wyatt called the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present with six (6) voting members.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting were approved on motion by Mr. Korpalski, seconded by Mr. Keller. Motion passed by voice vote of 6-0.

3. TASK FORCE WORK ACTIVITIES

A. Staff Report on Task Force Objectives - Mr. Coffinbargar reviewed a history of the Longmeadow Parkway project dating back to 1990 and moving forward to-date. A project status was provided. Mr. Coffinbargar reminded the members that the purpose of the corridor was to enhance the transportation network, reduce congestion and to provide alternative and direct transportation routes to serve existing land use through efficient access to central business districts. The project will provide for economic development and job creation. Project needs and funding needs were reviewed, noting that the full build-out is approximately \$117M. To obtain funding, a toll bridge will be created to fund the project. Eleven local governments asked the county to review the toll bridge option and all communities passed resolutions for its support. Mr. Coffinbargar explained that a taskforce was created by Kane County and the County is authorized to construct and operate a toll bridge. The county board can also determine the toll rate and borrow money to operate and construct a toll bridge. Additionally, a toll bridge commission can be created by the County Board to oversee the bridge. Mr. Coffinbargar reviewed traffic projections from the Final Report of Findings, reporting that under Toll Scenario #3, car tolls will cost \$1.50 during peak periods while off-peak will cost \$1.00 per vehicle. General Obligation Alternative Revenue Bonds (30 yr. maturity) will generate proceeds estimated at \$70 to \$75M. In addition, it is recommended by the ISTHA that the bridge use an I-PASS system, supplemented with video tolling, and that the initial two-lane roadway with a four-lane bridge sub-structure be constructed from the west portion of Route 31 intersection, east to Route 62. Additional funding options for consideration include \$2.5MM from the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors' STP funds, which can be used for future phases of improvements, possible state participation, possible impact fee funds collected, and developer recapture funds. Next steps followed, including the recommendation to submit the Task Force's resolution to the County Board. The chairman invited questions from the members on the presentation. No questions followed.

B. **Resolution: Accepting and Adopting the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor Traffic Projections and Financial Feasibility Study - Final Report of Findings and Recommending Construction of a Toll Bridge Across the Fox River on the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor, Dundee Township, Kane County Illinois** - was approved to move forward on motion by Mr. Fahy, seconded by Mr. Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of 6-0.

C. Discussion of Future Task Force Activities - Chairman Wyatt noted that the task force will continue to meet as issues arise. He hopes to take this resolution before the County Board during the summer months and to have the County Board comply and give the task force the authority to create a Tollway Commission. Members were asked to seek support from their communities and to support the project in general. Dialog followed on the next steps as the resolution moves forward to the County Board. Per a question, the chairman felt the members of the County Board were in support of the bridge.

Mr. Fahey thanked the task force members and their communities for their attendance and support and he believed support at their local levels showed the County Board the cooperative efforts by their community. He agrees the task force has the ability now to follow through on this project and future bridge projects. Mr. Keller added that he was encouraged by the vote for the resolution and commended staff and the members of the task force. Minor questions followed on who should attend the Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Fahy conveyed that future bridges will have to be funded as discussed above. Chairman Wyatt asked if there were any comments from the public. No visitors present had any comments.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - None

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p .m. on motion by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Ms. Lindgren. Motion carried unanimously.

Celeste Weilandt
Recording Secretary