

LONGMEADOW PARKWAY TOLL BRIDGE TASK FORCE

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

Meeting Minutes - Thursday, October 25, 2007, 7:00 PM

Members in Attendance:

Chairman Jan Carlson	Kane County Board
John Noverini	Kane County Board
Hollie Kissane	Kane County Board
John Fahy	Kane County Board
Carl Schoedel	Kane County Division of Transportation
Dan Shea	McHenry County Board
President John Schmitt	Village of Algonquin
Bill Ganek	Village of Algonquin
President Bill Sarto	Village of Carpentersville
Craig Anderson	Village of Carpentersville
Frank Koehler	Village of East Dundee
President Larry Keller	Village of West Dundee
Joe Cavallaro	Village of West Dundee

Others Present:

Tom Rickert	Kane County Division of Transportation
Steve Coffinbargar	Kane County Division of Transportation
Erin Willrett	Kane County Division of Transportation
Pat Jaeger	Kane County State's Attorney
Scott Marquardt	Village of Carpentersville
Chris Byars	Federal Highway Administration
Dave Reece	Resident, Village of Algonquin
Peter Ropinski	Resident, Village of East Dundee
Chris Kempf	Resident, Village of Algonquin
Jenni Kempf	Resident, Village of Algonquin
Sherry Dolison	Resident, Village of Carpentersville
Frank Stoneham	Resident, Village of Carpentersville
Robert VanCleave	Resident, Village of Carpentersville

1. Call to Order

Chairman Carlson called the Longmeadow Parkway Toll Bridge Task Force to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members

Members of the Task Force introduced themselves.

3. Staff Report

- A. Overview of the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor – Mr. Tom Rickert reviewed a newsletter that went out to the members, summarizing the project description, the task force and the potential timetable. Mr. Rickert also reviewed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Longmeadow Parkway Corridor, the project need, the project status, and the funding needs. This presentation was also given to the Kane County Board Committee of the Whole on July 25, 2007.
- B. Task Force Work Items and Project Timeline – Mr. Joe Cavallaro reviewed the draft task force work items and project timeline. Mr. Cavallaro examined the eight step time-line. The first step being the statutory authority and requirements. Staff will look at what constitutes an approach and will work with the attorneys to define what the Tollway segment will be. The second step is the preliminary traffic projections and closely attached to the projections is the third step, the financial feasibility study. This would use an outside analyst to determine potential user fees and bonding capabilities. The fourth step would be to coordinate with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine Federal requirements regarding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as well as to determine the best use of Federal funds. The fifth step is to look into toll collection, the different types of technologies and facilities that are available. During this step staff will also coordinate with the Illinois Tollway. The sixth step would be to examine the bond issuance parameters. The traffic projections and financial feasibility study will help in determining what type of revenue will be generated to pay what type of bonds. The seventh step will be ongoing, and that is to establish working groups as needed and also to develop public-private partnerships at various steps along the way. The last step will be to develop the report of findings to be presented to the Full Kane County Board regarding the toll bridge concept for the Longmeadow Parkway Bridge Corridor. The last step is proposed to be finalized in May, 2008.

Mr. John Noverini asked if there was a budget for the task force, and Mr. Chairman stated that this is yet to be determined. Mr. Chairman asked for consensus on the time-line that was presented by Mr. Cavallaro, the members responded by saying yes. Mr. Dan Shea inquired who was working on these items that were presented. Mr. Chairman responded by saying that staff and personnel was working on the work items and time-line. Mr. Chairman directed staff to develop a cost estimate and scope-of-work to hire a consultant to conduct the preliminary traffic projections. Mr. Rickert further explained that the traffic projections for the corridor that were done in the past were for the EIS, and the importance for the new projections that will feed into the financial feasibility study. President John Schmitt asked who will be doing this study and Mr. Rickert stated that staff will be putting out a statement of interest and a consultant would be hired to do the work.

Mr. Chairman acknowledged that he will establish working groups as needed and he will select one group to work with the FHWA and one to work with the Tollway. There will be a mixture of policy leaders and staff on each group. Mr. Chairman will form the working groups in the near future.

4. **New Business**

- A. **Schedule next meeting** – Mr. Pat Jaeger will need approximately 2 weeks to pull together any statutory issues. Mr. Chairman then scheduled the next meeting of the Task Force on Thursday November 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of West Dundee, Public Safety Center II.

5. **Public Comment**

Resident Dave Reece, 1930 Riverwood, Algonquin, IL, asked if McHenry County was reimbursing Kane County. Mr. Chairman stated that they are in the process of working out the details and looking at potential future funding sources. Mr. Reece also inquired that when Longmeadow is completed, what are the plans for IL Route 62 at the bottleneck area? Mr. Carl Schoedel stated that staff could contact IDOT and look at their long-term plans for IL Route 62 and bring them back to the group to discuss if the Task Force requested. Mr. Chairman acknowledged that he has brought forward these issues informally with IDOT. Mr. Reece also asked if everyone is set on a toll facility and infrastructure. Has there been any consideration of any other funding mechanisms, for example, registration vehicle stickers. Mr. Chairman said that the toll is the last resort and we are there.

Resident Frank Stoneham, 314 Sedgewick Street, Carpentersville, IL, asked why Kane County is building a bridge for McHenry County. Mr. Stoneham would like McHenry County to pay for their fair share of this project.

Resident Ken Baldwin, Carpentersville, IL, asked if residents will be protected from noise along Bolz Road and how far will it go down Bolz Road? President Schmitt stated that Longmeadow will parallel Bolz Road, so Bolz should not be affected.

Resident, Peter Ropinski, 610 Wendt Street, East Dundee, IL, is concerned about where this bridge is going because of a potential bottleneck when it merges into a 2-lane road at IL Route 62.

Resident, Jenni Kempf, 605 Souwanas Trail, Algonquin, IL, was curious if the EIS has been completed. Mr. Rickert let her know that it has been completed and is referenced on our website.

Resident, Dave Reece, also stated that in 1984, Bob Skillman, President of the Village of Carpentersville, used Lake Marion Road as a potential alignment for a local bridge under consideration. Longmeadow Bridge will not solve Dundee Township problems. Dundee Township needs a local bridge on Lake Marion Road, maybe McHenry can pay for a local bridge. Mr. Reece stated that McHenry County should help fund this bridge improvement. Mr. Chairman reiterated that this is our first meeting and too early to discuss cost participation.

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.