MINUTES – Approved 10/3/2014

DATE: Friday, August 8, 2014
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Building Conference Room
1605 East Main, Urbana, IL

Committee Members

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<td>Lorraine Cowart (Chair)</td>
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<td>Lloyd Carter (Vice Chair)</td>
<td>Christopher Alix</td>
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<td>John Jay</td>
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<td>Jim McGuire</td>
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<td>Diane Michaels</td>
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County Staff: Jeff Blue (County Engineer), Deb Busey (County Administrator), Rita Moroocina-Black (RPC), Ashlee McLaughlin (RPC) Linda Lane (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Keith Brandau (Illinois Society of Professional Engineers)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Committee Chair Cowart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call
A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum
A. Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting – August 8, 2014

MOTION by Mr. Carter to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Jay. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

IV. Public Participation
Keith Brandau from the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers presented Mr. Blue the 2014 Illinois Government Engineer of the Year award. He stated that every year the State gets nominations from Federal, State, County, and Municipal engineers and this year Mr. Blue was chosen to receive the award. Mr. Brandau stated that Mr. Blue’s name will be forwarded to the National Society of Professional Engineers for consideration of the national award.
V. Approval of Minutes
   A. June 6, 2014

MOTION by Ms. Michaels to approve the June 6, 2014 Highway & Transportation meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

VI. County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims – June and July 2014
MOTION by Mr. Jay to receive and place on file the County and Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims for June and July 2014; seconded by Mr. Carter. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

VII. Resolution Appropriating $28,978 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County’s Share of CUUATS Fees for the Period July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015 – Section #14-00000-00-ES.
Mr. Blue explained that this is their equalized share of the funds for CUUATS. He stated that they do many things for us including a multitude of highway safety improvement projects. He stated the money spent for CUUATS wouldn’t begin to cover outside professional services. MOTION by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

VIII. LRTP Presentation
Ms. Morocoima-Black briefly explained the Long Range Transportation Plan 2040. She stated this is an update of the work they have done so far. She said they will bring this back to committee in two months for a resolution of approval of the document. Ms. Morocoima-Black said the plan need to be approved by the CUUATS technical and policy boards in order for member agencies to get federal funding in the following years. She then turned it over to Ms. McLaughlin.

Ms. McLaughlin summarized how they gather data, how it is all put together, and why it is necessary. She said two new things in this plan are an extensive community outreach and increased statistical modeling capabilities. She summarized how they did the community outreach. Ms. Michaels wanted to know why Rantoul was not included. Ms. McLaughlin explained that they are not in the MPO at this time. She explained many things are included such as transportation, bicycling, land use, population, age, health, air and water quality, employment, and ethnicity, and summarized how each relates to the report.

Ms. McLaughlin reported that very few workers walk to work and safety is an issue. She stated that pedestrian/vehicle crashes have increased in the last 10 years. She commented that the public has said that better sidewalk access and connectivity are needed. Ms. McLaughlin said that there is still some confusion on bicycles and vehicles sharing the road safely. She also noted that MTD ridership has increased significantly. Ms. Michaels asked if it was only MTD or included CRIS. Ms. McLaughlin said it was only MTD. She stated that feedback showed people wanted more service, higher frequency, more direct routes and safer bus stops.

Ms. McLaughlin said that complete streets, access management, and roundabouts are the three main guidelines they use for roadway development. Mr. McGuire inquired if roundabouts would be part of the plan. Ms. McLaughlin replied not at this time. Ms. Michaels felt this was more about what MTD would like to do and stated that she would like to see more about how the entire county is part of this plan rather than just the MTD needs. She also asked what CUUATS wanted from the Highway Committee. Ms. Morocoima-Black said they want nothing now, but are presenting this information to them as a member of CUUATS. She said that the plan is a federal requirement that needs to be approved by all the entities working as part of CUUATS. Ms. Michaels felt it wasn’t proportional to the entire County and noted that Rantoul and St. Joseph were not included. Ms. Morocoima-Black explained that they were not included because of federal regulations for funding, but that as part of the LRMP there is a suggestion to develop a Champaign County Plan.
Ms. McLaughlin continued by stating that there is not much congestion, but noted that most complaints about congestion are for North Prospect. She noted that while Amtrak ridership is up, plane travel is lower. She stated that people talk about having high-speed rail and would like more flights to bigger hubs.

Ms. McLaughlin indicated the critical issues are focused to six areas; safety and security, balanced development, multi-modal connectivity, accessibility and affordability, healthy neighborhoods, and resilient economy. She gave a brief summary of each. She noted that some projects in the 2035 plan will carry forward to the 2040 plan. Ms. McLaughlin stated the final steps that will be presented next time are future funding projections and project implementation. She said they need to finalize the 2040 vision and figure out the details of what the financial feasibility of what the different projects are. Mr. McGuire asked if using an MTD bus predisposed the responses. Ms. McLaughlin answered yes to some degree, but that they made it clear that they were not part of MTD and were collecting data about all modes. Ms. Morocoima-Black also said that they went to several events without the bus present to collect surveys.

Mr. Mitchell expressed interest in separating the airport from the University of Illinois and bringing in some no-frills airlines. Ms. Morocoima-Black stated they have proposed more development around the airport. Ms. McLaughlin explained that by making all roadways more accessible to all users doesn’t mean they are removing or constructing roadways for cars, it means that they take into consideration the desire for people to walk and bike.

Mr. Mitchell asked if they had studied the infrastructures of the municipalities around Champaign-Urbana to see what the capacities are. Ms. Morocoima-Black said they work with the comprehensive plan that was developed. She said that there is coordination among the different agencies of CUUATS on the different project. Ms. Michaels thought that one of the municipalities or MTD would have been the lead agency for this and then it would be enhanced. She felt the study was more about what is going on with transportation in the city, and the County would enhance by helping out around. She said she doesn’t care for the fact that the County is in charge. Ms. McLaughlin replied that their agency is a coordinating agency for seven municipalities. Ms. Morocoima-Black explained that only certain areas qualify for federal funding. Ms. Busey stated that the Regional Planning Commission coordinates planning for the entire region including the municipalities. She said that just because this project doesn’t focus on the rural areas it’s still a County initiative that has to be planned through the Regional Planning Commission which is a County entity.

IX. Petition – Somer Road District

Mr. Blue summarized the petition for replacing a culvert in the Somer Road District with an approximate cost of $47,000 and asked for the committee’s approval. MOTION by Mr. Mitchell to approve; seconded by Ms. Michaels. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

X. Resolution Appropriating $250,000 from County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for De-icing Salt.

Mr. Blue reported that the quote they received this year for de-icing salt is $108/ton. He noted the money he is requesting will get them 2300 tons, which is less than the 3500 tons they normally get. Mr. Blue said that to purchase the needed amount would have put them over budget. He indicated that all salt should be delivered by December 1. He also said they used the same bid to get salt for Mahomet Township and the Village of Savoy. MOTION by Mr. Jay to approve; seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Richards asked for the actual total. Mr. Blue didn’t have the exact figure, but Mr. McGuire did the math and said $249,044. Mr. Richards asked what the cost was last year. Mr. Blue replied 3500 tons at $54/ton, which Mr. Richards said was about $189,000. Mr. Blue said the difference is a result of supply and demand. Ms. Cowart asked if they could bid a year ahead. Mr. Blue replied that they use CMS for bidding and have to have the number of tons to them by late April. He said they may try bidding on their own earlier to see what they can get. He noted that if it’s too high they can still go through CMS again.
Mr. Jay asked if the townships have been able to address their needs. Mr. Blue answered that more rural townships don’t use much salt, that it’s used more in the more urbanized areas. Mr. Jay asked about using cinders and wanted to know if that was still an option. Mr. Blue said they could use it on rural roads but they don’t have the facility to mix it. He said they share the dome with the City of Urbana and they don’t want cinders on the city roads. He said that if this becomes a long term issue they probably need to look at having their own facility where they can mix it. Upon vote, the MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

XI. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda
Items VII, IX and X are to be placed on the consent agenda.

XII. Other Business
Mr. Blue said the October 10, 2014 meeting conflicts with the Illinois Association of County Engineers annual meeting and he would like to move the meeting to October 3, 2014. Ms. Busey suggested putting it on the September agenda so a motion can be made to change the meeting date.

Mr. Blue provided a handout for the Olympian Drive ground breaking ceremony. He noted the ceremony will be August 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm at the corner of Olympian Drive and Apollo Drive.

Mr. Blue passed out a press release about the ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of Lake of the Woods bridge. The ceremony will be at the north end of the bridge on August 15, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Mr. Blue handed out a budget amendment that is on the finance agenda for the COW. He explained that $250,000 is for the salt, $400,000 is for the City of Urbana Philo Road project and $750,000 for CH20 & CH11 projects that were done this summer. He noted that when they did the FY2014 budget they did not include cold-in-place recycling for two projects, but once work began they found that recycling could be done. He said the handout is for informational purposes only of what would be at the COW meeting.

XIII. Adjournment
There being no further business, Ms. Cowart adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.