

Minutes of Meeting

October 10, 2002

TO: Mark Bagherpour, Bob Andres, Mary Young

FROM: Michael E. Kerr, PE

SUBJECT: Transportation Corridor Committee (TCC) Meeting
(CBBEL Project No. 01-60)

Sheldon Latz started the meeting by introducing himself and the project team. The rest of the attendees all introduced themselves. A complete attendance roster list is attached, however TCC members included:

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| Mayor Don Randich | City of Crest Hill |
| Lisa Dorothy | City of Joliet |
| Mayor Russ Petrizzo | Village of Homer Glen |
| Gary Holm | City of Lockport |
| Bud Fazio | Homer Township Supervisor |
| Tom Leonard | Plainfield Township |
| Mayor Mike Smith | Village of New Lenox |

Sheldon then turned the meeting over to Mark Bagherpour.

Mark gave Homer Glen, Homer Glen Township, and New Lenox copies of resolutions passed by the other Committee members and asked them to pass similar resolutions to join the Committee and support the study of the Caton Farm/Bruce Road Corridor.

Mark then introduced Bob Andres from Civiltech to give a project update. Bob first discussed the Public Meeting results. The Public Meeting results were summarized by Bob as follows:

Public Meeting held April 9, 2002 at Lockport Township High School

- Approximately 250 people attended.
- Received many comments, some in support but many against particular alignment options.
- Few people were against a new Des Plaines River bridge.

- In fact many acknowledged a new river crossing was necessary but offering differing opinions of **where** or even **if** approach roadways should be improved.
- A number of residents said instead of building a 4-lane SRA improvement that existing roads should be improved instead.
- It was unclear, however, what those existing roadway improvements would consist of.
- Options, which received the most negative, comments included Options, J, K, L and M.
- Options G, H and I garnered the most number of positive comments.

Conducted a second Public Information Meeting on June 18, 2002 at Richland Grade School

- Approximately 30 people attended.
- General support was expressed for a new river crossing.
- Concern was expressed over protecting homes on south side of Caton Farm Road from impacts of the SRA improvement.
- Concern was also expressed about how the improvement would affect traffic safety and access at Richland Grade School.

In between the two public meetings, we conducted an Intergovernmental Workshop on April 29, 2002 at the Lockport Township hall.

- At that meeting, the design team talked about the schedule of the Federal-Aid study.
- Talked about the need for corridor protection in response to the rapid development that is occurring in the study area.
- Suggested the TCC consider dropping some of the alignment options from further detailed study.
- No action was taken on corridor protection or dropping options from the study.
- Homer Glen presented several new options for study, including one that appeared to be most favorable to them:

Bruce Road east to Briggs Street south to US Route 6 east

Bob then updated the Committee on the traffic modeling. Bob handed out the attached summary and reviewed it with the Committee. He finished the discussion by saying that

the traffic modeling would be complete in October/November and presented to the Committee in December.

A discussion of inferior alignments then took place. Mark presented the alignments and recommended that alignments J, K, L and B be dropped from further study. Mayor Petrizzo suggested that alignment M should be added to the list. The Committee felt that while alignment M may have flaws, it should still be carried forward and studied. While discussing alignments, Bob stressed to the Committee that they should start thinking about preserving favorable corridors for the proposed roadway.

Mayor Smith moved to drop alignments J, K, L and B from further study, as they are clearly inferior to other alignments in the same corridor.

Tom Leonard, the Plainfield Township Highway Commissioner, seconded Mayor Smith's motion. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Mayor Petrizzo moved to add the Briggs Street/US 6 alignment to the study. Mayor Randich seconded the motion and the Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.