

Minutes of Meeting

April 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Transportation Corridor Committee (TCC) Meeting
Caton Farm – Bruce Road Phase I Study

ATTENDANCE: See Attached Roster

Mr. Ronaldson (WCDOT) began by stating the purposes of the meeting which were to summarize the Public Information Meeting, open up the meeting for discussion with TCC members, vote on the preferred alternative, and discuss next steps for the project.

Mr. Christell (Civiltech) summarized the Public Information held on March 21, 2019. The County sent out over 1,000 letters to the public and 104 people attended the meeting. He stated that 31 comment forms were received at the meeting, and 15 comments were received after the meeting. There was no support for one alternative over the others. The meeting was then opened up for discussion.

Mr. Benson (City of Lockport) thanked the County for being open to the re-evaluation of the north-south alignments as part of the preferred alternative. The City of Lockport met and stated that a new resolution was made to support the Gougar Road alignment as part of the preferred alternative.

Mr. Salamowicz (Homer Glen) stated that the Village of Homer Glen held a workshop and discussed the pros and cons for the three alternatives and decided that the Village would support the Gougar Road alignment as part of the preferred alternative.

Ms. Meyers (Homer Township) followed up by stating her agreement with Mr. Benson and Mr. Salamowicz that the previous selection was made years ago, and that Gougar Road was the best option now. She added that these decisions are difficult and won't be able to please all residents in the area, but that the bridge is needed and the project needs to move forward.

Mr. Benson stated that there is an understanding and willingness from the City of Lockport that it will be taking on the costs of Part B of the reevaluation portion of the project. Once Part B of the reevaluation is completed, the County will be responsible for funding to completion of the Phase I Engineering.

Mr. Palmer (Will County) asked if Mr. Christell could expand on and clarify the timeframe of the project and how a new selection of a preferred alternative would affect the schedule. Mr. Christell discussed that Phase I will take three years for all the work, meetings, and hearings to be completed. He added that the design portion would take roughly 12-18 months, and all the environmental work and coordination would take roughly 18-24 months.

The TCC committee was then asked to vote whether to retain or change the Preferred Alternative. All 6 TCC members present voted for the Gougar alternative to be made the Preferred Alternative. A tally sheet of the votes is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Dorothy (City of Joliet) stated that it would be beneficial for all members to be continually informed and updated throughout the next steps of the project. Mr. Palmer agreed and stated that additional meetings could be held, or at least written/email updates. Mr. Christell stated that updates via email would likely be the best option, as it would be most efficient and convenient for all members.

Ms. Kupkowski (Will County) stated that the biggest obstacle for the schedule of the project are the NEPA 404 Merger Meetings. She explained that the schedule of these meetings varies, and if you miss one it could be another 3-4 months before the next meeting.

Mr. Palmer discussed that it would be beneficial to include the three resolutions from the three agencies wanting the Gougar Road alternative with any resolution that comes to the County Board.

Mr. Ronaldson will prepare the necessary resolutions required for the County Board to revoke the current preferred alignment and approving the north-south alignment on Gougar Road.

The TCC meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

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Preferred Alignment Vote

| TCC Member | Community | In Attendance | Gougar Alignment | Middle Alignment | Cedar Alignment |
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| Mayor Raymond Soliman | City of Crest Hill | X | X | | |
| Mayor Bob O'Dekirk (Lisa Dorothy) | City of Joliet | X | X | | |
| Mayor George Yukich (Mike Salamowicz) | Village of Homer Glen | X | X | | |
| Mayor Tim Balderman | Village of New Lenox | | | | |
| Mayor Steven Streit (Ben Benson) | City of Lockport | X | X | | |
| Supervisor Pam Meyers | Homer Township | X | X | | |
| Supervisor Ronald Alberico | Lockport Township | X | X | | |
| Supervisor Tony Fremarek | Plainfield Township | | | | |
| Pastor Richard House | Shiloh Baptist Church | | | | |