

## ***Route 120 Corridor Planning Council***

### ***Environmental and Stormwater Task Force***

**3-1-06 Minutes**

**1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

#### **Lake County Stormwater Management Commission**

##### **1.0 Roll Call**

- Warner, Mike, Chair (Lake County Stormwater Management Comm.)
- Holleman, Bill (Lake County Conservation Alliance)
- Crivello, Steve (Lake County Dept. of Building and Zoning)
- Giertych, Al (Lake County Division of Transportation)
- Reed, Bud (Manhard Consulting)
- Mengler, Jeff (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Slowinski, Tom (V3 Companies)
- Anderson, James (Lake County Forest Preserve)

##### **Alternates in Attendance**

Shawn Cirton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Jeff Laraney, Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

##### **Staff in Attendance**

Tracey Hyatt Bosman, Lake County Partners

Ryan, Lake County Department of Transportation

##### **2.0 Self Introductions**

##### **3.0 Adopt Meeting Ground Rules**

- 3.1 Open meetings – Meetings will be held in accord with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- 3.2 Public notice of meetings will be posted 48 hours in advance at Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC), at Lake County Partners, and on the Lake County Partners website.
- 3.3 Published agenda – Full agendas with attachments will be posted at the same locations listed above 48 hours prior to meetings.
- 3.4 Public comment – Public comment will be accepted during the discussion periods for each issue, with a 3-minute limit per person.
- 3.5 Published minutes – Minutes of previous meeting will be included as an attachment to meeting agendas.
- 3.6 Published meeting schedule – Task Force will adopt a meeting schedule at its first meeting.

- 3.7 Quorum and majority vote – A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the task force, i.e. 8. Action items will be decided by majority vote of those present.

**Motion:** There was a motion to allow public discussion during the discussion periods for each issue, with a 3-minute limit per person.

**Motion By:** Bill Holleman

**Seconded By:** Jim Anderson

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**Motion:** There was a motion to suggest a change to the CPC By-laws that would give task forces the discretion to allow designated alternates to vote.

**Motion By:** Jeff Mengler

**Seconded By:** Steve Crivello

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**Motion:** There was a motion to hold the meetings of the Environmental and Stormwater Task Force on the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission.

**Motion By:** Jim Anderson

**Seconded By:** Al Giertych

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

- 4.0 Discuss Project Overview** – the following items were discussed in order to let task force members know the overall scope of the project.

4.1 Route 120 Corridor Planning Council ***established in response to Transportation Summit held in September of 2005***

4.2 ***Result of Immediate Goal of Route 120 Corridor Planning Council (CPC) is to complete an 18-month feasibility study*** that paves the way for a federally eligible Phase 1 Study, to build consensus for the

- recommended alternative and its road characteristics, and to secure an agreement on land use in the corridor.
- 4.3 Lake County submitted a **grant request for Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Planning Assistance** to the Illinois Department of Transportation on behalf of the Route 120 Corridor Planning Council. Our goal is to use our \$85,000 of local match to leverage \$340,000 in grant assistance to undertake the newly-forming Route 120 Corridor Planning Council's Plan of Work.
- 4.4 **CPC's Governance Board** is comprised of mayors of communities within ½ mile of the corridor, as well as five members of County Council.
- 4.5 Reporting to the Governance Board is a **five-person Steering Council** with responsibility for getting the work done. Steering Council has organized its work into four task forces:
- 4.5.1 **Technical Task Force** (Marty Buehler, Chair) – purpose is to determine the technical aspects of the transportation alternatives, such as the character of the facility and projected usage. Cost out the alternatives.
- 4.5.2 **Land Use, Economic Development, Municipal Impact Task Force** (Dennis Sandquist, Chair) – purpose is, based on the transportation alternatives, to (1) determine the appropriate compatible land uses, (2) recommend a “corridor preservation plan” and integrated land uses for the chosen transportation alternative, and (3) recommend the implementation strategy the Governance Board should pursue to effect the land use recommendations for the corridor.
- 4.5.3 **Environmental/Stormwater Impacts Task Force** (Mike Warner, Chair) – purpose is to ensure that environmental information on the wetlands, floodplains and other environmental assets in the corridor are appropriately considered in the determinations of the transportation and land use recommendations.
- 4.5.4 **Public Information Task Force** (Debbie Fliehman, Chair) – purpose is to (1) insure the public has access to the facts about the CPC, its activities, its progress and has input to the feasibility study and (2) collect input from the corridor's mayors, county board members, businesses, property owners, residents and members of the general public on the alignment of the improvement, character of the road and land use.
- 4.6 **Defined Study Area:**  
**Termini:** East - Greenbay Road (Waukegan); West - McHenry County Line (Lakemoor);  
**Limits of Analysis:** ½ mile north/south of existing route 120 centerline - west of Wilson Road to the McHenry County line and East of Almond Road to Greenbay Road in Waukegan; ½ mile north of existing route 120 centerline and ¾ mile south of Proposed LCTIP Route 120 Centerline - Almond Road to Wilson Road.
- 4.7 **Traffic improvement** should handle projected 2030 demands, with or without Route 53 – based on traffic modeling of projected 2030 population and employment.

- 4.8 Look at **big picture items**, broad concepts, save the drill downs for the Phase 1.

## 5.0 Adopt Taskforce Purpose and Tasks

- 5.1 **Purpose** is to ensure that environmental information on the wetlands, floodplains and other environmental assets in the corridor are appropriately considered in the determinations of the transportation and land use recommendations.
- 5.2 **Tasks** include:
  - 5.2.1 Select the Task Force Members (completed).
  - 5.2.2 Using the LC-TIP / SRA Studies / Lake County Framework Plan and Watershed Studies as a basis, evaluate GIS maps inventorying the Study Area's wetlands, floodplains, forest preserve land holdings, parklands and other environmental assets. Provide the data to the consultant.
  - 5.2.3 Several needed enhancements were identified for the map created by Stormwater staff. Once these enhancements are made, Stormwater staff will release the information to the various task force members.
  - 5.2.4 Add the Threatened and Endangered Species Locations information.
  - 5.2.5 Add the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) Sites.
  - 5.2.6 Indicate the existing rights of way that have been established for the alternate route.
  - 5.2.7 Indicate the existing right of way around the current alignment.
  - 5.2.8 Flag stream attainment classification.
- 5.3 Recommend to the Steering Council that a GIS subcommittee be formed to allow GIS staff across the board (all task forces) to work together and avoid duplication of effort.
- 5.4 It was suggested by the Steering Council that, by the end of March, the Task Force have identified project barriers, opportunities and constraints and report them to the Steering Council. The Task Force feels that they will need until the Steering Council's 5/6 meeting to complete this assignment and asked Mike to request an extension, as well as a more in-depth explanation of what exactly is being sought.
- 5.5 Interact, as directed, with the project's prime consultant or the prime consultant's sub consultants (if any).
- 5.6 Assist in the development of the RFP and the consultant's scope of work. This needs to be completed by 5/31/06.
- 5.7 Coordinate with the other task forces. The Task Force asked the Chair to discuss this project at the Steering Council level in order that a process for coordination can be identified.
- 5.8 Assist the Technical Task Force in their management of the prime consultant's (or the prime consultant's sub-consultant) inventorying/validation and mapping of the study area's wetlands, floodplains and other environmental amenities.
- 5.9 Review the consultant's milestone reports and forward them to the Steering Council.

**Motion:** There was a motion to accept the tasks as listed above.  
**Motion By:** Jim Anderson  
**Seconded By:** Tom Slowinski  
**Discussion:** Bill Holleman raised the issue of whether the task force should be looking at the environmental impacts of the growth that would likely occur as a result of improvements to Route 120. In particular, should the task force look at noise pollution, air pollution, ground water infiltration, detention, etc. Discussion seemed to indicate that a Phase I would look at these items in detail and that, furthermore, the expertise did not exist on the Task Force to address these issues.

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

## **6.0 Work Assignments**

The enhancements to the GIS files for the corridor were assigned to Jeff Laramey.

## **7.0 Future Meeting Schedule**

Addressed earlier in the meeting.

## **8.0 Public Comment**

Susan Zingle noted that there had been mention of the use of the Lake County TIP as a possible source of information. This concerns her because the environmental information contained therein is outdated and not well-done.

Additionally, Susan suggested that the Task Force not overlook the issue of water quantity. (e.g. groundwater infiltration, detention and water quality treatment) Specifically, further development of the Route 120 Corridor could result in additional strain on the aquifer.

## **9.0 Adjourn**

**Motion:** There was a motion to adjourn.

**Motion By:** Jim Anderson

**Seconded By:** Al Giertych

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous