

**Route 120 Corridor Planning Council  
Technical Task Force**

**3-1-06 Minutes**

**3:30 pm to 5 pm**

**Lake County Division of Transportation (Lake DOT)**

**600 W Winchester Rd**

**Libertyville, IL 60048**

**1.0 Roll Call**

- √ Buehler, Marty, Chair (Lake DOT)
- E** Ellis, Mike (Village of Grayslake)
- √ Harmet, Peter (IDOT)
- √ Peterson, Bambridge (Village of Round Lake)
- √ Quick, Dan (Village of Wauconda)
- √ Richartz, Cindy (Abbott Laboratories)
- √ Ziegler, David (Village of Gurnee)

**2.0 Self Introductions**

**3.0 Adopt Meeting Ground Rules**

- 3.1 Open meetings -- Lake County Department of Transportation will give notice of the Task Force's meetings.
- 3.2 Published agenda – Full agenda with attachments will be posted on entrance to LCDOT (or entrance to building where meeting will be held) 48 hours prior to the meeting.
- 3.3 Public comment – Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of each meeting with a 3-minute limit per person.
- 3.4 Published minutes – Minutes of previous meeting will be included as an attachment to meeting agendas.
- 3.5 Published meeting schedule – Task Force will adopt a meeting schedule at its first meeting.
- 3.6 Majority vote – Action items will be decided by majority vote (task force members should define quorum and define majority in terms of a quorum)

**Motion:** To adopt ground rules as listed above.

**Motion By:** David Ziegler  
**Seconded By:** Bam Peterson  
**Discussion:** None  
**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

#### **4.0 Discussed Project Overview**

- 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 Determine the character of a road that meets capacity requirements (Level of Service "D" for arterials, LOS C for expressways):
  - 4.4.1 Will it be a Controlled-Access Expressway or a Limited-Access Boulevard?
  - 4.4.2 Will it be at grade with traditional intersections, roundabouts or continuous flow intersections or grade separated interchanges?
  - 4.4.3 Will it have railroad grade separations?
  - 4.4.4 Will it handle traffic flows at 45 mph, 55 mph or 70 mph?
  - 4.4.5 Will there be access points between major intersections?
- 4.5 **CPC's Governance Board** is comprised of mayors of communities within ½ mile of the corridor, as well as five members of County Council.
- 4.6 Reporting to the Governance Board is a **five-person Steering Council** with responsibility for getting the work done. Steering Council is made up of the chairs of the four task forces created for the organization of work responsibilities:
  - 4.6.1 **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.
  - 4.6.2 **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.

4.6.3 **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.

4.6.4 **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.

#### 4.7 **Defined Study Area:**

4.7.1 Termini: East - Greenbay Road (Waukegan); West - McHenry County Line (Lakemoor);

4.7.2 Limits of Analysis: (i.e for Land Use) 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 (i.e. for traffic analysis, a regional transportation model will be used).

4.8 **Traffic improvement** should handle projected 2030 demands, with or without Route 53 – based on traffic modeling of projected 2030 population and employment.

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

## 5.0 **Adopted Taskforce Purpose and Tasks**

### 5.1 Purpose:

To determine the technical aspects of the transportation alternatives as to character of the facility and projected usage. Cost out the alternatives.

### 5.2 Tasks:

5.2.1 Select Task Force Members

5.2.2 Secure copy of LC-TIP and SRA Studies conducted in the Route 120 Corridor over the last 10 years

5.2.3 By end of March, identify Opportunities and Constraints; report same to the Steering Council by end of March.

5.2.4 Determine the projects use of integrated GIS data sources.

- 5.2.5 Provide direction to the prime consultant on the transportation alternatives.
- 5.2.6 Provide direction to the prime consultant on the transportation modeling of the transportation alternatives.
- 5.2.7 Evaluate the different financing alternatives that could be used to finance the improvement and recommend a course of action to the Governance Board thru the Steering Council..
- 5.2.8 Interact with the prime consultant and the prime consultant's sub-consultants as needed.
- 5.2.9 Review the consultant's milestone reports and forward same to the Steering Council.

**Motion:** To approve the tasks as listed above.

**Motion By:** Dan Quick

**Seconded By:** Peter Harmet

**Discussion:**

Task Force members noted that the most of the focus will be on areas west of I-94 and ½ mile north and south of Route 120. The goal is to be able to use as much of the Lake County Transportation Improvement Project's original research as possible. Lake County has a much more sophisticated and precise mapping system which allows for parcel level data. The Task Force suggested that the County's GIS should serve as the platform for the Route 120 CPC's data collection endeavors.

Al Giertych, Lake DOT, noted that some of the other Task Forces were suggesting setting up a Working GIS Technical Committee to manage data collection for this project.

Dan Quick, Village of Wauconda, suggested that it would be helpful if the Technical Task Force received the membership rosters of the other Route 120 CPC Task Forces. Staff agreed to distribute the membership lists to Task Force members.

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

## **6.0 Identify and Approve Taskforce Near-Term Tasks and Work Assignments**

- 6.1 Task Force will evaluate the different financing alternatives for the construction of the Route 120 Bypass.
- 6.2 Identify viable alternatives and competing plans.
- 6.3 Identify areas with the most potential for business development (current and proposed development plans)
- 6.4 Identify water/sewer lines in area.
- 6.5 Begin the RFP process. Assigned to Marty Buehler/Lake DOT. Peter Harmet will provide a list of pre-qualified consultants for the Task Force to review.

**Motion:** To approve the near term tasks and work assignments.

**Motion By:** Approved by consensus

**Seconded By:**

**Discussion:**

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

## **7.0 Future Meeting Schedule**

**Motion:** To move the meeting time to the first Tuesday of each month, 2:30 to 4 pm.

**Motion By:** Approved by consensus

**Seconded By:**

**Discussion:** The next Technical Task Force meeting will be Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 to 4 pm at Lake DOT in Libertyville.

**Motion Passed:**

## **8.0 Public Comment**

**Motion:** No public members were in attendance.

**Motion By:**

**Seconded By:**

**Discussion:**

**Motion Passed:**

## **9.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.