



Environmental and Stormwater Impact Task Force

Minutes

August 20, 2008

1:30-3:30 PM

Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

333-B Peterson Rd

Libertyville, IL 60048

1.0 Roll Call

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

Alternates

- Belmonte, Ed (V3 Companies)
- Cirton, Shawn (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Laramy, Jeff (Lake County Stormwater Management Commission)
- Tack, Jon (Lake County Dept. of Building and Zoning)
- Klick, Ken (Lake County Forest Preserve)

Staff

- Dybala, Beth (Lake County Partners)
- Gleason, Chuck (IL Route 120 CPC – Project Manager)

Consultant

- Hall, Jeff (TranSystems)

2.0 Public Comment

Chairman Mike Warner opened the floor for public comment, there was none.

3.0 Approval of 7-23-2008 Minutes

Jim Anderson asked that the minutes clarified that Bud Reed made a motion, which was seconded by Jim, for the committee to make a recommendation to the Governance Board that from an environmental perspective, all 5 western termini alternatives could be considered in-depth and as part of the motion it was recommended that the Alternative 4W alignment be moved northerly off of Kettle Grove Forest Preserve District property holding. Jim Anderson seconded the motion.

Also, Jim asked that the word could in the third line under 4.3 be replaced by should. Jim Anderson made a motion to approve the modified minutes, Bill Holleman seconded. Committee passed the motion.

4.0 Chairman's Remarks

Chairman announced that Committee member Al Giertych has submitted a written request for Paula Trigg of LCDOT to be named as his alternative in next month's agenda.

4.1 Discussion of Westerly By-Pass Termini

Chairman handled the floor to Jeff Hall of TranSystems, who stated no further review of the proposed road placements has been completed, since no governance or other committee meetings were held since the July 23rd ESW committee. Technical Taskforce is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 29th. Governance Board is scheduled to meet on either September 10th or 17th.

Jeff presented the Illinois Route 120 Decision Matrix for the Placement of Road along the Westerly By-Pass Termini. According to Mr. Hall, the decision matrix is organized to make comparison among the alternative proposed road placements base on the criteria approved by the governance board, including costs, right-of-way and environment.

The Taskforce members recommended changing the colors of the bar codes for Total Building Property Acquisitions under the Right-of-Way Criteria to one color, such as yellow or grey. The change to one color will more accurately reflect the similarities in the number of building acquisitions. These changes will be considered along with input from the technical taskforce.

For the Environmental Impact Matrix, color codes for alternatives 2W & 3W with zero impact will be changed from green to grey. To reflect a more positive outcome of less impact, Chairman Mike Warner asked for the color codes for potential environmental impact to be changed to the following: green for alternatives 2W & 3W, red for alternative 4 W and yellow or orange for alternative 5W. Jim Anderson stated that the matrix show how alternative 5W's environmental impact on wetlands would also impact endangered species.

For the summary matrix, Jim also recommended that under #8: Enhanced Opportunities changed the wording of Opportunity for Natural Areas to Opportunity for Open Space.

Jeff Hall presented the computer drawings of the alternatives. The purpose and needs statement, which is a requirement by the federal government, was also presented to the taskforce. The statement will be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for review before it's presented to the Route 120 Governance Board.

Jeff Hall inquired with committee if they wish for him to present a recommendation or preference of any alternatives during his presentation in front of the governance board in September. Committee reiterated their recommendation made at their last meeting that all 5 western termini alternatives should be considered

5.0 Old Business-None

6.0 New Business

Based on the request by Chuck Gleason, ESW Taskforce reached a consensus to move its regular meeting date to the Monday before the fourth Tuesday of the month, when the Technical Taskforce meets. The ESW Taskforce's next meeting is Monday, September 22nd at 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission.

Chairman inquired to Chuck Gleason about whether the project coordinator or the Chairman of the Taskforce will present to the Governance Board on adding Environmental Mitigation to the Route 120's Decision Matrix. After some discussion, Chuck Gleason stated that Marty Buehler of LDOT will be consulted on this issue.

7.0 Public Comment-None

8.0 Adjourn-Committee Adjourned.