

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SAINT LOUIS COUNTY
BOARD OF HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

MONDAY

September 8, 2008

3:00 P.M.

The September meeting of the Saint Louis County Board of Highways and Traffic was held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 8, 2008, in the Division of Operations/Maintenance Conference Room, 11201 Schaefer Drive, Maryland Heights, Missouri.

The following Board Members were present:

Bill Abram Urlene Jackson Branch Charles Cady Sam Jenkins

The following Board Members were absent:

Pat Barrett Matt Kopsky Carol Stelmach Dino Vainalis

Also present were:

Stephanie Leon Streeter Dan Naunheim Mike Bardot

Charles Cady called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and motioned for approval of the minutes of the May12, 2008 meeting. Sam Jenkins approved the motion, Bill Abram seconded it, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

CIP UPDATE – Dan Naunheim

Dan Naunheim provided an update on projects that have been let, upcoming lettings, and right-of-way that is being acquired. Please see the attached list for details.

Dan provided the following additional information:

- o Custom Lighting, the low bidder for AR-1172, St. Louis County Interconnect Improvements "A", is based in Kansas City. This is the first time we have used them on a project.
- o AR-1265, I-64 Traffic Mitigation Project, includes spot improvements for Phase 2 of the I-64 project.

2009 CCP BUDGET PROPOSAL – Mike Bardot

Mike Bardot discussed the budget for the 2009 Capital Construction Program (CCP). Everyone received a copy of the Department's appropriation request to County Executive Dooley and the itemized supporting documentation. Some highlights follow.

- o We have four projects that are slated to receive federal funding.
- o 37 percent of our total contract costs for 2009 are from cooperative projects.
- o We no longer have funds to install new sidewalk along arterial roads.

Members asked the following questions about issues concerning MoDOT routes. Mike advised that he would forward to MoDOT and provide answers at a later date.

- o Sam Jenkins asked how we determine which intersections warrant signal installation. He was particularly concerned about the entrance/exit from The Shoppes at Cross Keys to Lindbergh Boulevard.

Response: It would be very difficult to add a signal on Lindbergh Boulevard for The Shoppes at Cross Keys. The furthest south entrance to The Shoppes at Cross Keys is roughly 1,000 feet from New Halls Ferry Road. MoDOT's policy states that new signals should be spaced one-quarter mile from other signals. That location is about 150 feet from the Cross Keys Jr. High signal at Cougar Lane. The shopping center entrance is not configured for a signalized entrance since there is no room for stacking, and access to the main part of the center is across a narrow parking lot. The Shoppes at Cross Keys has a signal on New Halls Ferry Road that motorists can use to make a left to Lindbergh Boulevard. The other entrances from the center to Lindbergh Boulevard are about 375 and 750 feet from New Halls Ferry Road.

- Charles Cady advised that marking is needed for the two right lanes from northbound I-55 to Telegraph Road to inform motorists that those lanes are "right turn only".

Response is forthcoming.

COMMENTS ON ACTIVITIES SINCE MAY 12, 2008 MEETING – Stephanie Leon Streeter

Stephanie Leon Streeter advised the Board of the following events that have transpired since the last meeting:

- In response to Hurricane Gustav, St. Louis County activated the Emergency Operations Center. Fifty families came to St. Louis, and only 17 of them stayed in hotels. The Red Cross established a smaller shelter and assisted them with toys, cots, food, etc.
- Phase 2 of *The New I-64* will be getting underway soon. They had much success with Phase 1 (Ballas Road to I-170) and expect Phase 2 (I-170 to Sarah) to begin by the first of next year. On September 22, Hampton Bridge will be closed to remove and replace the existing structure, which will take approximately 8 months.
- The Blue Ribbon Commission met monthly and formulated a final report on the Capital Investment Initiatives regarding buildings, safety, security, communications, etc.
- The November ballot will contain the following three items that, if passed, could provide some additional funding for our Department.
 - Proposition "M" – Public Transportation – is a countywide sales tax of one-half of one percent (0.50%), which shall have a sunset date 20 years from the date on which the tax is first imposed, for the purpose of providing a source of funds for public transportation purposes, with the revenues from one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) to be used for expansion of a light rail system and revenues from the remaining one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) to be used for the maintenance and operation of existing public transit facilities.
 - Proposition "I" – Improvements to County Buildings & Facilities – would allow issuance of general obligation bonds up to the amount of \$120 million for the purposes of constructing various capital improvements to County buildings and facilities, and making improvements to County safety/security and communication facilities. Proposition "I" would not require a tax increase, and it would generate approximately \$120 million.

- Proposition “H” – Use Tax – would authorize the County to collect a local use tax equal to the total of the existing county sales tax rate of 1.85 percent. Fifty percent of the revenue shall be used by the County throughout the county for improving and enhancing public safety, park improvements, and job creation, and 50 percent shall be used for enhancing local government services. A use tax is the equivalent of a sales tax on purchases from out-of-state sellers by in-state buyers and on certain taxable business transactions. A use tax return shall not be required to be filed by persons whose purchases from out-of-state vendors do not in total exceed \$2,000 in any calendar year. Certificates of Participation would allow us to purchase \$100 million worth of equipment to upgrade our communication systems.
 - The contract for the Hanley Jughandle project is being executed.
 - We are working on the design of Hanley Road at Manchester Road.
 - The Big Bend Road project from Ries Road to New Ballwin Road is making great progress and running on schedule. We are actively monitoring this work.

The next meeting will be held October 13, 2008 in the conference room at Operations/Maintenance Division Headquarters, 11201 Schaefer Drive, Maryland Heights, Missouri.

Charles Cady motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill Abram approved the motion, Urlene Jackson Branch seconded it, and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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Attachment – CIP Update

C.I.P. UPDATE

September 8, 2008

Since the May 12, 2008 Board Meeting, the Following Projects Were Let

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Bid Opening Date</u>	<u>Director's Estimate</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>	<u>Low Bidder</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
AR-1172	St. Louis County Interconnect Improvements "A"	June 10, 2008	\$672,000.00	\$615,881.50	Custom Lighting Services, LLC	
AR-1194	2008 ARS Crackseal Program	July 9, 2008	\$165,000.00	\$119,211.90	B&D Asphalt Company	
AR-857	Kehrs Mill Road	July 9, 2008	\$2,600,000.00	\$1,986,147.39	L. Krupp Construction	Clarkson Road to Kehrs Meadow Lane
CR-1198	2008 CRS Overlay Program	June 18, 2008	\$1,150,000.00	\$930,000.00	Pace Construction	5 Sites in South County
AR-1204	2008 ARS Infrastructure Program	June 11, 2008	\$2,535,000.00	\$2,531,510.63	Pace Construction	
			Total:	\$6,182,751.42		

Upcoming Lettings

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>To Be Let</u>	<u>Director's Estimate</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
AR-863B	Kehrs Mill/Long - B	September 17, 2008	\$1,563,000.00	Central Midland Railroad to Chesterfield Airport Road
SWK-1216	Sidewalk Omnibus X	September 24, 2008	\$225,000.00	Prigge, Larimore, North & South, Bennington Place
AR-1265	I-64 Traffic Mitigation Project	September 24, 2008	\$527,100.00	
AR-1173	Reavis Barracks Sidewalk/Infrastructure	October, 2008	\$1,350,000.00	
AR-1209	Rider Trail N&S Infrastructure	October, 2008	\$970,000.00	
		Total:	\$4,635,100.00	

Projects for Which Right-of-Way is Presently Being Acquired

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Limits</u>	<u>Right-of-Way Status</u>
AR-854	Barrett Station Road	Dougherty Ferry Rd. to Barrett Office Pkwy.	Condemnation Petition to be filed
AR-863A	Kehrs Mill/Long - A	Wildhorse Creek Road to Central Midland Railroad	Acquiring Property Rights
AR-856	Baxter Road	Claymont Estates Dr. to Heathercroft Dr.	Easements Secured