

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

November 30, 2010

The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by Committee Member Ronald Benish with approval by the balance of members in attendance.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Ronald Benish, Dan Curran, Curt Peterson, Robert Pilling, and Ryan Walmer

Committee members joining the meeting in progress were: Sups. Bob Bunker, Bob Zinck, and John Meyers at approximately 7:20 P.M.

Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy, Larry Barta from WisDOT, Barbara Feeney with Short-Elliott-Hendrickson, and governmental officials representing the villages of Barneveld and Ridgeway; the Towns of Dodgeville, Ridgeway and Brigham; and the City of Dodgeville.

Commissioner Hardy noted the meeting had been duly advertised.

Sup. Bob Pilling moved for approval of the November 30, 2010 agenda, second by Ryan Walmer. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- A. 18/151 WisDOT presentation and update. Commissioner Hardy introduced Larry Barta with WDOT and Barbara Feeney with SEH for the presentation. Larry Barta began with a description of the project (18/151 limited access improvement study) between Dodgeville and the Iowa/Dane County Line. Barbara Feeney presented several large exhibits which illustrate the proposed alignment for the various frontage roads, interchanges, county highway, town roads, and private driveway access. In addition, the exhibits illustrated proposed interchange styles (overpass or underpass), types (diamond or clover) and footprint in relation to the various communities, properties, and existing improvements. Larry then changed the format of the meeting to be a question-answer session as he reviewed, discussed, and illustrated the various components of each major interchange improvement location and the surrounding frontage road access modifications caused as a result of the interchange design.

The major change with this presentation verses previous displays reviewed over the last 18 months is related to the Transportation Committee's desire to have a through route county road from CTH ID in Barneveld to CTH BB west of Ridgeway. The exhibits provided illustrate the preferred alternative for the proposed CTH ID from Barneveld to CTH BB. It includes numerous modifications at various crossings of USH 151/18 at CTH

T south, CTH H/Rock Road near Ridgeway, W Brigham/Pikes Peak intersection, and the affects on the various properties. Larry and Barb specifically requested feedback on the proposed routing of CTH H south of Ridgeway to the proposed CTH HHH interchange and the proposed CTH K south of Barneveld to the existing CTH ID interchange. The officials present from the village of Ridgeway, town of Ridgeway, and the transportation committee were in concurrence with the proposed alternate #1 for CTH H providing greater accessibility to the residents for access to/from the HHH interchange. The officials present from the Town of Brigham, the village of Barneveld, and transportation committee were in concurrence with the proposed new CTH K overland route from the south to the existing CTH ID interchange as being the most preferred route. Larry Barta commented WDOT and SEH were awaiting some overlay information for the area surrounding the proposed overland route as it pertains to environmental concerns. Larry stated the DNR prefers improvements to stay on alignment whenever possible in lieu of selecting newer routes adjacent to other alternatives to limit environmental issues. Although, in this instance; there are concerns with utilizing the existing Jones Road corridor as well. As WDOT receives the overlay information and evaluates environmental concerns, the advantages and disadvantages of the two corridor selections will be determined, and ultimately a preferred alternative will be discussed. Larry commented other locations have similar logistical design issues to iron out as well, such as the connection of the proposed CTH ID in the village of Barneveld in the vicinity of the existing interchange.

Committee chair John Meyers reconvened the meeting with a clarification for the next regular Transportation Committee meeting to be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. not the 7:00 P.M. as listed on the agenda for this meeting. Sups Benish stated he would not be in attendance at the December 6, 2010 meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Ryan Walmer and seconded by Sup. Ronald Benish. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Craig Hardy, Highway Commissioner.