



DU PAGE COUNTY

Transportation Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, December 5, 2023

10:00 AM

Room 3500B

1. CALL TO ORDER

10:00 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Ozog at 10:03 AM.

Chair Ozog appointed Member Dawn DeSart and Member Paula Deacon-Garcia as members of the Transportation Committee for the purposes of a quorum.

2. ROLL CALL

As the roll call was being performed, Member Zay entered the room and Chair Ozog de-commissioned Member Deacon-Garcia.

PRESENT	Evans, Ozog, Zay, and DeSart
ABSENT	Chaplin, Covert, and Tornatore

3. CHAIR'S REMARKS - CHAIR OZOG

Chair Ozog brought up the topic of an email sent to County Board members regarding DOT crews tree trimming along the Illinois Prairie Path, just north of Geneva Road.

Director Snyder introduced Senior Transportation Planner, Sid Kenyon, who gave an overview of his visit to the site this morning. Mr. Kenyon explained that the 6 foot buffer zone mentioned in the email is for mowing purposes and the Trails Maintenance Policy allows tree trimming beyond six (6) feet for safety and to address invasive species, such as the Buckthorn which were being trimmed back. DOT will be emailing a response with this explanation.

Director Snyder also gave an overview of the Trails Plan currently under development. A focus of the Trails Plan will be active management of vegetation along the trails to work toward removal of invasive species and replacing with more appropriate plants. One example is the grant recently received to plant oak trees.

Committee members were generally supportive of the targeted removal of invasives, replanting areas of invasive removals with appropriate species, and emphasized that safety (sight lines, clear zones) along the trail shall be prioritized.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

One public comment was offered by Mr. David Barcus, a Wheaton resident who is an advocate with Dark Sky Chicago. He reviewed a national move to warmer lighting, for exterior lighting. He also brought up the technology of dimming exterior lighting to reduce light pollution.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [24-0006](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Mary Ozog
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

6. PROCUREMENT REQUISITIONS

6.A. [DT-P-0001-24](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract to Ciorba Group, Inc., for Professional Phase II Design Engineering Services for the bridge replacement project on CH 11/Army Trail Road bridge over West Branch DuPage River, Section 21-00240-09-BR, for a contract total not to exceed \$660,323.04. Professional Services (Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors) vetted through a qualification-based selection process in compliance with the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, 50 ILCS 510/0.01 et seq.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Mary Ozog
SECONDER:	Jim Zay

7. AWARDING RESOLUTIONS

7.A. [DT-R-0001-24](#)

Awarding Resolution issued to Homer Tree Service, Inc. for the removal of trees in advance of planned 2024 bridge and/or roadway improvements, Section 23-0TREE-01-LS, for an estimated County cost of \$90,862; Per lowest responsible bid.

Member Zay asked Director Snyder what was the allowable time frame for tree removal, in order to not affect the habitat of the Northern Long-Eared Bat. Director Snyder told the committee that the time frame for tree removal is only allowed from Nov. 1st through March 31st.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Mary Ozog
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8. DISCUSSION

FY 2024 Construction Program:

Director Snyder advised the Committee that there may be some adjustments to the 2024 Construction program, which may involve bringing forth some of the 2025 projects in place of any 2024 projects which may be unable to move forward due to unforeseen delays, such as permitting delays, land acquisition and plan readiness. County Engineer Bill Eidson may be

bringing forward some recommendations to the Committee as they occur.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Ozog reminded the committee that this is the last Transportation Committee meeting for Director Snyder and thanked him for his service.

Member Evans asked if the street lighting being proposed along 91st Street as part of the Willowbrook Corners improvements will have the dimming capability. Discussion was held.

When member Zay left the room, Member Garcia was appointed by Chair Ozog as his replacement, for the purposes of a quorum.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Member DeSart thanked Director Snyder and Bill Eidson for meeting with the residents of District 5 regarding their 75th Street noise concerns and giving them some potential options. They appreciated the County's willingness to meet and listen to their concerns.

Discussion was held.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ozog adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.