TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Minutes Monday October 12, 2026
4:00 PM Highway Office
1415 North Belt West, Belleville, IL.
Conference Room

Members In Attendance:
Richard Vernier, Chairperson
Marty Crawford, Asst. Chairperson
Robert Allen
Michael O'Donnell
Robert Trentman
Jana Moll

Guest:
Norm Etling, County Engineer
James Harms, Asst. County Engineer
Tom Elliff, Fire Chief, Signal Hill
Cheri Weaver, Office Manager

Members Absent:
Harry Hollingsworth

The Chairperson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00 p.m.
Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approval of minutes from the 8-17-2026 meeting. All members present voted aye
The Chairperson asked if there were any comments on the agenda from the Committee. None presented.
The Chairperson asked if there were any comments from the audience.
Mr. Elliff, Signal Hill Fire Chief, addressed the committee wanting to thank Mr. Harms, Asst. County Engineer and Mr. Etling, County Engineer, for everything they have done for the 74th Street bridge. Mr. Elliff asked how will the load rating move forward. Mr. Harms, Asst. County Engineer, responded the railroad has not given us a load rating yet. Mr. Elliff, Fire Chief, asked if the railroad keeps the load rating at 18 tons how it can be changed and if there is anything the Signal Hill Fire Department can do to help. Mr. Harms, Asst. County Engineer, said that the St. Clair County lawyers and the ICC have been working on this for several years. Chief Elliff said his truck is rated at 19 tons.

Action Item: Approve the 2027 Transportation Committee Meeting Dates. Mrs. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. Allen to approve. All members present voted aye.

Resolutions:

A) Obligation Retirement Resolution for the 2027 contributions from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for principal and interest payments on the 2020D Bonds, $1,902,231.50. Mr. Crawford made a motion seconded by Mr. Allen to approve. All member present voted aye.
B) Resolution authorizing Socket Fiber to bury a communication line along Rieder Road for 332 feet. Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve. All members present voted aye.
C) Resolution authorizing i3 Broadband to install a communication line on O'Fallon Troy Road from Jennifer Court to Fairwood Hills Subdivision. Mr. Trentman made a motion seconded by Mr. Allen to approve. All members present voted aye.

Engineer's Report:
FSP Extension proceeding.
Working on acquiring Right of Way for Green Mount Road widening north.
Intersection improvements to Old Collinsville and Ashland shop drawings approved.
Safety grant application submitted, no news.
Roof damage work approved by HR and contractor informed. Will then schedule ceiling repair work.
Salt Dome roof replaced.
Numerous solar farm reviews are moving through the process.
RR working on 74th bridge beam.
Submitted two bridge grant applications to IDOT, received $1.1 million for Waterloo Road and $0.5 million for Emerald Mound.

Public Meeting scheduled for Old Collinsville Road Bridge Replacement on October 28, 2026.
Took delivery of two new pickups, new pavement grinder, two new tandems and new JD tractor with mower deck.
Hired an intern in the Engineering Office through SWIC.
Worked on yearend report for Administration.
Reviewed proposed 2027 budget for all our accounts.
Plans for St. Clair TWP Wastewater Plant upgrade in for review.
Plans for Sullivan Road Trail from Huntwood to FSP for review.
Bridge Condition Report for Hartman Lane over Richland Creek in for review. Estimate of $4 million to replace.
RR Crossing Grant Agreement approved for Five Forks.
Insurance Training Class on 10-8-2026, defensive driving and back safety.
Last Thursday we were informed that we will get $1.1 million for the FSPW fill-in project.
Lenzburg Bridge RFQ will be going out.
Last month we hired four new employees in the maintenance shop and have an interview on Wednesday.
Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve. All members present voted aye.

The Chairperson asked if there was any Old Business: None presented.
The Chairperson asked if there was any New Business: Mr. O'Donnell asked if the Highway Department received any inquiries on changing the speed limit on Floraville Road, and did we know anything about someone using cold mix on Saxtown and Douglas Road. The answer was no to both questions.

Adjournment: Mrs. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. Allen to adjourn. All members present voted aye.
The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.