

**KANE COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

Receiving comment on the intent of the County Board of the County of Kane, Illinois, to sell, not to exceed \$40,000,000 of alternate bonds (Regional Transit Authority Tax Alternate Revenue Source)

Kane County Public Hearing was called to order at 9:55a.m. Present: Chairman, Karen McConnaughay, County Clerk, Cunningham, County Board Members and members of the public and the press.

Public Hearing convened for the purpose of receiving public comment on the intent of the County Board of the County of Kane, Illinois, to sell, not to exceed \$40,000,000 of alternate bonds (Regional Transit Authority Tax Alternate Revenue Source.

Chairman McConnaughay invited public comment on the County Board to sell, not to exceed \$40,000,000 of alternate bonds.

Marilyn Michelini, Village President of Village of Montgomery, and the Kane and Kendall representative to CMAP. She thanked the County Board for their commitment to the Orchard Road Corridor that is a vital north/south link in southern Kane County. She urged the Board to include the last section of the Orchard Road Corridor widening project as part of the \$40,000,000 bond issuance. The urgent need to have Orchard Road widened from two lanes to four lanes in Montgomery from Cordell Avenue south to Route 30 at Brentwood. IDOT believed the project would be completed by 2003 and the project is still pending. The need for the widening is more critical. 29,000 vehicles used that road each day. This is far too many for safe travel. The traffic road will increase approximately 10% each year. The section from Rt. 30 to Cordell is two lanes; north of Cordell is four lanes to Randall Road and there is four lanes south of Rt. 30. This two lane stretch creates a bottleneck in traffic each day. This creates a hazardous situation each day. Today the County Board will vote on the issuance of \$40,000,000 to be repaid through the RTA sales tax act. The purpose for that 1/4% sales tax increase is for public safety and public transportation services that is intended to fund operating capital for transportation purposes. Kane County identified Orchard Road as one of its top 5 projects from this revenue source. She is asking that the Kane County Board make the long term commitment to finishing the widening of the remaining stretch of Orchard Road next year.

Rick Dunlap, Business Representative for Local 150 Operating Engineers on behalf of the members that live in Kane County do support Kane County transportation infrastructure efforts.

No comments or discussion by the County Board members. No further comments or discussion by the public.

Motion by Bill Wyatt; second by Jeanette Mihalec close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Public Hearing was closed at 10:00 a.m.