BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

BENCH SESSION

(TRANSPORTATION)

Springfield, Illinois
Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m. in Room A, Leland Building, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois.

PRESENT:

MR. MANUEL FLORES, Acting Chairman

MS. LULA M. FORD, Commissioner

MS. ERIN M. O'CONNELL-DIAZ, Commissioner

MR. SHERMAN J. ELLIOTT, Commissioner

MR. JOHN T. COLGAN, Acting Commissioner

SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by Carla J. Boehl, Reporter

CSR #084-002710
ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Thank you. That was the only request that we have from the public.

So that being said, we will move on then to the Transportation Section of the agenda. We have minutes to approve from the March 24, 2010, bench session. I understand that there are no amendments. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So move.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?

The vote is 5-0 approving the minutes.

Starting with the Railroad Agenda,

Items RR-1 through RR-7 (T10-0047, T10-0049, T10-0051, T10-0052, T10-0053, T10-0054, T09-0017) will be taken together. These are Stipulated Agreements for safety improvements to railroad
crossings in a number of cities and towns across Illinois. In each case Staff recommends entering Orders approving the Stipulated Agreements. Is there a motion to enter the Orders?

COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: So move.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ELLIOTT: Second.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any opposed?

The vote is 5-0. The Orders are entered and the Stipulated Agreements are approved.

We will use this 5-0 vote for the remainder of the Transportation unless otherwise noted.

Turning to Motor Carriers, Items MC-1 through MC-4 will be taken together. These are Stipulated Settlement Agreements concerning alleged violation of the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law. Staff recommends entering the Orders accepting the Stipulated Settlement Agreements. Is there any
discussion? Any objections? Hearing none, the Orders are entered and the Stipulated Settlement Agreements are approved.

Item MC-5 concerns Walsh Service's application for renewal of a Commercial Relocation Towing License pursuant to the provisions of Section 18a-401 of the Illinois Commercial Relocation Trespassing Vehicles Law. Staff recommends granting renewal of the license. Is there any discussion? Any objections? Hearing none, the license renewal is granted.

Mr. Matrisch, is there any further business to come before the Commission today?

MR. MATRISCH: Nothing further. Thank you, Chairman.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Before you leave, sir, I wanted to again compliment your division for the outstanding work that all of you have been doing. We have had several meetings through the appropriations with both members of the House and Senate of the Illinois Legislature, and on both occasions you were complimented for your outstanding work.
I also want to compliment your division for the Life Safety Program initiative and also the work that Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz has been doing in promoting this effort. Unfortunately, as you know, we just had a terrible accident over the weekend. I know that there is an ongoing investigation. I would just ask that you would, as you have been already, keep us apprised of those circumstances. It is a terrible tragedy. Our condolences go to the young victim who was killed in that horrendous accident. And I know that we take our job very seriously here, and we would be curious again to make sure that -- as I said, we want to be kept updated on the outcome of the pending investigation.

MR. MATRISCH: Thank you, Chairman. We will keep you updated as developments occur.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: There are some other Commissioners that may have --

COMMISSIONER O'CONNELL-DIAZ: I just would second the Chairman's comments. I am always just kind of like a proud parent when I go to different
events with regard to our Transportation. Not that I am not proud of the other parts of the Commission, but it is always a great thing because they are just recognized as first in the field, not just in our state but on a national level.

And it should be a great comfort to everybody in this room and all the citizens in the state that we have the folks that we do have at the Commission making sure that we stay safe and our children stay safe with regard to the many dangerous situations that present themselves at railroad grade crossings.

I do admit that I do have a vested interest, being a train rider for probably about four hours a day when I go downtown. But I know that they are doing the blitzes now. I was at the train station in Crystal Lake and folks were out there and they were getting information about the safety programs. I have even had contact with various police departments that have said, hey, what's that program.

So I am always glad to have that
interest in our PEERS Program to get more people on board the train of safety that has become a hallmark of the Transportation Division of the Commission. So it is spring time. Kids are out on the tracks. Make sure you go home tonight, every one of you, and talk to them about what they should be doing on the tracks and what they shouldn't be doing on the tracks and to watch those lights and don't be crossing where they shouldn't.

So thank you very much, and I look forward to working on some more projects during the warm weather months.

MR. MATRISCH: Thank you, Commissioner.

ACTING CHAIRMAN FLORES: Any others? Again, Mr. Matrisch, thank you so much. And hearing nothing, that concludes the Transportation Agenda.

TRANSPORTATION AGENDA CONCLUDED