

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013  
2:00 P.M.  
MCHENRY COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION  
16111 NELSON ROAD  
WOODSTOCK, IL 60098**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS (SIGN-IN SHEET)**

President Rick Mack, Chair of the McHenry County Council of Mayors, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. The meeting was held at the McHenry County Division of Transportation located at 16111 Nelson Road in Woodstock. A quorum was in attendance. Attendance was as follows:

**Members Present:**

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood  
Josh Blakemore, City of Marengo  
Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock  
Wally Dittrich, McHenry County DOT  
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake  
Fred Mullard, Village of Lake in the Hills  
Robert Nunamaker, Village of Fox River Grove  
Ron Parrish, Village of Bull Valley  
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg  
Paul Ruscko, Village of Lakewood  
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley  
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry

**Others Present:**

Erin Aleman, CMAP  
Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway  
Mary L. Donner, Pace  
Ed Ellinghausen, Village of Bull Valley  
Lou Haussmann, Baxter & Woodman  
Scott Hennings, McHenry County DOT  
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads  
Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group  
David Lawry, Chastain  
Jason Osborn, McHenry County DOT  
Sue Palmer, IDOT Programming  
Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman  
Brian Plum, TCC  
Andy Plummer, RTA  
Eric Rose, Thomas Engineering Group  
Dan Strahan, GHA

Kaamil Tayyab, IDOT Local Roads  
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

**B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the January 17, 2013 meeting agenda. *Mr. Blakemore moved for approval. Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2012. *Mr. Clifton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Nunamaker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES**

**A. IDOT Highway Report**

Ms. Palmer provided the updated IDOT status sheets. They were updated to include the most recent letting and include projects that will be let the following day. She noted that the Algonquin Bypass work continues with the retaining wall and bridge work. The project has been reduced to one lane in each direction on Algonquin Road since late September.

The IL 31 at IL 176 intersection project has started utility work with more construction to start next year. Lastly, she noted that the IDOT program will be released in the spring.

**B. Pace**

Ms. Donner said Pace continues to work with the County on the 806, 807 and 808 routes. Transystems worked on how to make service more efficient. As of December 17, the 806 route in Crystal Lake travels north on IL 31 to Wal-Mart. The 807 route used to include Wonder Lake, but that service was eliminated and saved \$80,000. Only five people used that route. The 808 route from Harvard to Crystal Lake previously traveled north on Nelson Road. This was eliminated as it did not collect anyone. Ms. Donner said maps are available.

**C. Metra**

Chair Mack said the 2013 budget has been finalized and the new 10 ride rate increase will go into effect in February. At the January 17 Metra Board meeting, the Board decided to hire consultants to explore wi-fi on one Metra line for a trial period. Mr. Clifton asked if the UPNW line could be considered for the trial period. Chair Mack said to contact the McHenry County Metra Board Representative. Lastly, the EA for the Johnsborg station will be complete this year and land acquisition will start.

**D. McHenry County Division of Transportation**

Mr. Dittrich distributed the Project Status Update. The Miller Road project in McHenry is the newest project to have started. The project was split into two phases. Over the winter, the new bridge that will carry the

new westbound lanes will be built. A webcam on the [www.CharlesMillerRoad.com](http://www.CharlesMillerRoad.com) website provides live pictures every 15 minutes. The James R. Rakow Road project is pretty much done and the Walkup Road project has been shut down for the winter. Lastly, the McHenry County Safety Committee met in November and their next meeting will be on March 18.

**E. RTA and Getting America to Work**

Mr. Plummer said the RTA budget was passed one month late due to being held up by the CTA. The RTA had questions about CTA's ability to pay off capital bonds. Mr. Plummer also mentioned the law suit against United Airlines using sham businesses to avoid paying RTA sales tax. As much as \$300 million is being diverted. The RTA is working with the legislature to resolve.

Getting America to Work – this program is a result of things that have happened over the past year with a proposal in the House to take transit funding out of the Highway Trust Fund. Major projects rely on this funding and railcars and buses need these funding commitments. Initial proposals were a hit to transit therefore the Getting America to Work coalition was formed. The aim is for national consensus of the importance of transit due to transit ridership increasing. Mr. Plummer asked that the Council consider joining the coalition and asked that communities take the information back to their municipalities and chambers of commerce.

Chair Mack stated that Mr. Plummer is correct that funding is needed to get the system in a state of good repair.

Joining the coalition is free and there are no dues. Mr. Clifton suggested we vote on joining at the March meeting and Ms. Daigle provide more information.

**F. Illinois Tollway**

Ms. Anderson noted that 2013 will be an aggressive construction year. At I-57 and I-294, the Tollway is finalizing right of way and will start to build the ramps in the spring. She noted that preliminary work for the Elgin-O'Hare is underway. The I-90 corridor is the number one project in the capital plan and will reconstruct the road and add a lane. A bus lane will also be added. The IL 47 at I-90 interchange is underway and going well.

Ms. Anderson distributed a copy of the draft Landscape Policy. She asked that the Council review and provide comments by February 3.

**G. IDOT STP Local Program**

Mr. Househ gave a brief update on the STP projects programmed.

### **III. CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING (CMAP) / COUNCIL OF MAYORS**

#### **A. Executive Committee Report**

The Council of Mayors Executive Committee will meet on January 29.

#### **B. CMAP Congestion Pricing Report**

Ms. Aleman gave a presentation about CMAP's Congestion Pricing program. CMAP is asking for letters of support for the program which would provide a dedicated congestion lane with a higher toll depending on the amount of traffic. The program would ease congestion on tolled and managed lanes. Mr. Clifton asked what the trucker's response has been. Ms. Aleman said that the truckers are not interested in any new tolls, but they are developing the conversation. Mr. Morimoto asked about the cost benefit of saving 5 minutes in traffic. Ms. Aleman said that the program is not to maximize revenue, but to ease congestion. Chair Mack asked if this was a pilot program or, if approved, would be on the entire system. Ms. Aleman said IDOT is currently studying how this would work. Mr. Morimoto asked if the Tollway was on board and Ms. Anderson said they are working with CMAP. She added that it is not a new idea and similar to "Green Lanes" used in other cities.

#### **C. CMAP Report**

CMAP will be hosting a Street Design workshop on February 8. More information is on the CMAP website.

### **IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM**

#### **A. Project Status Updates**

Ms. Daigle said each project submitted a project status update. There were no cost increase requests and all projects are on schedule.

#### **B. FFY 13-17 Surface Transportation Program**

This item was informational.

### **V. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. Daigle said the Council will have a new website shortly. [www.mchenrycountycom.org](http://www.mchenrycountycom.org).

### **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal Lake City Hall.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*A was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Scardino to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.*