

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012
2:00 P.M.
ALGONQUIN VILLAGE HALL
2200 HARNISH DRIVE
ALGONQUIN, IL 60102

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 2:05 p.m. The meeting was held at the Algonquin Village Hall located at 2200 Harnish Drive in Algonquin, Illinois. A quorum was in attendance. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
Gary Boden, City of Marengo
Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock
Phyllis Keinz, Village of Bull Valley
Bob Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Derik Morefield, City of McHenry
Fred Mullard, Village of Lake in the Hills
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Robert Nunamaker, Mayor, Village of Fox River Grove
Cris Papierniak, Village of Cary
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Gerardo Fierro, IDOT Local Roads
Scoot Hennings, McHenry County Division of Transportation
Zachary Holmes, Village of Huntley
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads
Dave Johanson, HR Green
Jeff Mawdsley, City of Crystal Lake
Sue Palmer, IDOT Programming
Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman
Brian Plum, Traffic Control
Dan Strahan, GHA
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2012 meeting agenda. *Ms. Peterson moved for approval. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2012

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the May 17, 2012 meeting minutes. *Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the IDOT Highway Report which included the August 3 letting. She noted that IDOT will be doing their Multi-Year Program outreach again this year and combining some counties. The dates will be announced soon. Ms. Palmer said that the IL 31 & IL 176 project was awarded. The utility work will start soon and should be completed by the end of the year. Secondly, she noted that the Algonquin Bypass grading is underway and that the contract for construction has not been awarded, but should be awarded soon.

B. RTA

Ms. Daigle provided the RTA report as follows: The RTA is leading an effort to explain the issues associated with insufficient federal funding to maintain and replace Chicagoland's aging transit assets. This ongoing program has resulted in many US Metropolitan areas having more than 15% of the transit fleet being used beyond their useful life. In Chicagoland, 42% of the rail passenger cars are beyond their useful life with other transit assets between 39% and 11%. The results are more frequent equipment breakdowns and slow zones; less frequent service than desired and, in many cases, a less comfortable ride for passengers. Without additional funding in the coming years, the RTA's yearly capital needs will soon outstrip the available funding by a factor of 6, resulting in nearly half the vehicles that should be replaced being left in service. The risk associated with letting that happen translates into more and more congestion; the movement of good, quality jobs from Chicagoland; less capital spending resulting in fewer jobs and greater pollution associated with higher vehicle use and the ensuing congestion. The RTA asks that you contact your members of Congress and urge them to support increased federal funding for transit.

C. McHenry County Division of Transportation

The Project Status Update was available at the meeting.

D. Pace

Ms. Donner said there was a 7% increase in ridership on the Pace system. Pace is working with McHenry County on a transit study in the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills area. Pace and the County also have short term goals of providing service in Richmond Township, Spring Grove, Hebron, Richmond and McHenry.

E. Metra

Chair Mack said that Metra is working on their Strategic Plan and will host an Open House on July 25 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Crystal Lake City Hall. He encouraged everyone to attend and voice support for Metra projects in the County, specifically the UPNW New Start project and possible Marengo and Huntley projects. Station improvements can also be mentioned. Chair Mack said that there is also a survey online and he encouraged everyone to take the time to complete it.

F. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson provided a map of the Capital Program Overview and talked about the I-90 Corridor Planning Council report which was submitted to the Illinois Tollway in May. She noted that I-90 eastbound from Elgin to I-39 will start with shoulder widening and be completed in 2013. Westbound will be completed in 2014. Ms. Anderson also noted that the I-90/IL 47 Interchange is currently under construction.

Ms. Anderson mentioned that the IL 53 Blue Ribbon Advisory Council provided their recommendation for a four-lane, limited access, 45 mph, tolled road to the Tollway Board in June.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Dobbs said the Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting scheduled for August is canceled. The next meeting will be in November.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs noted the following CMAP Items:

- On June 29, MAP-21 was approved. It is a two-year, \$105 billion highway, transit, safety bill. CMAP staff is still analyzing the bill and any changes – including changes to the recently approved CMAQ Policy.
- CMAP is working on Municipal ADA Transition Plans and has completed a paper called “ADA Transition Plans for Your Community”. The paper and plans are on the CMAP website.
- A Sole and Spokes Workshop will be held on August 24. Informational flyers were distributed.
- CMAP recently published a report, “Parking Strategies to Support Livable Communities.” Copies of the report were provided or on the CMAP website.
- The 2012 Municipal Survey is due today, July 20. She encouraged everyone to complete the online or paper survey and return it to CMAP.
- Community Planning and JARC/NF applications are due August 1.
- Information about \$1750 energy rebates is available online at www.energyimpactillinois.org.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. City of Marengo FAU Routes Requests for Forest Street, Prairie Street, Taylor Street and Washing Street

Mr. Johanson asked the Council to approve the FAU Requests for four roads in the City of Marengo. Mr. Clifton asked about the larger impacts of making these FAU routes and if it would move traffic from other roads. Mr. Johanson said making these FAU routes will improve mobility through the downtown area.

Mayor Nunmaker approved the four requests. Ms. Wilgreen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Village of Johnsburg FAU Request for Church Street

Mr. Johanson outlined the Church Street request.

Ms. Peters approved the FAU request for Church Street. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Call for Projects Update

Ms. Daigle said there was an error on the former application and the updated electronic application is now available online.

D. FFY 12-16 Surface Transportation Program

This item was informational.

V. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

There was no Planning Liaison report.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Division of Transportation located at 16111 Nelson Road in Woodstock.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.