

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014
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 2:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the McHenry County Division of Transportation located in Woodstock, IL. There was a quorum. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
James Anhalt, Village of Spring Grove
Bob Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Erik Morimoto, Village of Cary
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Paul R. Ruscko, City of Woodstock
Jerry Sagona, Village of Lake in the Hills
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry
Rich Vance, Village of Bull Valley
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake
Jeff Young, McHenry County

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Shannon Andrews, Village of Lakewood
Fawad Aqueel, IDOT
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Gerardo Fierro, IDOT
Scott Hennings, McHenry County
Blake Hobson, Director, RTA
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads
David Johanson, EEI
Diane Lukas, HLR, Inc.
Jeff Mawdsley, City of Crystal Lake
Jason Osborn, McDOT
Sue Palmer, IDOT
Michael Plant, Baxter & Woodman
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Peterson moved for approval of the meeting agenda. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2014

Mr. Young moved for approval the meeting minutes from January 9, 2014. Mr. Ruscko seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the updated IDOT Transportation Improvement Program. She noted that the ADA pedestrian ramps project throughout the County was let on February 28, 2014. The low bidder was Landmark Contractors. Ms. Palmer said the IDOT State program will be released by the Governor's office this spring.

B. Pace Report

Ms. Donner said that Pace is in the process of getting the Pioneer Center signed up for Ventra. The Pioneer Center would pay half fare through the system. Pace is also working on adding shelters throughout the County and providing real time signs to locations. Work is still ongoing with the Ventra program. Lastly, Ms. Donner said she recently met with Algonquin's Economic Development Commission and they were surprised at the little Pace service within McHenry County.

C. Metra

Chair Mack informed the Council that ridership is up 1.2% which is the 5th highest ridership in the last 30 years. 82.5 million trips were taken in 2013. Metra is still looking into Wi-Fi on their system. It is currently an unfunded mandate that will cost Metra \$72 million. Metra is exploring partnerships to share the cost. Chair Mack noted another program called Positive Train Control (PTC) is needed throughout the County by 2015, but that the technology is not available so that it may not be possible to implement. Lastly, Chair Mack said that Metra is working on mobile ticketing (universal fare card) where a rider can buy a ticket by phone on the train. This program will be available by the end of the year.

D. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young said activity on the Miller Road project is delayed due to right of way. On Johnsburg Road, the signals at Spring Grove Road and Riverside have been turned on. The eastern phase of the project, which includes the roundabout, will begin this summer. He mentioned the last piece of the IL 31 project – the section from the Algonquin Bypass to Trinity Drive will be finished. As with the Algonquin Bypass, the project will go back to one lane this week, but that the project will be finished in July. Lastly, Mr. Young briefly talked about the pavement preservation program.

Mr. DeVries talked about working with the local municipalities on possible satellite facilities for salt storage. He explained that West Des Moines uses a program and an IGA so that municipalities can store salt at satellite locations or store reserve salt for future use. Mr. Young said that the County is interested in working with municipalities, but would need to discuss funds, land, security, IGAs, etc. Mr. Sagona asked if there would be a cost share. Mr. Young said that is likely and it would depend on the facility and land. Anyone interested in a future satellite storage facility should contact Mr. Young.

E. RTA Update

Chair Mack introduced the McHenry County RTA Director, Blake Hobson. Mr. Hobson said he would do his best to represent the County and that the RTA has fared very favorably on a recent peer report.

Ms. Daigle said she would email Mr. Plummer's report after the meeting.

F. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson said construction on I-90 is 50% complete. The Rockford to Elgin section will be completed in 2014 with work on the Elgin to the Kennedy Expressway currently underway. Ms. Anderson said the Illinois Tollway is working with Pace on Active Traffic Management which will put sensors in the lanes so that a driver can see which lanes are moving faster.

The interchange at I-294/I-57 will be opening soon. Work is wrapping up on the retaining walls.

Ms. Peterson asked if the Active Traffic Management lanes will cost additional money. Ms. Anderson said the cost is very minimal since the road is being torn up anyway.

G. IDOT STP Local Program

Mr. Househ introduced Mr. Aqueel who will assist with the Phase II Engineering on projects. All Phase II Engineering kick off meetings will be scheduled through Mr. Aqueel. Mr. Aqueel also talked about HMA work.

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

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

A. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee will meet on May 20

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs provided the following updates:

- As of January 10, 19 projects were authorized at \$10.81 million which is 6% of the yearly total. There are still 7 more lettings this federal year.
- IDCEO is offering electric rebates through April.
- The HSIP deadline has been extended.
- The 2014 FLIP program is accepting applications. The program is for high school students who are interested in planning.
- The CMAP Municipal Directory is available online.
- The 2014 CMAP Legislative Program will be approved on March 12.
- The Northern Illinois Public Transit Task Force final report will be released by the end of the month.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Methodology Review Update

Ms. Daigle outlined the proposed changes to the Methodology and Application. She said the suggested updates were made at the request of the Methodology Review Committee, with the help of CMAP and after the review of other Council's methodology and applications. The Methodology and Application will be approved at the May meeting before the Call for Projects.

B. FY 14-18 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, May 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Division of Transportation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Sagona, seconded by Ms. Peterson. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.