

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS  
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 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 2:00 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  
Jim Anhalt, Village of Spring Grove  
Lisa Armour, Village of Huntley  
John Ferris, President, Village of Greenwood  
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake  
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard  
Robert Nunamaker, President, Village of Fox River Grove  
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg  
Paul R. Ruscko, Village of Lakewood  
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry  
Gerald D. Sagona, Village of Lake in the Hills  
Jeff Van Landuyt, City of Woodstock  
Rich Vance, Village of Bull Valley  
Shannon Yeaton, President, Village of Port Barrington  
Jeff Young, McHenry County

**Others Present:**

Peter Austin, McHenry County  
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green  
Steve Cieslica, TAI  
Alan Curry, IDOT  
Mary L. Donner, Pace  
Ed Ellinghausen, Village of Bull Valley  
Brian Funk, HLR Engineering  
Scott Hennings, McHenry County DOT  
Chairwoman Tina Hill, McHenry County  
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads  
Earl Jandacek, Bowman Consulting  
Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group  
Sue Palmer, IDOT Programming  
Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman

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

**B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Chair Mack noted that the agenda had been updated. Copies of the revised agenda were available. *Mr. Sagona moved for approval of the revised agenda. Mr. Young seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

**C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17 2013 AND MARCH 21, 2013**

*Mr. Young moved for approval the meeting minutes from January 17, 2013 and March 21, 2013. Mr. Sagona seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

**II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES**

**A. IDOT Highway Report**

Ms. Palmer provided the updated IDOT status sheets and the IDOT program for FY 2014-2019. The sheets include updated costs, scope and limits. Ms. Palmer also distributed the Spring 2013 Construction Update which included four projects in McHenry County all near or at the Western Algonquin Bypass.

**B. Pace**

Ms. Donner said that Pace is working with the CTA due to the closing of the Red Line station south of 95<sup>th</sup>/Dan Ryan. Pace will be running extra buses for CTA passengers. Ms. Donner stated that there have been 20,000 rides on the Bus on Shoulders project in I-55. As I-90 undergoes construction, Pace is looking forward to a Park and Ride lots along the corridor and possible bus on shoulder.

Pace has 30 internship positions available around the region. Information about the Ventra card is being emailed to various groups and the public. President Nunmaker asked how Bus on Shoulder would be implemented on I-90. Ms. Donner said an interior lane is being added that would service only buses.

**C. Metra**

Chair Mack said Metra hired a consultant to look into Wi-Fi on all Metra lines. The cost would be \$33.5 million to install and \$71.7 million to maintain. As air card feature was explored, but this feature would cost Metra \$3.4 - \$3.5 million for a single Metra line. The Metra Board and staff are currently mulling over their options.

Chair Mack said ridership is down slightly. There has been a 30% drop in purchases of the 10 ride tickets; however a 14% increase in the monthly unlimited passes.

**D. McHenry County Division of Transportation**

Mr. Young said the McDOT construction season is in full swing. There is currently a detour at Fleming Road and Johnsburg Road as construction is underway. Construction on Miller Road and the Western Algonquin Bypass continues. The Pavement Preservation program has started. Walkup Road by the High School will start once school ends. Algonquin Road west of Randall Road will be crack sealed. Ms. Armour asked how far the crack sealing will extend and Mr. Young said at least to Lakewood Road. More information about each project, including an interactive map, can be found at [www.mchenrycountydor.org](http://www.mchenrycountydor.org). The McDOT is also on Facebook.

**E. McHenry County 2040 Plan Update**

Mr. Hennings informed the Council that the McDOT is working to finish up the Plan. Staff is working with the public and putting together a list of priority projects. A letter to elected officials will be sent to each district outlining important projects in their area and how they ranked.

**F. RTA**

Andy Plummer from the RTA was not at the meeting. Ms. Daigle said he provided a report that will be emailed to the Council.

**G. Illinois Tollway**

Ms. Anderson was not at the meeting, but provided a report and attachments. Ms. Daigle said she would email the materials to the council.

**H. IDOT STP Local Program**

Mr. Curry 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 May 21, 2013. The Executive Committee will consider two advance funding requests from the Central and DuPage County Councils of Mayors. They will also hear an update on the State Capital Program and the IEPA Clean Construction Debris program. The meetings are open to the public.

**B. CMAP Report**

Ms. Dobbs provided the CMAP update which included the following:

- The STP Expenditure Report was distributed. The region has spent 37% of their mark. Spending did go over in 2012.
- CMAP is seeking students for the FLIP program. Brochures and applications were available at the meeting.
- The RTA and CMAP have a call for projects for Community Planning/Local Technical Assistance projects. This is for planning activities. Applications are on the RTA website and due June 26.

- TIGER II applications are due June 3. There is \$474 million available nationwide.
- IDOT has a call for projects for local rail/safety projects. Applications are due July 15.
- CMAP is closely watching the legislative capital program including performance-based programming legislation.

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

##### A. **Village of Barrington Hills FAU Request for Spring Creek Road**

Mr. Strahan presented the Village of Barrington Hills request of Spring Creek Road from Haegers Bend Road to Ridge Road. This route serves as a collector for through traffic. A letter of support from Algonquin Township has been included. Mr. Nunamaker asked what would change if this route becomes a FAU route. Mr. Strahan said it would be eligible for STP funding. Mr. Young asked about the access restriction at Haegers Bend Road and Spring Creek Road. Ms. Patti Maroni said years ago residents were concerned about the increase of traffic and an island was installed limiting access. She said the island will be removed in the near future. *Mr. Nunamaker moved for approval. Mr. Ferris seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

##### B. **Village of Bull Valley's Country Club Road/Bull Valley Road Project**

Mr. Plant provided a brief update of the Country Club Road/Bull Valley Road project. The Village of Bull Valley is partnering with Nunda Township, Dorr Township and the City of Woodstock to resurface Country Club Road and Bull Valley Road. They are requesting an additional \$430,260 in STP funding. Mr. Young said the McDOT gets about 20 calls a year for these roads and the fact that four agencies are working together on this is great. *Mr. Schmitt moved for approval of the funding increase. Mr. Young seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

##### C. **State Fiscal Year 2014 Planning Liaison Contract**

Chair Mack said this is the yearly contract approval for the Planning Liaison services to the McHenry County Council of Mayors. Chair Mack asked that Council to consider including a request for a salary increase for the Planning Liaison position. After some research it was discovered that the McHenry County Planning Liaison makes less than other Planning Liaisons in the region. President Yeaton asked if there had been an increase before. Ms. Daigle said the contract had increased through the past few years, but the Planning Liaison's salary had not kept pace. Mr. Young explained that since the Planning Liaison is housed at the McDOT, she was only able to receive increases that the County Board approved, if any. Mr. Nelson confirmed that the adjustment would put the McHenry County Planning Liaison in middle of the pack, rather than at the low end. President Nunamaker questioned what others in the position make and Chair Mack said that comparables were provided. *Mr. Sagona moved for approval of recommending the salary adjustment. Mr. Nelson seconded*

*the motion which passed. President Nunamaker and President Yeaton voted nay. Mr. Nelson voted to approve the contract for Planning Liaison services. Mr. Sagona seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.*

**D. Election of Chair for the McHenry County Council of Mayors**

Chair Mack said he would like to continue serving as Chair of the McHenry County Council of Mayors for another two years. *Mr. Sagona moved for approval. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.*

**E. Appointment of Council of Mayors Executive Committee Representatives**

Chair Mack said previously he and President John Schmitt served as representatives. Chair Mack said that he can still serve as a representative and that a representative needed to be a Mayor or President. A trustee could also serve as a representative of the Mayor or President. President Nunamaker volunteered to serve as a representative on the Council of Mayors Executive Committee. The Committee meets approximately 4-5 times a year in Chicago. *A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.*

**F. Appointment of Carolyn Schofield to the CMAP Board**

Dan Shea is the current CMAP Board representative. His term expires on July 1, 2013 so a new representative is needed. The Council was asked to approve County Board Member Carolyn Schofield to the CMAP Board. *Mr. Sagona moved for approval. Mr. Morimoto seconded the motion which passed unanimously.* Chair Mack thanked Dan Shea for all his work throughout the years.

**G. Getting America to Work Coalition**

Chair Mack said that Council has been asked to join the Getting America to Work Coalition. This group works to get transit funding. *Mr. Sagona moved for approval. Mr. Ruscko seconded the motion which passed unanimously to join the Coalition.*

**V. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. Daigle said she would be starting community meetings again this summer. Any community with a new mayor, president or staff can schedule a meeting to learn more about the Council of Mayors. Anyone interested in meeting can contact Ms. Daigle.

She also said that there will be an STP workshop in June. Additional information will be available in the coming weeks.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2013 at the McHenry City Hall

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Van Landuyt and seconded by Mr. Sagona. It was approved unanimously at 2:49 p.m.*