

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
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 at 16111 Nelson Road in Woodstock, Illinois. A quorum was in attendance. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
Christopher Clark, Village of Cary
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake
Fred Mullard, Village of Lake in the Hills
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Ron Parrish, Village of Bull Valley
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley
Jon M. Schmitt, City of McHenry
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Jeff Young, McHenry County DOT
Michele Zimmerman, Village of Algonquin

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Alex Beata, CMAP
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green
Wally Dittrich, McHenry County DOT
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Ed Ellinghausen, Village of Bull Valley
Lee Fell, CBBEL
Gerardo Fierro, IDOT Local Roads
Lou Hausmann, Baxter & Woodman
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads
Phyllis Keinz, Village of Bull Valley
Diane Lukas, HLR, Inc.
Sue Palmer, IDOT Programming
Cris Papierniak, Village of Cary

Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman
Brian Plum, Traffic Control
Andy Plummer, RTA
Dan Strahan, GHA
Rich Stull, City of McHenry
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the September 20, 2012 meeting agenda. *Ms. Peterson moved for approval. Mr. Mullard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2012

There was one change to the meeting minutes. Mr. Jon Schmitt is listed as present; however he was not at the meeting. Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the July 19, 2012 meeting minutes with that correction. *Ms. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the IDOT Highway Report which had been updated to include letting information. She noted that the September letting would be the following day. Ms. Palmer talked about the Algonquin Bypass groundbreaking and distributed an informational flyer with a web address for more information and public involvement. She also spoke of the Multi-Year Program outreach that IDOT will be doing. This year Lake County and McHenry County will be combined. The open house will be October 3 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake.

B. Pace

Ms. Donner informed the Council that Pace has a balanced budget and there will be a public hearing on October 22 at the Crystal Lake City Hall from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. She noted that McRide is doing well and that Pace is looking at a possible park and ride lot in Huntley and Lakewood at IL 176 and IL 47.

C. Metra

Chair Mack said Metra is currently working on their strategic plan. He noted that the McHenry County had one of the highest attendance and the highest feedback. Metra will be doing a second round of public hearings. The McHenry County one will be on November 1 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Crystal Lake City Hall.

As for the Metra budget, staff is currently putting together the 2013 programming budget. Fare changes or increases are unknown at this time; however a decision will be made shortly.

Lastly, Chair Mack said that Metra ridership is down slightly. It is believed this is due to discretionary changes with people and the heat over the summer. He did note that September and October usually have the highest ridership.

D. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young provided an update on the Rakow Road project which is to be completed by the end of November. He said things are going smoothly on the project. The Walkup Road project is still underway. Crews hit some snags on a retaining wall, but things are still moving along. The Virginia Road/Klasen Road at IL 31 project is past halfway completed. He noted that Virginia Road was closed completely and construction on that portion only lasted four weeks. Mr. Young noted that Hill Road Bridge project was delayed, but now on a November letting.

Mr. Young noted two upcoming events. A public meeting for the Charles Road at Raffel Road intersection improvement project will be October 10. The Charles J. Miller Road contract 1 will be on the September letting.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Osborn provided a brief update. A presentation was given to the County Transportation Committee yesterday at which a few draft plans were presented. Staff is now working with the public to identify which projects should be a priority. He also referred everyone to the website.

F. RTA

Mr. Plummer provided the RTA report stating that senior staff is working on possible capital funding and trying to get a leg up on the possible crisis. Mr. Plummer stressed the need for a longer-term commitment on legislation and that 42% of rail cars need repair. The RTA is considering a 5 year, \$2.5 billion bonding program for capital for the service boards. The RTA hopes to take advantage of their AAA bond rating and low interest rates.

Mr. Plummer also said that HB 3859 has been signed by the Governor and will take effect on January 1. This bill will require businesses in northeastern Illinois to pay sales tax even if they have satellite offices outside the six-county region. He lastly noted that the RTA is working on technology upgrades including real time bus displays and new fare technology.

G. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson distributed several handouts about current Tollway projects including 2012 milestones and information about the IL 47/I-90 Interchange. She also provided information about the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway which has begun advanced work that will be completed this year. Main line work will be in 2013 and 2014. Ms. Anderson informed the Council that an IL 47/I-90 open house will be from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Sun City in Huntley on September 24. Mr. Young asked

about the purpose of the meeting and Ms. Anderson said that Sun City residents had asked for updates and the Tollway decided to open the open house to the public.

Lastly, Ms. Anderson spoke of the I-57 / I-294 interchange project which has started advance work. The draft EIS for the Elgin-O'Hare project was released and a decision is expected in December.

H. 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 next meeting will be November 13.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs noted the following CMAP Items:

- Applications for the FLIP Program are due on Monday.
- Due to MAP-21, there are changes to CMAQ in that projects are not eligible for 100% federal funding. She noted that the Virginia Road Park and Ride project is ok because the funding had already been authorized at 100%.
- There will be a Call for CMAQ Projects in December. This round, Phase I Engineering will not be eligible for funding.

C. Performance-Based Funding

Mr. Beata provided information to the Council about performance-based funding. CMAP held a Peer Exchanged in which they discussed an earlier performance-based funding workshop CMAP held with Minnesota DOT, North Carolina DOT, Penn DOT and other agencies. CMAP staffs evaluated their performance-based funding practices and hope to incorporate that on a regional and local level. Mr. Beata noted the five takeaways from the workshops: Transparent Data, Transparent Process; MPOs are Formally Involved; De-politicization and Credibility; Implementation – “Start Small”; Measures and Targets “Bucket Approach”. Mr. Beata also talked about the challenges and benefits of performance-based funding.

Mr. Young asked how geographic equity could be possible if the 55/45 split was changed. Mr. Beata said there still needs to be reasonable equity and long-term performance based.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Call for Projects for 2015, 2016 and 2017 Program

Ms. Daigle told the Council that staff had reviewed all applications submitted. There were two minor issues that staff dealt with including

traffic counts and continuity of improvement. Several applications had used current traffic counts and added a 5 year projection. Since the application asked for current ADT, staff referred to the IDOT website and used current ADT on each project. Staff also evaluated the continuity of improvement for projects and ensured they were adjacent to past or future projects. These two minor issues slightly changed some of the scores.

Mr. Scardino asked if a project was dropped, could another project move in. Ms. Daigle said the program is fairly full of current and new projects and the Council would have enough projects already programmed to fill in for any projects that were dropped.

Mr. Young made a motion to approved the FFY 2015, 2016 and 2017 Proposed Program. Mr. Morimoto seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. McHenry County Traffic Safety Committee Presentation

Mr. Dittrich showed a brief video and talked about the IDOT Safety meeting held in June. IDOT tasked each County to reduce fatalities with the goal of zero fatalities. One recommendation of how to do this was to set up a County Safety Committee. Ms. Smith asked about beta testing and said it was a great tool for municipalities. Mr. Dittrich said that data access and sharing is important, but better ways need to be explored. The first meeting of the McHenry County Safety Committee will be Tuesday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room C of the McHenry County Administration Building.

C. FFY 12-16 Surface Transportation Program

Ms. Daigle said the recently approved projects will be included in the program.

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, November 15, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Huntley Village Hall.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.