

# MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

2:00 PM

Cary Village Hall building – Village Board Room (lower level)

655 Village Hall Drive, Cary, IL

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

### A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-In Sheet)

The meeting had a quorum (minimum of 7 members).

#### Council Members Present:

1. Village of Algonquin - Bob Mitchard, Public Works Director
2. Village of Bull Valley - Emily Berendt, Village Trustee
3. Village of Cary - Erik Morimoto, Public Works Director
4. Village of Fox River Grove - Robert Nunamaker (Vice Chairman of McCOM)
5. City of McHenry - Derik Morefield, City Administrator
6. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, President (Chairman of McCOM)
7. City of Woodstock - Paul Ruscko, Public Works Director
8. McHenry County - Jeff Young, Assistant County Engineer
9. Village of Barrington Hills - Robert Kosin, Director of Admin

#### Staff Present:

1. McHenry County Council of Mayors - Janell Jensen, Planning Liaison

#### Others Present:

1. Baxter & Woodman - Michael Plant
2. City of Crystal Lake - Jeff Mawdsley
3. Ciorba Group - Mark Johnson
4. Chastain - Steve Frerichs
5. CMAP - Holly Osttick
6. Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. - Dan Strahan
7. HLR, Inc. - Candi Thomas
8. HR Green - Akram Chaudhry
9. IDOT - Sue Palmer
10. Illinois Tollway - Bunny Anderson
11. Illinois Tollway - Aimee Lee
12. McHenry County DOT - Scott Hennings
13. McHenry County DOT – Kirsten Mellem
14. Pace - Mary L. Donner
15. RTA - Andy Plummer
16. TranSystems - Brain Fairwood

17. Village of Barrington Hills - Patty Meroni, Trustee
18. Village of Barrington Hills - Mary Naumann
19. Village of Huntley - Tim Farrell
20. Woodstock - Andrew Celentano

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of the agenda for the October 14, 2014, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of the minutes for the November 20, 2014, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morimoto, seconded by Mr. Ruscko, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. MEETING SCHEDULE**

- A. Approval of the 2015 Meeting Schedule for McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. Mrs. Jensen indicated that the 2015 meeting schedule is in the packet, which shows 3 meetings that still need volunteer municipality locations. Mrs. Jensen said the first one being March 19<sup>th</sup>, second one is July 16<sup>th</sup> and the last one is November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Jensen asked if there are any municipality that wants to volunteer to host a meeting day.

The Village of Algonquin offered to host the July 16, 2015, meeting. The City of Crystal Lake offered to host the March 19, 2015, meeting. The City of McHenry offered to host the November 19, 2015, meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Morimoto, to approve the meeting as presented with the three revised locations. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES**

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Sue Palmer

Ms. Palmer provided the updated IDOT Transportation Improvement Program, which she said reflects the most recent letting and award information. Ms. Palmer said there were a whole lot of resurfacing projects on the August lettings, which had two lettings in August.

Ms. Palmer gave a short update on the US 14 add lanes indicating they are under way and are moving dirt and removing trees and installing temporary signals. Ms. Palmer indicated that over the winter they anticipate doing some work on the underground storm sewers.

Ms. Palmer gave an update on the IL 31 to Rakow Rd project, indicating the stage 1 configuration is out there now and will stay in place for the winter. Ms. Palmer said they are planning on pouring some driveway gaps if possible and they want to pour a longer taper on the south end of project to help traffic move through the area.

B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner went over the annual report and indicated that Pace has presented a balanced budget for suburban services without the need for fare increases or service cuts. Ms. Donner said the budget contains numerous service improvements and/or restructured service, which will eventually include McHenry County.

Ms. Donner said the regional ADA paratransit budget is balanced without the need for fare increases at all; no fare increases in the last six years. Ms. Donner mentioned that since Pace has taken over ADA paratransit, every ride is about forty dollars.

Ms. Donner said Pace has a capital budget of 68.6 million dollars. Ms Donner mentioned that Pace is using the funds to purchase 265 buses and vans to support major projects such as the expansion of the Burr Ridge park-in-ride, park-in-rides, I-90 corridor infrastructure and Milwaukee Avenue ART. Ms Donner indicated everyone is working together to have a lane on I-90 that will support bus on shoulder.

Ms. Donner went over their successes this year: Pace and CTA completed the transition to the Ventra fare collection system on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Since the transition Pace has not received any calls regarding any Ventra system problems. Just had a federal tri-annual review and they scored highly in this review process and there were no findings. They are converting their fleet of buses to be powered by compressed natural gas. In cooperation with the McHenry County, Pace now serves the Village of Lakewood and Nunda Township as part of McRide program. The RTA has ICE funds available. Pace's Route 550 will continue into Crystal Lake in 2015, still in the planning stages, but the money is there. In 2016, Pace will be enhancing the 590 Route that serves Huntley and the Sherman hospital area.

Mr. Nunamaker asked if the 265 buses and vans are replacements or new ones. Ms. Donner said some is replacement and some is for new services.

C. Metra Update – Rick Mack

Chairman Mack said the Metra Board on Friday passed their 2015 program and budget, which entailed a 10.8 percent average fare increase on their service for 2015. Chairman Mack went over the moderation plan, PTC (positive train control)

and their rolling stock, which the fare increase is focused on. Chairman Mack said each year the Metra Board will have to vote on each fare increase.

Chairman Mack mentioned that there is two million dollars in the 2015 budget for the Cary station and will likely put in two new large warming shelters on in-bound side, which will improve safety and comfort of passengers.

D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Mr. Plummer mentioned no change in the injunction they filed to stop the current regulations and no status update on Metropolitan Mayors Caucus progress on it.

Mr. Plummer spoke about Senate Bill 3056.

Mr. Plummer went on to talk about the budget and the state of good repair.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young

Mr. Young said one project to note is our Miller Road project up in McHenry, things are shaping up to hit the January, 2015, letting.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Bunny Anderson

Ms. Anderson mentioned they had two major ribbon cutting events on the Tollway. Ms. Anderson indicated the opening of I-90 Western segment (37 miles) from Elgin to Rockford with an added lane, which opened in the end of October. Ms. Anderson indicated that over 290 firms, 225 construction companies and 60 professional service firms worked on this western segment, over 5,800 jobs were created.

Ms. Anderson said they have started doing advance work in the eastern segment, which will begin in earnest in 2015 and completion is scheduled for end of 2016.

Ms. Anderson said they had the grand opening of the I-57/294 interchange on the south tri-state.

Ms. Anderson said the bridge and ramp repair work on I-355 and I-88 is all completed.

Ms. Anderson said underway building the western access of the Elgin-O'Hare.

Ms. Anderson said their Board gave a tentative approval of 1.63 billion dollar capital construction for next year, which nearly half will be on I-90 eastern segment and 319 million will be for Elgin-O'Hare. Ms. Anderson indicated that this will be the largest capital investment in the Tollway's history.

- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Alex Househ  
An IDOT representative was not present, nor was a handout provided.
- H. CMAP Report – CMAP staff  
Ms. Ostdick said the 2040 update was approved. Ms. Ostdick said we'll be looking at the STP Expenditure Report during her presentation.
- I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – CMAP staff  
Ms. Ostdick said the Executive Committee met on Tuesday this week and they heard an update on the CREATE program and an STP/AF presentation.

**6. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. IL Route 53/120 project update by Aimee Lee, IL Tollway Project Manager.  
Ms. Lee gave a presentation on the IL Route 53/120 project status.
- B. Advance Funding (AF) process overview by Holly Ostdick with CMAP.  
Ms. Ostdick gave a PowerPoint presentation overviewing the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and advance funding.

**7. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION REVISIONS**

*If approved, the next action on the below items would be IDOT review.*

The Council discussed the below Functional Classification Revision Requests. Concern was raised on whether roadways that crossed municipal/township jurisdiction would impact/downgrade functional classification for those municipalities/townships and then prohibit them from getting federal funding in the future. The Council decided that further discussion regarding roadways that extend past the Village of Barrington Hills municipal limits was needed and to continued those agenda items to the January 15, 2015, meeting.

- A. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Algonquin Road/River Road in the Village of Barrington Hills, Illinois.  
A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to continue the functional classification revision request to the January 15, 2015, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Haegers Bend Road in the Village of Barrington Hills and Algonquin Township Road District, Illinois.  
A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the functional classification revision request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Helm Road in the Village of Barrington Hills, Illinois.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to continue the functional classification revision request to the January 15, 2015, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Merri Oaks Road in the Village of Barrington Hills, Illinois.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the functional classification revision request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Plum Tree Road in the Village of Barrington Hills, Illinois.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to continue the functional classification revision request to the January 15, 2015, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Ridge Road in the Village of Barrington Hills, Illinois.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the functional classification revision request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- G. A Resolution Approving the Functional Classification Revision Request for Spring Creek Road in the Village of Barrington Hills and Algonquin Township Road District, Illinois.

A motion was made by Mr. Nunamaker, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the functional classification revision request as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **8. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

- A. FFY 2015-2019 Surface Transportation Program (STP)

Mrs. Jensen indicated that she is working on TIP updates, especially for the January, 2015, letting. Mrs. Jensen said that the newly approved STP projects were entered into the TIP database, but they will not be “programmed” in the TIP until they received Advance Funding approval from the Council of Mayors Executive Committee.

## **9. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT**

Mrs. Jensen went over the Council’s Multi-Year B-List (MYB). Mrs. Jensen stated that the projects listed on the MYB list are projects that were not selected to be included in the Councils 5-year Surface Transportation Program, but they are the “runners up”. Mrs. Jensen said if funding becomes available during the year, those MYB projects could in theory get bumped up into the 5-year STP. Mrs. Jensen said they get bumped up based on ranking, so the next highest one up.

Mrs. Jensen said the 2014 Safe Routes to School program was just selected by IDOT and the list was released this week. Mrs. Jensen said we have one that got approved, the City of Woodstock for their Northside School campus. Mrs. Jensen said if yours did not get approved, you’ll be getting a letter from IDOT shortly.

Mrs. Jensen mentioned the upcoming Call for CMAQ and TAP Projects will both be coming out in January, 2015. Mrs. Jensen said for CMAQ you need to be at Phase 1 level when you submit your application.

Mrs. Jensen indicated that she will be emailing out the Project Status Report in December for project sponsors to update for all projects listed in the Council's STP.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. IDOT is still internally reviewing their proposed county-wide functional classification revisions.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the McHenry County Division of Transportation office in Woodstock, IL.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Morefield. The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m. The motion carried.