

MCHEMRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2014
2:00 P.M.
MCHEMRY 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 2:03 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
Gary Boden, City of Marengo
Bob Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Bob Nunamaker, Village of Fox River Grove
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Paul R. Ruscko, City of Woodstock
Gerald Sagona, Village of Lake in the Hills
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Rich Vance, Village of Bull Valley
Jeff Young, McHenry County

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
John Bartman, IDOT
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green
Steve Cieslica, Trotter & Associates
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Scott Hennings, McHenry County
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads
Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group
Brian Plum, TCE
Dan Strahan, Gewalt Hamilton
Jeff Strzalka, HR Green
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Mr. Young moved for approval the meeting minutes from November 21, 2013. Mr. Ruscko seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Daigle distributed the IDOT Highway Report and told the Council that any questions can be directed to Ms. Palmer.

B. Pace Report

Ms. Donner gave her report after the Illinois Tollway Update. She noted that there is a nice cooperative effort between Pace and the Tollway for their new bus on shoulder program and that Pace is purchasing new buses for the program. Ms. Donner also said Pace would like to have more service to Huntley and they are working on ad shelters to promote fixed routes and dial-a-ride areas.

Ms. Donner said the Pace Chairman would like to attend a future Council meeting to talk about the *Hop on the Bus to Independence* program which will help students understand the fix route system and rely less on the door to door service. Mr. Anhalt asked about bus service from Gurnee to Chicago along I-94. Ms. Donner said there are a lot of ideas out there and she would look into it.

C. Metra

Chair Mack said there would be more updates at the next meeting and that Metra staff is researching Wi-Fi on trains and the universal fare card.

D. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young said this was the first winter of no barricades. The next project for the County is the Johnsborg Road project scheduled for the January letting. Phase II for the Miller Road project is underway and right of way is pending. The project is hoping for an April letting.

E. RTA Update

There was no RTA report.

F. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson said construction on I-90 is moving along well. In 2014, \$1.4 billion is scheduled for construction. \$415 million for the I-90 corridor alone. The western portion of the project is slated to be completed in 2014 with the eastern section of the project starting this year to be completed next year. The Illinois Tollway is working with Pace on three park and ride lots at Barrington Road, Randall Road and IL Route 25. Ms. Anderson said the I-294/I-57 interchange is finishing up and will be an all-electronic interchange. She also noted the I-390 Elgin O'Hare Interchange is starting. Lastly, she noted that 315 firms are working from Rockford to Elgin.

A question was asked about the Des Plaines Oasis. Ms. Anderson said the Oasis is being removed, but that the gas stations would stay. Mr. Sagona asked about the I-39/Irene Road temporary interchange. Ms. Anderson said they are working with the City of Belvidere about a possible 50/50 funding match for the project.

G. IDOT STP Local Program

Gerrardo gave a brief update on the STP projects programmed.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Daigle said the next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting would be January 28. The Village of Bull Valley will be representing the McHenry County Council of Mayors at that meeting. This had been approved by the two co-chairs, President Mack and President Nunamaker.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Daigle provided the CMAP report. She said that 2013 Go To 2040 Implementation Posters were available on the back table. For more copies please contact CMAP or Chalen. The Safe Routes to School Call for Project's deadline is January 31. A MPO letter of support is needed for each project. CMAP has delegated this task to the individual Council, so please contact Ms. Daigle for a letter of support.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. City of McHenry's FAU Route Requests

Ms. Daigle said that she contacted IDOT about the questions she had on the requests from the last meeting and their emailed response is included in the packet. They did not see any problems with the requests and McHenry updated their requests accordingly.

Mr. Young moved for approval of the City of McHenry's requests. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Project Status Updates Overview

Ms. Daigle said all projects submitted a project status form. There were two funding increase requests that are reflected on the program. She thanked everyone for returning their completed sheets on time.

C. 2014 Call for Projects Memo and Schedule

Ms. Daigle said the proposed schedule is included in the agenda packet. The Methodology Review Committee will meet on February 11. Anyone interested in serving on that Committee should let Ms. Daigle know.

D. 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, March 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
Location to be determined.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was approved at 2:23 p.m.