

MCHEMRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
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 2:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the McHenry County Division of Transportation located at 16111 Nelson Road in Woodstock, IL 60098. A quorum was in attendance. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Rick Mack, Chair, Village of Ringwood
Gary Boden, City of Marengo
Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock
Robert Mitchard, Village of Algonquin
Erik Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake
Fred Mullard, Village of Lake in the Hills
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Claudett Peters, Village of Johnsburg
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry
Mike Walsh, Village of Cary
Jeff Young McHenry County Division of Transportation

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Josh Blakemore, City of Marengo
Jim Condon, TAI
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
John Donovan, FHWA
Steve Cieslica, TAI
Alex Househ, IDOT
Mark Johnson, Ciorba Group
Sue Palmer, IDOT
Michael Plant, Baxter & Woodman
Brian Plum, TCC
Kevin Stallworth, IDOT
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 January 19, 2012 meeting agenda. *Mr. Young moved for approval. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2011 meeting minutes. *Ms. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Young seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer provided the IDOT status sheets which included the most recent IDOT letting. All awarded projects had been taken out since the last update. There were two projects in McHenry County on the November letting and four projects on the January letting. Lastly, Ms Palmer said that IDOT will be releasing the 2013-2018 Highway Improvement Program this spring.

B. RTA

There was no RTA report.

C. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young noted that the bike and pedestrian bridge over Rakow Road was installed this week. The County will also be working on bridge projects including the Blivin Street Bridge this spring. Mr. Young reminded the Council that there will be a Randall Road Public Hearing on January 24 from 4-7 p.m. at Jacobs High School. You can also find information on Facebook at Get Randall Going.

D. McHenry County Division of Transportation 2040 Plan

Mr. Young said that McDOT is working on the public involvement portion of the 2040 Plan. Staff is working closely with local high schools. Marengo High School recently visited the facility and presented plans for their City. Woodstock High School and McHenry West High School also presented plans to the County Transportation Committee. The next step for staff is working with the focus groups – mayors/managers, engineers and general public. Mr. Young noted that if anyone had any thoughts, comments or ideas to share them with Jason Osborn.

E. Pace

Ms. Donner said Pace is continuing to work with the County on their Transit Plan. Other good news included that ridership is up to Pace's 2008 levels and Pace has a balanced budget. She also added that there will be a new fare structure for the County Dial-A-Ride program. \$2.50 for the first five miles and 25 cents for each mile after that.

F. Metra

Chair Mack said that the Metra Board approved a fare increase in November starting on February 1. After public hearings in June, it was determined not to cut services, but that a 25% fare increase was needed.

Next, Metra plans to work on their Strategic Plan which will prioritize projects and focus on safety, maintenance and new starts.

G. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson informed the Council that the Tollway will be starting on the I-90 Corridor project this year. The project will include building and widening bridges from the Kennedy Expressway to Rockford in anticipation for construction in 2013. She also noted that bids for the IL 47 / I-90 Interchange will be in late February with selection in early March and a March Board approval. The project will start in June and be completed in the summer of 2013. For more information about the project please contact Bunny Anderson with your email address. Finally, Ms. Anderson said that the toll increases went into effect on January 1 and there has been no major drop in traffic.

H. IDOT STP Local Program

Mr. Stallworth provided the updated IDOT STP Local Program.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

The next Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting will be February 7, 2012.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs provided the following items for the CMAP report:

- The CMAP Board adopted a legislative agenda at their January Board meeting. Go To 2040 principles are included in the framework.
- Applications for the 2013 Local Highway Rail Safety program are due March 1.
- CMAP is hosting a Construction Coordination meeting on February 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at CMAP. Large construction projects from the counties, IDOT and the Tollway will be discussed.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Project Status Updates and Future Programming

Ms. Daigle said that the packet included all of the project status updates. One project, McHenry Avenue in the City of Crystal Lake, requested a funding increase of \$414,566. Three projects moved to later years and two projects requested to be added to the program from the MYB list. Ms. Daigle explained that last year, the Council approved all requests so that requests would not be presented piecemeal. She also noted that at the next meeting, the Council could have a larger discussion about doing a Call for Projects in 2012. She distributed a memo outlining some thoughts.

Ms. Peterson expressed concern about the funding increase and noted that the project should be considered a scope change. Mr. Morimoto said that the project was originally considered a LAPP project, but after reviewing the project, it was determined that drainage issues exist. The City decided

to address the drainage issues during the resurfacing as well as consider bike lanes.

Ms. Peterson said that some projects do not get funding due to funding increases. Chair Mack noted that LAPP projects have a gray area. Mr. Morimoto said that all elements of the project are eligible for federal funding. Mr. Househ agreed. Mr. Clifton asked for clearer guidelines on what can be included in a LAPP project. Ms. Daigle said she would work with IDOT to get more detailed guidelines before the next Call for Projects.

Mr. Mitchard moved for approval of the Crystal Lake funding increase of \$414,566 for McHenry Avenue. Mr. Morimoto seconded the motion which passed. Harvard, Lakewood, Woodstock and Ringwood voted no.

B. Algonquin Bypass FAU Route Request

The Algonquin Bypass will include new road. In order to use the federal dollars allocated for the Bypass, the road needs to be included in the FAU route system. IDOT requested the Council's approval.

Mr. Young moved for approval. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. FFY 12-16 Surface Transportation Program

Mr. Young moved for approval of the program. Mr. Clifton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

V. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

There was no Planning Liaison report.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2012 Meeting Dates were set.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lake in the Hills Village Hall located at 600 Harvest Gate in Lake in the Hills, IL 60156.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A was made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Young to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m.