

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 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 2:03 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
Gary Boden, City of Marengo
Tim Clifton, City of Woodstock
Erick Morimoto, City of Crystal Lake
Cris Papierniak, Village of Cary
Paul Ruscko, Village of Lakewood
Rob Scardino, Village of Huntley
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Jeff Young McHenry County Division of Transportation

Others Present:

John Ambrose, Baxter and Woodman
Brian Carlson, IDOT Programming
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green
Steve Cieslica, TAI
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Ed Ellinghausen, Village of Bull Valley
Frank Hodina, Missman, Inc.
Jeff Mawdsley, City of Crystal Lake
Nick Orf, Thomas Engineering Group
Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman
Brian Plum, Traffic Control
Andy Plummer, RTA
Kevin Stallworth, IDOT
Dan Strahan, GHA
Candi Thomas, HLR
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the May 17, 2012 meeting agenda with the minor change of moving the IDOT STP Local Road Program report to the beginning of the agenda. *Mr. Young moved for approval. Mr. Papierniak seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 15, 2012

Chair Mack asked for a motion to approve the March 15, 2012 meeting minutes. *Mr. Clifton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ruscko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT STP Local Program

Mr. Stallworth provided the updated IDOT STP local program.

B. IDOT Highway Report

Mr. Carlson provided the IDOT Highway Report. He noted on April 30, IDOT announced their multi-year program, "Transforming Transportation for Tomorrow". It is the Division of Highway's 6-year program and includes rail and aeronautics. Through 2013-2018, \$9.2 billion will be programmed. Mr. Carlson also provided the Council with the updated IDOT Highway Program for McHenry County.

C. RTA 2013 Funding Program Call for Projects

Mr. Plummer distributed two brochures to the Council about the RTA Funding Programs. These programs are being done jointly with CMAP. The programs will provide the traditional planning assistance and by working with CMAP, bring everyone to the table. He reminded the Council that McHenry County received Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) / New Freedom funding for their McRIDE program. The Call for Projects started May 9 and applications are due August 1. There will be three Open Houses – the closest being Arlington Heights. Mr. Plummer encouraged potential project sponsors to attend.

Mr. Plummer also spoke of HB 3859 which is the sales tax diversion bill initiated by the RTA. The bill was approved by the House and sent to the Senate. The RTA is hoping for a successful conclusion.

D. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young provided a brief update of the McHenry County projects.

E. Pace

Ms. Donner noted that the McRIDE program has been around for several years and has been working on funding so that McHenry County and Pace can continue to work together. The Community Vehicle Program study money will help work on circulators. She noted that McHenry County is unique in that it does not have to rely on outside funding.

F. Metra

Chair Mack said the Metra is embarking on a strategic plan to keep itself in a state of good repair. To date, only \$2 billion over a 10-year period has been identified. This leaves Metra with a \$5 billion shortfall. He noted that Metra is focusing on their existing system and looking for buy in. Two meetings will be scheduled in each County to weigh in on the process.

G. Illinois Tollway

Bunny Anderson from the Tollway was unable to attend the meeting, but provided hand-outs and report which Ms. Daigle read. The report included an update on the I-90/IL 47 Interchange which will begin mid-June 2013 and the I-90 roadwork which will start in 2013.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Dobbs provided the Executive Committee report. The Council of Mayors Executive Committee met on May 1, 2012. Topics of the meeting included outside transit delivery in Kendall County, IDOT's new Pavement Preservation program and ADA LED accessibility plan.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs distributed the STP expenditure report. She noted that the Council is doing a good job at helping to spend down the region's balance. Only 47% of the funding has been spent. Ms. Dobbs encouraged the Council to keep moving forward and programming projects.

Ms. Dobbs outlined the recent CMAQ changes that will be considered by the MPO Policy Committee at their June meeting. Changes include PH I no longer being eligible for funding, all remaining phases will be eligible for 100% funding and projects with no phase I will be eligible for 90% funding. She did note that there will be firm accomplishment deadlines and after two years a project will be pulled from the program and placed on a deferred list until the project is ready to go.

Ms. Dobbs also provided information about the Ideas Exchange Event hosted by CMAP on May 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the municipal survey that will be emailed to all municipality shortly.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Call for Projects Kick-Off

Ms. Daigle asked for approval to officially start the Call for Projects for 2015, 2016 and 2017. Applications would be due on August 3 and follow the current methodology and application. Applications will be on the Council of Mayors website.

Ms. Smith moved for approval of the Call for Projects. Mr. Schmitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. SFY 2013 Planning Liaison Contract

Ms. Daigle explained that this was the yearly contract between McHenry County and CMAP for Planning Liaison services. The amount of the contract increased by 1% due to the 2010 population census.

Mr. Clifton moved for approval of the Planning Liaison Contract. Mr. Ruscko seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. FFY 12-16 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, July 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Village Hall located at 2200 Harnish Drive in Algonquin.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A was made by Mr. Morimoto, seconded by Mr. Young to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.