

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013
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 2:01 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
Lisa Armour, Village of Huntley
Dave Nelson, City of Harvard
Robert Nunamaker, President, Village of Fox River Grove
Catherine Peterson, Village of Lakewood
Paul R. Ruscko, City of Woodstock
Jon Schmitt, City of McHenry
Gerald D. Sagona, Village of Lake in the Hills
Jeannine Smith, Village of Prairie Grove
Rich Vance, Village of Bull Valley
Abby Wilgreen, City of Crystal Lake
Shannon Yeaton, President, Village of Port Barrington
Jeff Young, McHenry County

Others Present:

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Tollway
Akram Chaudhry, HR Green
Kama Dobbs, CMAP
Mary L. Donner, Pace
Ed Ellinghausen, Village of Bull Valley
Alex Househ, IDOT Local Roads
David Johanson, EEI
Amy McSwane, HLR Engineering
Sue Palmer, IDOT Programming
Ryan Pettit, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Michael Plant, Baxter and Woodman
Brian Plum, TCE
Dan Strahan, GHA
Kaamil Tayyab, IDOT Local Roads
Tony Wolf, Ciorba Group
Chalen Daigle, McHenry County Council of Mayors

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2013

Ms. Peterson moved for approval the meeting minutes from May 16, 2013. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. Illinois Tollway

Ms. Anderson said final construction for the eastbound I-90 project is underway with completion by the end of December. Westbound construction will then begin with completion of all lanes by the end of 2014. She noted that widening the eastern 25 mile portion will take two years (2014-2016) and include Pace transit options.

The I-57/I-294 Interchange project will be completed next year. Lastly Ms. Anderson said the Illinois Tollway has entered into a partnership with State Farm for the HELP trucks. The cost to operate the trucks is \$2 million a year and State Farm will cover the costs as part of a three year contract. It is the first public private partnership for the Illinois Tollway. She also mentioned that businesses that owe over \$1,000 to the Illinois Tollway in missed tolls will be posted on their website. She noted that these businesses were give nine notices before being identified publicly.

President Nunamaker asked about the IL Route 23 bridge and a possible interchange. Ms. Anderson said designers are taking a possible interchange into consideration.

B. IDOT Highway Report

Ms. Palmer shared the IDOT Highway Report which had been updated to include the most recent letting. She said five resurfacing contracts had been awarded. The IL 31 at IL 176 intersection improvement is moving along. AT&T will be out of the way soon and a significant concrete pour is scheduled for Tuesday. Lastly, she noted that the IDOT MYP open houses will be soon with the McHenry County open house scheduled for October 3 from 4-7 p.m. at the Crystal Lake Holiday Inn.

Ms. Smith said she had received complaints about construction subs starting work at 4:30 a.m. at the IL 31/IL 176 project. Ms. Palmer said she would look into it.

C. Pace

Ms. Donner said the next meeting will be the budget presentation meeting. She said that the budget is balanced and Pace will not implement any fare increases. Ms. Donner explained that Pace is reaching out to local groups about the Ventra card system. She talked about the McRide program and the changes recently implemented. Ms. Smith asked about transit supportive guidelines. Ms. Donner said she would send the guidelines to

Ms. Daigle for distribution. Lastly, she noted a job fair at McHenry County College

D. Metra

Chair Mack informed the Council that Metra will be holding public meetings on November 7 from 4-7 p.m. at the Woodstock City Hall. He said construction at the Fox River Grove station should be done by late October/early November.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation

Mr. Young said the construction season is going well. The Charles J. Miller Road project will be done in the fall and the Johnsburg Road project will be wrapping up as well. Mr. Young provided an update on the County bridge projects and noted that the Virginia Road Park and Ride lot will be open soon.

Chair Mack asked about the Miller Road project from IL 31 to Bull Valley Road. Mr. Young said the County is still working on right of way and anticipating a March letting at the earliest.

F. McHenry County 2040 Plan Update

Mr. Osborn told the Council that the County Transportation Committee had approved six goals for the Plan and staff is working on getting feedback on those goals. Writing the Plan is underway and there are transit and bike components. Letters of support for projects are welcome and to date three projects are popular: IL 31 from Crystal Lake to McHenry, IL 47 from Woodstock to Huntley, and UPNW upgrades.

G. RTA

Andy Plummer from the RTA was not at the meeting. Ms. Daigle said he provided a report that will be emailed to the Council.

H. IDOT STP Local Program

Ms. Tayyab gave a brief update on the STP projects programmed.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Dobbs said that the Executive Committee met on September 10 and heard updates to the STP and CMAQ obligations. They approved the McCOM advance funding request after a discussion about the long term implications of the practice, should the federal program not be continued and directed CMAP staff to review policies. They also received updates about the Illiana Corridor, CMAPs research on regional tax incentive policies, updates to GO TO 2040 and CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program.

Ms. Daigle added that she was at that meeting and noted that the Executive Committee mulled over future transportation funding as a

whole and possible cuts. She stressed that although the Council does not want to stop the progress they have made, at our next Call for Projects we will want to closely evaluate all projects as well as review projects that have been on the program for several years.

B. CMAP Report

Ms. Dobbs provided the CMAP update which included the following:

- The STP Expenditure Report was distributed. The region has spent 50% of their mark.
- The Illiana Corridor TIP Amendment received 965 public comments. Comment summaries are on the CMAP website. The CMAP staff recommendation will be available next week and final vote on including the amendment will be on October 9.
- A Call for TARP Projects is underway and due September 20.
- There were three calls for projects at CMAP. The LTA program received 67 applications, the TAP program received 11 applications and the CMAQ program will be approved by the MPO Policy Committee on October 9. McHenry County has one project on the proposed program.
- Ms. Daigle added that a Safe Routes to School Call for Projects may be announced this fall. She will send information once it is available.

IV. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS / STP PROGRAM

A. Village of Bull Valley Crystal Springs Road FAU Request

Ms. Daigle said information about the FAU request is included in the packet. She also noted that the Northwest Council of Mayors is currently reviewing their FAU policies and rather than reinvent the process, once completed the McHenry County Council of Mayors can review their findings and determine if the guidelines would be beneficial to use.

Mr. Young moved for approval of the Bull Valley Crystal Springs Road FAU request. Ms. Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. STP Program Update

Ms. Daigle reminded the Council that a Call for Projects will likely happen in 2014 with a methodology review in the spring.

C. FY 13-17 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, November 21, 2013 at the McHenry City Hall at 2:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Young. It was approved unanimously at 2:40 p.m.