

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

2:00 PM

McHenry County Division of Transportation Building – Main Conference Room
16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

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

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

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Bull Valley - Rich Vance
2. Village of Bull Valley - Maggie Bailey
3. Village of Cary - Erik Morimoto
4. City of Crystal Lake - Abby Wilgreen
5. Village of Fox River Grove - Robert Nunamaker (Vice Chairman of McCOM)
6. City of Harvard - Dave Nelson
7. Village of Johnsburg - Claudett Peters
8. Village of Lake in the Hills - Jerry Sagona
9. Village of Lakewood - Catherine Peterson
10. City of McHenry - Jon Schmitt
11. Village of Prairie Grove - Jeannine Smith
12. Village of Richmond - Peter Koenig
13. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, President (Chairman of McCOM)
14. Village of Spring Grove - Jim Anhalt
15. City of Woodstock - Paul Ruscko
16. McHenry County - Jeff Young

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

1. Baxter & Woodman - Michael Plant
2. Baxter & Woodman - Jason Fluhr
3. CBBEL - Lee Fell
4. City of Crystal Lake - Jeff Mawdsley
5. Ciorba Group - Mark Johnson
6. Civiltech - Gary Blzer
7. CMAP - Kama Dobbs
8. Gewalt Hamilton - Dan Strahan
9. Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick (HLR) - Candi Thomas

10. Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick (HLR) - Diane Lukas
11. HR Green - Akram Chaudhry
12. HR Green - Jeff Strzalka
13. IDOT - Gerardo Fierro
14. IDOT - Matthew Ortman
15. Illinois Tollway - Bunny Anderson
16. McHenry County DOT - Scott Hennings
17. McHenry County DOT – Wally Dittrich
18. Pace - Mary L. Donner
19. RTA - Andy Plummer
20. Steve Frerichs
21. Village of Bull Valley - Ron Parrish
22. Village of Bull Valley - Ed Ellinghausen
23. Village of Bull Valley - Emily Berendt
24. Village of Bull Valley - Kurt Kleinschmidt
25. Village of Fox River Grove - Derek Soderholm

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Approval of the minutes for the July 17, 2014, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Nunamaker, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Sue Palmer

Ms. Palmer was not present, but the updated IDOT status sheet was handed out.

- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner said the Pace proposed budget handout is available at the table. Ms. Donner said Pace has not cut any services and has not reduced any fares for six years in a row. Ms. Donner said they make sure that every tax dollar that is spent that can be comes back to McHenry County. Ms. Donner said McHenry County is no longer a donor county to Pace.

Ms. Donner said McRide has just expanded its territory and there is a new brochure. Ms. Donner said when started, it used RTA tax sale dollars as a base in the beginning. Ms. Donner said it has just expanded to Lakewood and Nunda Township for seniors and disabled. Ms. Donner went on to further explain the McRide program and increasing ridership.

Ms. Donner said the City of Woodstock has four ad shelters and the County has one in front of the court house. Ms. Donner said they will have one in front of the Housing Authority.

C. Metra Update – Rick Mack

Chairman Mack mentioned Metra's state of good repair and that they need ten billion dollars over the next ten years to keep our system in a state of good repair. Chairman Mack talked about needing to resolve 10 billion dollars over the next ten years. Chairman Mack mentioned that staff and the Metra Board have been working on it.

Chairman Mack talked how the *On the BI-Level* handout is on the Metra trains. Chairman Mack mentioned that it summaries our 2015 budget proposal, 2.4 billion dollar modernization plan and where our public hearings will be held. Chairman Mack said the closest public hearing will be Woodstock on November 6, 2014, from 4-7 p.m. at the Woodstock City Hall.

Chairman Mack said Metra has 837 passenger cars and 40 percent of that fleet was from the 1980's, some date back to the Eisenhower administration. Chairman Mack said the plan is to purchase 367 new cars to replace 318 cars, with an average age of 43 years old. Chairman Mack said the total program will be 1.2 billion dollars.

Chairman Mack said Metra has a total of 146 locomotives. Chairman Mack said over the next ten years, 85 locomotives will be rebuilt to extend the life for an estimated 25 years. Chairman Mack said starting in 2020 we plan on purchasing a total of 52 new locomotives and those will be delivered by 2020-2024. Chairman Mack went into the cost of locomotives. Chairman Mack indicated the long lead-time for ordering locomotives.

Chairman Mack talked about PTC, positive train control, and that it is a federally unfunded mandate. Chairman Mack mentioned following a serious train accident in California, the federal government required all railroads (freight and commuter) to institute PTC. Chairman Mack indicated that PTC overrides human error and stops the train. Chairman Mack said Metra's estimated cost within our system is 400 million dollars.

Chairman Mack said the federal government has given them till the end of 2015 to put PTC in. Chairman Mack said the railroads are asking for an extension till 2018 for two reasons, expensive and technology really isn't available to implement it at this time at this large scale.

Chairman Mack mentioned additional information is online.

D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Mr. Plummer talked about special trust fund for transit and it barely eking along due to the fact that there isn't much money coming in.

Mr. Plummer spoke about tax servicing and the practice of companies setting up sham office and governmental and public agencies miss out on those taxes.

Mr. Plummer talked about regulations that were required by the Supreme Court decision last December didn't work very well and are far too complicated. Mr. Plummer said we are in the process of filing an injunction against the regulations with the US Circuit Court and hope to find some closure on that. Mr. Plummer said the intent would be to make them start over again.

Mr. Plummer said some of the municipalities have joined the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and are attempting to work with the Department of Revenue to change the rules to make sure that some of the complications in it are rectified. Mr. Plummer said not aware of how that process is going. Mr. Plummer mentioned that last he heard was the caucus put some things in front of the Department of Revenue and they are waiting to hear back.

Mr. Plummer brought up Senate Bill 3056 and said it was generated locally by Representative Tryon. Mr. Plummer mentioned that the RTA supports the bill. Mr. Plummer went on to describe the bill and its relation to the RTA.

Mr. Plummer went on to talk about the budget. Mr. Plummer said Metra got discretionary money. Mr. Plummer said RTA board decided to let each service boards have their own contingency funds.

Mr. Plummer mentioned that they are very concern about the state of good repair.

Mr. Nunamaker asked if the capital program that Mr. Mack talked about outside of the 55 percent of the operating funds would come from the fare box.

Mr. Plummer said yes.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young

Mr. Young said there is a Status Report handout at the table. Mr. Young went over the McHenry County Division of Transportation projects. Mr. Young mentioned that the Charles Miller Road will be a one to two season project.

Mr. Young referenced upcoming public hearing dates for IDOT projects.

Mr. Young said they are pleased with Algonquin Bypass project opening. IDOT is still in the process of retiming the signals at Algonquin Road. Mr. Young mentioned that the Johnsburg Road roundabout has been opened up for a little over a month and have heard good things since then.

Mr. Young said McRide continues to move forward.

Mr. Young said the County Board voted this last month to move forward with the conventional intersectional design for the Randall Road project. Mr. Young mentioned they are still in Phase 2, will be a couple years in design before construction starts. Mr. Young mentioned that we did nighttime pavement preservation last month on the centerline.

Chairman Mack complimented the Village and County on the Johnsburg Road roundabout project the Algonquin Bypass project.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Bunny Anderson

Ms. Anderson said this has been a major construction year. Ms. Anderson went over the I-90 corridor from Elgin to Rockford (37 mile segment) and in a couple of weeks will be opening the 3rd new lane.

Ms. Anderson said also opening at the end of this month will be the Interchange of I-57 and I-294.

Ms. Anderson said in the I-90 corridor they have been doing intense for the advance utility relocation and for the preparation for the 25 mile reconstruction and widening, so that next year, 2015 and 2016, they will be doing the mainline construction and widening. Ms. Anderson mentioned that they have a partnership with Pace for the western segment (25 mile) and will be building three park-in-rides along that segment of the corridor.

Ms. Anderson said finishing up bridge and ramp repairs on I-355 and I-88.

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

Ms. Anderson mentioned that the I-290 ramp off of I-90 is part of the overall project for the eastern segment and is in design work.

Ms. Anderson said have had 62 miles of construction this year.

Ms. Anderson said Grand Avenue in north tri-state has 8 ramps and reconstructing 7 of them. Ms. Anderson said having a toll booth is not in the plans.

Ms. Anderson said currently funding of the 53 extension project is being looked at. Ms. Anderson said will have an update next month.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Alex Househ

Mr. Househ said handouts are available at table.

H. CMAP Report – CMAP staff

Ms. Dobbs said the 2040 update for FFY 2014-2019 TIP and the conformity findings were approved per federal regulations last week.

Ms. Dobbs handed out the standard STP Expenditure Report and said it's through August 10th of this year, does not reflect the September or November letting. Ms. Dobbs mentioned that it's clear that we will not spend out all of the money.

Ms. Dobbs said the FFY 2015 Local Technical Assistance program was approved by the Board and the MPO Policy Committee last week. Ms. Dobbs mentioned the program includes 23 projects and went over the ones pertaining to McHenry County area. Ms. Dobbs said 3 of the 10 McHenry County projects were funded.

Ms. Dobbs said ArcGIS workshop offered by CMAP in November and December with a cost of \$350. Questions on registering, contact Janell Jensen.

I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – CMAP staff

The next meeting is November 18, 2014.

5. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. Approval of projects for FFY 2017, 2018 and 2019 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Call for Projects Program.

Mrs. Jensen went over the memo and two tables included in the meeting packet. Mrs. Jensen said at today's meeting we need you to vote on, approval/denial, of the proposed STP program.

Mrs. Jensen said the scoring detail table indicates all the points for each category and where everyone fell into. Mrs. Jensen said if there was any disagreement between points, that's highlighted in red on the table. Mrs. Jensen said any roads that are currently designated as local street/road currently cannot get funded through STP. Mrs. Jensen said they would need to request functional reclassification.

Mrs. Jensen said the second table is the proposed STP program and what you will be voting on today. Mrs. Jensen said the gray shaded area is what we have funding for this mark up to 2019. The blue shaded area indicates the MYB. If there are any

programmed projects that come under budget or get pulled, those MYB projects could then get bumped up.

Mr. Sagona asked why they did not receive multi-partners points for their Lakewood Road/Miller Road project.

Mrs. Jensen said per the STP Methodology it needs written confirmation from that partner and I believe your application did not have that. Mrs. Jensen said if there wasn't any written confirmation, either a letter or resolution, than unfortunately we could not give you those points.

Mr. Sagona and Mr. Young discussed McHenry County and Lake in the Hills project partnership topic.

A motion was made by Mr. Schmitt, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the proposed FFY 2017, 2018 and 2019 Surface Transportation Program (STP) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. FFY 2014-2018 Surface Transportation Program (STP)
Mrs. Jensen said there are no updates at this time.

6. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

- A. McCOM website changes
Mrs. Jensen said that she has been making tweaks to the McHenry County Council of Mayors website. Mrs. Jensen said the McCOM meeting packets are now available online. Mrs. Jensen asked the Council to let her know if they have any suggested additions to the website.

7. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. IDOT will have a public meeting on the Multi-Year Program (MYB) for fiscal years 2016-2021 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM today at the Crystal Lake City Hall.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cary Village Hall in Cary, IL. A CMAP representative will give an Advance Funding (AF) process presentation at this meeting. IDOT will also be present to discuss County-wide functional reclassifications.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Nunamaker. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. The motion carried.