

**MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
MEETING MINUTES**

DRAFT

Thursday, November 16, 2017

2:00 PM

Village of Huntley, Municipal Complex – Village Board Room
10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

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

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

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
2. City of Cary – Erik Morimoto
3. Village of Huntley - Tim Farrell
4. Village of Lake in the Hills – Dan Kaup
5. City of McHenry - Jon Schmitt
6. Village of Ringwood - Rick Mack, President (Chairman of MCCOM)
7. City of Woodstock – Jeff Van Landuyt
8. McHenry County - Jeff Young

Staff Present:

1. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Scott Hennings, Principal Transportation Planner

Others Present:

1. IDOT - Alex Househ
2. McHenry County DOT - Susan Borucki
3. IDOT - Gerardo Fierro
4. RTA – Andy Plummer
5. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage
6. HR Green – Jeff Strzalka
7. Pace – Mary Donner
8. Civiltech – Jon Vana
9. HLR – Amy McSwane
10. City of Crystal Lake - Jeff Mawdsley
11. Village of Lake in the Hills – Russ Ruzanski
12. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
13. CMAP – Barbara Zubek
14. BLA – Greg Ellwanger
15. Baxter & Woodman – Jason Fluhr

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Approval of the agenda for the November 16, 2017, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting.

A motion was made and seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. Approval of the minutes for the September 21, 2017, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting.

A motion was made and seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. The draft 2018 MCOM meeting schedule was included in the packet. The Village of Johnsburg agreed to host the March 15, 2018 meeting, the City of Crystal Lake the July 19, 2018 meeting and the Village of Huntley the November 15, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made and seconded, to approve the meeting schedule as amended. The motion passed unanimously. The 2018 meeting schedule will be sent to members and posted on the MCOM website.

5. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. **IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus**

Representative was not present; however, the November 2, 2017 *McHenry Council of Mayors Management Monitoring Schedule FY 2018-2023 Proposed Highway Improvement Program* was included in the meeting packet.

- B. **Pace Report – Mary Donner**

Ms. Donner stated that Paces budget is balanced, with no service cuts and a small fare increase. The ADA budget is also balanced. There were no cuts to the Taxi Access Program; fares will remain \$3 and the covered trip length will increase.

Johnsburg is working with Pace to add some new bus shelters along the 806 fixed route.

MCRide service is increasing for 2018, with the addition of Chemung Township, Richmond Township and Village of Richmond.

I-90 express service is doing very well and there have been an increasing number of cars in the Park & Ride lot.

- C. **Metra Update – Rick Mack**

Mr. Mack said that Metra has passed their 2018 budget, which includes a fare increase and service cuts. These are the first service cuts the agency has had to implement in 33 years. The shortfall was due to the State cutbacks and the 2% tax surcharge, as well as decreasing tax revenues. There were no service cutbacks in McHenry County; routes

with low ridership were combined with other routes. There are no sustainable funding sources arising and more cuts are possible in the future.

Metra just had their public hearings, including one in McHenry County.

In 2018, it is expected that construction will begin on the new Cary Metra station. This was a combined effort between Metra and the Village of Cary.

D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Mr. Plummer explained how we are in a perfect storm for available transit funding: less sales tax revenue, State Public Transportation Fund (PTF) match and the surcharge have all contributed to put the region in this precarious funding situation. Also, the RTA has been forced to borrow money because the State is late in paying the match.

This state of affairs has allowed the RTA to re-evaluate the system. It was discovered that Chicago has the lowest operating cost per passenger mile and spends less money on transit/per capita than peer cities.

Mr. Plummer said that the draft strategic plan is not out yet. The RTA's public hearing in McHenry County is scheduled for December 7, 2017 at 10:00 am in the McHenry County Administration Building. The RTA will be defining goals and where we want to be; the system needs to be enhanced and upgraded. The plan will also look at technology and how current conditions, like tele-commuting, affect system trips.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young

Mr. Young said that the Randall Road project will begin construction in 2018 and is a multi-year project. The 2018-2022 5 Year Transportation Program has just been approved by the County Board.

Mr. Young also asked that representatives please review the IDOT Proposed Highway Improvement Program (included in packet) and note the deferred projects in McHenry County. Because of the reduced state funding and RTA sales tax, we need to consider some of the alternative funding sources recommended by CMAP.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Zuprynski

Representative not present.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro

Mr. Fierro handed out and reviewed the Local Roads & Streets Status Sheet for Federal Aid Projects located in McHenry Regional Council.

H. CMAP Report (and I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report) – Barbara Zubek

Ms. Zubek stated that CMAP recently approved the CMAQ, TAP and LTA programs.

Regionally, there was \$121 million programmed in STP-L funds in FFY2017. FFY2018 will be a huge year for projects, especially the January letting. Likewise, there will be a lot of

work going on surrounding the STP agreement including establishing the Project Selection Committee.

The ON TO 2050 preview report is available on the CMAP website.

J. CMAP Board Report – Carolyn Schofield

Representative not present.

6. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

A. FFY 2017-2021 Surface Transportation Program (STP) schedule

- i. STP Update: Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Chicago and the CMAP Council of Mayors Regarding the Distribution and Active Program Management of Locally Programmed Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds Under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act.**

Mr. Hennings stated that this is the STP-L agreement that has been under discussion for the last six months. A copy of the agreement was included in the packet.

There were no questions/comments from council members.

- ii. Removal of the Village of Cary’s Crystal Lake Road/Silver Lake Road Roundabout project (TIP #11-16-0014) from the MCCOM STP Program**

Mr. Hennings explained that this project is up for removal from the Program because Algonquin Township is no longer interested in pursuing it. A copy of a letter from the Township was included in the packet.

A motion was made and seconded, to remove the project from the Program. The motion carried unanimously.

With the Cary project being removed from FFY19, Mr. Mack said that the next project in line should be given the ability to move up to an earlier fiscal year. The City of McHenry had indicated that their Pearl St/Lincoln project, which was scheduled for FFY20, is prepared to proceed on an earlier letting. The Planning Liaison will work with CMAP to move that project to an earlier fiscal year.

7. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Hennings reported that a new Planning Liaison has been hired. Cody Sheriff will begin work on Monday, November 20.

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) applications are due December 1, 2017.

Local Rail/Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program applications are due by December 15, 2017.

8. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Mack said that discussions on the STP programming changes are still ongoing and the structure for regional set-aside selection committee is almost decided. This committee will need a super majority to allocate those regional funds to projects. MCCOM needs strong representation to promote our projects to the committee. Mr. Hennings added that there have also been some small changes to the regional fund ramp up percentages.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the McHenry County Division of Transportation, Main Conference Room, located at 16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

DRAFT