

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS
MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, March 15, 2018

2:00 PM

Johnsburg Village Hall Board Room
1515 Channel Beach Avenue, Johnsburg, IL

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Council Members Present:

1. Village of Algonquin – Michele Zimmerman
2. Village of Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
3. City of Cary – Erik Morimoto
4. Fox River Grove – Robert Nunamaker (Vice-Chair of MCCOM)
5. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
6. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
7. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Peters
8. Village of Lake in the Hills – Dan Kaup
9. City of McHenry – Jon Schmitt
10. Village of Richmond – Craig Kunz
11. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, President (Chairman of MCCOM)
12. City of Woodstock – Jeff Van Landuyt
13. McHenry County – Jeff Young

Staff Present:

1. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Scott Hennings, Principal Transportation Planner
2. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Cody Sheriff, Planning Liaison

Others Present:

1. Pace – Mary L Donner
2. CMAP – Barbara Zubek
3. Baxter & Woodman – Dan Schug
4. MCDOT – Susan Borucki
5. HLR Engineering - Ryan Livingston
6. Patrick Engineering - Jarroo Cebulski
7. Resident - Andrew Celentano

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Approval of the agenda for the March 15, 2018, 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 January 18, 2018, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – A representative was not present. No report.

- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner provided an updated regional RTA map that is also available online at the RTA's website. Ms. Donner provided an overall ridership report explaining ridership is down. Ridership is currently low due to the snowy weather. A question was asked whether the ridership park and ride program was still increasing. Ms. Donner responded stating it is very successful and their newest opening at US 25 is currently hosting 25-30 cars per day since its opening in December.

- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack

Mr. Mack said Metra opened the bids for the Cary Metra Station. Mr. Mack estimates the project will be awarded within the next month or two. The station will move from the current outbound location to the opposite side on the inbound platform. The project will also be adding warming shelters and pedestrian crossing improvements. Mr. Mack provided an update that Metra is in the process of purchasing used Amtrak locomotives. Mr. Mack commented that with declining state allocations and the difficulties of finding used locomotives, this provides a unique opportunity for Metra to save on costs. Mr. Mack provided an update on Metra's initiative in installing its new positive train control program to mitigate train related accidents. Metra will be rolling it out on several locations before its implementation on the Union Pacific NW line.

- D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Not present. No update.

- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young

Mr. Young provided an update on MCDOT's various bridge projects. MCDOT has been receiving very favorable bids for many of its projects. The Chapel Hill bridge project currently requires rehabilitation work and will be closed after the school year ends. Bay Road Bridge will also receive some rehab work but will not require a detour. Randall Road project is estimated to go to letting in June. Mr. Young commented that the project requires a large amount of utility relocations which is causing extra delay. A question was asked about what areas the Randall Road Project would be targeting. Mr. Young commented that MCDOT will be working on approximately 2.5 miles of pavement starting at Harnish and up to Polaris/Acorn. The project also includes intersection improvements including adding sidewalks and a bike path. A pedestrian underpass is also part of the project to provide better access to Jacob's High School. A question was asked when they expect traffic to be hampered. Mr. Young responded that sometime in FY2019. Overall, Mr. Young indicated Randall Road would not lose much lane capacity.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Zuprynski
Not present, no report.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro/Alex Househ
Not present, no update. CMAQ and STP updates were provided to the council by the Planning Liaison.

H. CMAP Report – Barbara Zubek
Ms. Zubek provided an update on the CMAQ obligations report. CMAP has been able to obligate 42.1 million of the 128.75 million goal. For STP, they obligated 110.5 million in 2018. Ms. Zubek reminded the Council of the packed STP program for FY2018 and to submit updates as soon as it becomes known to the Planning Liaison. Ms. Zubek provided an update on the regional freight direction report and that it is available on CMAP's website. The Natural Resources Snap-Shot is also available on CMAP's website and looks at the region's air, land, and water resources. CMAP also released the highway signal traffic inventory for northeastern Illinois. Ms. Zubek ended her update informing the committee of the ONTO 2050 launch event as well as the FLIP program for high school students.

I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – Barbara Zubek
No report.

J. CMAP Board Report - Carolyn Schofield
Ms. Schofield was not present, no report.

5. HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP)

Mr. Sheriff provided an update on the low application rate IDOT has received from McHenry County municipalities. Mr. Sheriff also informed the Council of the 90 (federal) / 10 (local) funding ratio and that IDOT wants municipalities to take advantage of this program and utilize IDOT's 5% crash locations. Mr. Sheriff explained the program is aimed at upgrading intersections and roadway with low cost solutions rather than a complete redesign. A question was asked whether municipalities could take advantage of the program to purchase speed radar signage and Mr. Sheriff responded yes they are eligible.

6. IDOT – 5% CRASH LOCATIONS

Mr. Sheriff commented on the survey he sent out in regards to IDOT – 5% Crash Locations tool. He did not receive any responses but explained that if anyone has any questions to still forward them to him so he can inform IDOT.

7. PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSAL

Chairman Mack provided a brief overview of some of the concerns about the newly proposed infrastructure plan out of the White House which swaps the 80 percent federal and 20 percent local match to 20 percent federal and 80 percent local. Chairman Mack further commented that although it appears it doesn't have a chance of passing, he stressed the importance of Council members remaining vigilant for any changes to the contrary.

8. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Sheriff provided a brief schedule of the upcoming CMAP – STP Project Selection Committee and the first meeting of the MCCOM – STP Regional Fund Project Selection Committee on May 3, 2018. Mr. Sheriff explained the MCCOM committee will be able to utilize the draft proposal from the April CMAP – STP Project Selection Committee meeting to help guide discussions. Mr. Sheriff also provided a brief history of the CMAP – STP Project Selection Committee and that currently the status of the changes to the Surface Transportation Program are in their preliminary stages subject to change.

9. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements were discussed.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: McHenry County Division of Transportation

Room: Main Conference Room

Address: 16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 2:35 pm.