

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

2:00 PM

Huntley Village Hall

10987 Main St., Huntley, IL 60142

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 – Bob Mitchard
2. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abigail Wilgreen
4. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
5. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
6. Village of Lakewood – Jeannine Smith
7. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, Chairman
8. City of Woodstock – Ryan Livingston
9. 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. Metra - Katie Renteria
2. IDOT – Katie Herdus
3. IDOT- Gerardo Fierro
4. Manhard Consulting – Bill Blecke
5. IDOT – Alex Househ
6. CMAP – Russel Pietrowiak
7. Tollway – Vicky Czuprynski
8. Tollway - Rich Bossert
9. Tollway – Reed Panther
10. Baxter & Woodman – Jason Fluhr
11. RTA – Andy Plummer
12. Ciorba – Tim Hever

13. Chastain Engineers - Steve Frerichs
14. Pace – Mary Donner
15. Patrick Engineering – Jeff Pisha

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Approval of the agenda for the November 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 July 19, 2018, 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. Approval of the 2019 Meeting Schedule for the McHenry County Council of Mayors. A motion was made and seconded to approve the schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus
Ms. Herdus provided an update on the McHenry County Management Monitoring Schedule and various projects throughout McHenry County.
- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner
Ms. Donner provided an update on the Pulse Express Bus, also known as Arterial Rapid Transit. Ms. Donner provided an update on the public outreach for the 809 Richmond – Fox Lake Metra Station service.
- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack
Chairman Mack provided an update on the Cary Station improvements and explained the project is actively moving forward. He added that Metra recently marked the completion of the installation phase of Positive Train Control Technology which is an unfunded mandated by the Federal Government. Chairman Mack provided an update on Metra’s capital improvement needs. He explained Metra’s Board would not raise rates for 2019 but instead will lobby the State for additional funding. Without additional funding, service cuts may need to be considered.
- D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer
Andy Plummer gave an update on the Access to Transit Program call for projects. The RTA has received several applications from McHenry County municipalities.

- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young
Mr. Young explained the County Transportation Committee will have new members starting in January 2019. Mr. Young gave an update on various County projects.
- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Czuprynski
Ms. Zuprynski provided an update on various Tollway projects.
- G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro
Mr. Fierro commented on the STP Status Sheets explaining if the Council has any questions to contact him after the meeting.
- H. CMAP Report – Russel Pietrowiak
Mr. Pietrowiak provided an update on the request that CMAP is making to the state for additional funding for the STP program to meet the need for the January and March lettings. Both lettings have seen a large increase in the number of projects due to the closing out of the current STP program as the region transitions to the new system. He added that FFY 18 obligations were at record levels and that FFY 19 is expected to be similar. Mr. Pietrowiak stressed the importance of providing timely and accurate updates to the Planning Liaison.
- I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report
Mr. Pietrowiak provided an update on the latest Executive Council of Mayors Committee meeting. Members are looking to make changes to how members serve on the STP Project Selection Committee after the end of the current cycle in November of 2019 which may include a rotating membership.
- J. CMAP Board Report - Carolyn Schofield
Ms. Schofield was not present, no report.

6. MCDOT FIVE YEAR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (2019-2023)

Mr. Hennings provided an update on the County's Five Year Transportation Program that was recently approved. He added if anyone has any questions about the program to speak with him after the meeting.

7. TRI-COUNTY ACCESS PROJECT UPDATE

Staff from the Tri-County Access Project provided an update and overview of the Tri-County Access project. Information about the program and updates are available on their website project.tricountyaccess.org.

8. IDOT COST SHARING AGREEMENTS

Mr. Hennings spoke about the recent development of the project on State Route 47 in regards to the funding of bicycle facilities. He explained that members may not be aware that the County is interested and willing to consider partnering to fund bicycle facilities on state routes in circumstances where gaps in multiuse paths are present due to location specific issues and local funding is unable to meet the need. This is in part due to the County's recently passed Active Transportation Policy. The County has an interest in assuring all users are accommodated in transportation projects where appropriate and creating a connected multimodal network.

9. MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mr. Sheriff provided an update on projects that are moving forward in the January 2019 letting. He added if anyone has any questions to speak with him after the meeting.

10. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Sheriff updated the council on the most recent MCCOM STP Project Selection subcommittee meeting. Several projects were selected to apply for the Shared Fund which included parts of IL 47 and 31. Mr. Sheriff provided an update to the council regarding next year's projects which included adopting a new STP Project Selection Methodology that incorporates Active Program Management. He added he will be contacting members to update representative designations for 2019 as well as for project status updates in December. He was also pleased to announce that several municipalities have applied for SRTS funding and hopes their projects are selected. Mr. Sheriff also commented on the most recent IDOT Circular Letter regarding the new GATA quarterly reporting requirement. He explained that state MFT revenue is also required to be reported quarterly but there is a pending challenge to this rule. Mr. Sheriff will keep the Council updated as information becomes available.

11. OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: McHenry County Division of Transportation

Room: Large Conference Room

Address: 16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 3:00 p.m.