

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

2:00 PM

Crystal Lake City Hall

100 W Woodstock St, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M.

A. Introduced Emily Daucher – Planning Liaison

B. 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. City of Crystal Lake – Abigail Wilgreen
3. Village of Fox River Grove – Robert Nunamaker
4. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
5. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Peters
6. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
7. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, Chairman
8. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
9. City of Woodstock – Ryan Livingston
10. McHenry County – Jeff Young

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

1. Metra - Katie Renteria
2. IDOT- Gerardo Fierro
3. Woodstock Transportation Commission – Andrew Celentano
4. BLA, Inc. – Jacob Thede
5. Chastain – Steve Frerichs
6. Pace – Mary Donner
7. HLR – Don Sherman
8. Crystal Lake – Jeff Mawdsley
9. Crystal Lake – Daniel Blalack
10. RTA – Andy Plummer

11. Baxter & Woodman – Jason Fluhr
12. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage
13. McHenry County Bicycle Advocates – Gregory Glover
14. CMAP – Barbara Zubek

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. No public comments.

3. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Not present, update handed out.

- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner gave an overview of the \$220 million worth of work they doing. Projects include Bus-on-Shoulder infrastructure for I-55 and ADA communication technology. They are also purchasing 2.7 acres of land to expand at the River Division facility to support I-90 bus-on-shoulder. Additionally, a Wheeling garage is replacing the Northwest Division. Pace is also celebrating its 35th anniversary.

- C. Metra Update – Rick Mack & Katie Renteria

Chairman Mack commented on the passage of the capital bill and the additional \$1.5 billion Metra will receive over six years. He noted that this will be used to update aging locomotives and improving stations. He thanked the Governor and State Legislature for the passage. Mr. Nunamaker asked if this amount includes the Woodstock Yard. Chairman Mack acknowledged that it did not.

- D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Mr. Plummer emphasized the need for sustained funding for transit. The capital bill will assist in bringing transit up to a state of good repair. Transit will see an increase of 20% from the increase in the Motor Fuel Tax, to about \$227 million a year. He noted that by indexing the Motor Fuel Tax to inflation, transit receives a more dependable source of funding. Over six years, transit will see \$2.6 billion.

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

Mr. Young provided an update on the various projects happening throughout the county. Randall Road is moving along, with construction on the south side of Algonquin Road happening and

construction on Randall happening hopefully near the end of the month. Deerpass Road Bridge was completed ahead of schedule, and O'Brien Road Bridge is also ahead of schedule. About \$4 million of resurfacing just started as well. Mr. Young estimates the DOT will see about double the gas tax, but believes there will be a better sense by September. The five-year transportation program will also be updated.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Czuprynski
Not present, no update.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro
Project status sheet distributed.

H. CMAP Report – Barbara Zubek
Ms. Zubek reported that the region has obligated \$147 million and reminded everyone to continue to submit project updates to Ms. Daucher, the Planning Liaison. The allotment for FY 2020 will be lower than this year. The STP Shared Fund, CMAQ and TAP were released for public comment and are available on the CMAP website. There is a grant “Driving for a Cleaner Illinois” that are due 9/17. Local STP methodologies are open for public comment and are available on CMAP’s website.

CMAP is having a series of events called “Small Plans Big Ideas” on how to link ON TO 2050 to local communities. There are five throughout the region on different topics. She encouraged attending them. It coincides with the 2019 Local Technical Assistance (LTA)/RTA Community Planning Program Call for Projects.

I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – Barbara Zubek
Ms. Zubek informed the Council that the next meeting is August 20th. She asks that two mayors from McHenry County be in attendance. She also reported that she is now Project Manager for the committee.

J. CMAP Board Report - Carolyn Schofield
Not present, no report.

4. MCCOM METHODOLOGY

Mr. Hennings and Ms. Daucher outlined the differences between the previous methodology and the present draft methodology for STP funding. Chairman Mack thanked the subcommittee members on their work with the methodology and thanked Mr. Hennings for his hard work. He explained how funding will be allotted during this and future calls for projects. Because of the larger allotment, there is more money for projects during this call than in the future. Calls for projects will happen every two years. He reminded everyone that money will not be available until 2021. Mr. Hennings also addressed the importance of hitting project milestones moving forward. Mr. Hennings also reminded the Council that the draft methodology is available for public comment for 30 days on the Council's website.

5. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daucher reported the results of the STP-Shared Fund Recommended Program. She highlighted how no projects in McHenry County were recommended for funding; however, the US Route 14 grade separation project in Barrington, did receive funding. This project received council support. Mr. Hennings mentioned the county bike/pedestrian plan that received IDOT funding for the year 2020 that will be managed by Ms. Daucher. The Council will be the steering committee for the plan.

6. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: McHenry County Division of Transportation

Room: Main Conference Room

Address: 16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 2:49 p.m.