

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING  
MINUTES

Thursday, September 19, 2019

2:00 PM

McHenry County Division of Transportation  
16111 Nelson Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 2:03 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 Cary – Erik Morimoto
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abigail Wilgreen
4. Village of Fox River Grove – Robert Nunamaker
5. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
6. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
7. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, Chairman
8. 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. McHenry – Greg Gruen
3. FHWA – John Donovan
4. Ciorba Group – Diana Decker
5. HR Green – Jeff Strzalka
6. HLR – Don Sherman
7. Illinois Tollway – Vicky Czuprynski
8. IDOT – Katie Herdus
9. RTA – Andy Plummer
10. Baxter & Woodman – Jason Fluhr
11. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage
12. CMAP – Kama Dobbs
13. McHenry County DOT – Ben Redding

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. No public comments.

## 3. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

### A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Ms. Herdus provided an update on the McHenry County Management Monitoring Schedule. She noted that not much has changed since her last update. She explained that IDOT had not yet completed their Multi-Year Program, but expected it to be released by the end of October. There was no word on the details on the capital bill as it relates to IDOT.

Ms. Herdus also discussed a few project updates. IL 173 at Wilmot saw completed widening and traffic signals by the end of fall. US 20 at Harmony had paving begin at the beginning of September with a completion date of spring of next year. IL 23 saw surfacing completed, and US 14 at UP tracks had not yet begun. Preliminary work at IL 31 from US 12 to Johnsbury Rd had begun, but were waiting for equipment. The same applied to IL 176 from Smith to Fox. IL 31 had been rained out, crews got back out yesterday. IL 176 at Haligus had no major updates, but started in September and had an estimated completion of mid-spring.

### B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Not present, no update.

### C. Metra Update – Rick Mack

Chairman Mack noted that for 2020, Metra will have no fare increases. He announced that the Metra Board would meet in October to vote to release the 2020 budget. McHenry County's public hearing would be at 4:00pm on November 4, a Monday.

### D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Mr. Plummer discussed the RTA budget and capital bill impacts. Capital Bill includes new bonding, a more constant flow of money to transit, 20% of the Motor Fuel Tax given to transit, with 90% of that to the RTA. This totals about \$20 million a year.

Mr. Plummer also discussed the RTA/CMAP Community Planning/Local Technical Assistance Call for Projects happening in

October. He handed out a list of RTA Community Planning Projects previously done in McHenry County and noted that many of them are Transit Oriented Development projects and projects that enhance transit within the county.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young  
Mr. Young announced that Union Rd. Bridge reopened. Randall Rd. is moving along and told members to visit the Facebook page for more information. He explained that the draft Five Year Program will be presented to Transportation Committee next Wednesday and will be online. It'll go to County Board in November. He asked Ms. Daucher to email out the Motor Fuel Tax Circular Letter from IDOT.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Czuprynski  
Ms. Czuprynski updated the committee on IL 23 work progression, with completion expected by the end of the year. She discussed the new law Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law expanding penalties for drivers who do not move over or slow down for pulled over vehicles. The law also increases fines up to \$1,000 for drivers who cut through work zones. She thanked the legislature for passing the bill because of increased incidents.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro  
Project status sheet distributed. Not present, no update.

H. CMAP Report – Kama Dobbs  
Ms. Dobbs noted that CMAQ had completed its goal for the year in obligating all allotted funds. She explained that STP-L had obligated \$171 million in FY19, \$133 million in the suburbs. She also mentioned that STP-L in FY20 will have fewer funds, but CMAP is working to get more money.

Ms. Dobbs also talked about the STP-Shared Fund, TAP-L, and CMAQ programs being approved, and that ITEP was delaying its Call for Projects until late summer 2020.

She continued by discussing CMAP's Small Plans, Big Ideas forum series and encouraged the committee to attend.

- I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – Kama Dobbs  
Ms. Dobbs told the committee that the Council of Mayors Executive Committee met in August to discuss the STP-Shared Fund and learn about changing regional demographics and impacts of e-commerce.
  
- J. CMAP Board Report - Carolyn Schofield  
Not present, no report.

4. MCCOM METHODOLOGY

Chairman Mack explained that the Call for Projects for STP-L would be in January. A motion was made to approve the methodology and was seconded. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

5. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daucher discussed pavement condition data she received from CMAP. She encouraged the committee and consultants to look at the printed maps for more information on the pavement data. She mentioned the RTA/CMAP Call for Projects and encouraged member communities to apply. She also mentioned that the committee learn about CMAP’s Sidewalk Inventory and MCDOT’s trail data collection.

6. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Huntley Municipal Complex

Room: Village Board Room

Address: 10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 2:35 p.m.