

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

2:00 PM

Huntley Municipal Complex
10987 Main Street, Huntley, IL 60142

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 Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
2. Village of Cary – Erik Morimoto
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abigail Wilgreen
4. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
5. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
6. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, Chairman
7. Village of Spring Grove – Mike Lee
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. Pace – Mary Donner
2. Chastain – David Lawry
3. HR Green – Akram Chaudhry
4. HR Green – Jeff Strzalka
5. Metra – Katelyn Renteria
6. BLA – Jacob Thede
7. McHenry – Greg Gruen
8. Baxter & Woodman – Jason Fluhr
9. Village of Cary – Courtney Sage
10. HLR – Dan Sherman
11. Manhard – Bill Blecke
12. Illinois Tollway – Vicky Czuprynski
13. Engineering Enterprises – Joseph Cwynar
14. CMAP – Doug Ferguson

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 18, 2019 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

- A. Both sets of minutes were approved by Mr. Young and Mr. Farrell.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. No public comments.

4. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Not present, no update.

- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner reported that Pace will not need to raise fares this upcoming year. She discussed the Pace budget for 2020, which includes cuts to underperforming routes and evaluating those routes based on public feedback. She mentioned restructuring routes in North Cook County and optimizing routes in South Cook County. In McHenry County, Ms. Donner noted that Pace increased its subsidy for MCRide, the local dial-a-ride service, to \$313,180. She announced the addition of Fox River Grove and Hebron to MCRide and that the County accounted for 25% of total ridership on Route 550. Ms. Donner also announced the addition of 2 shelters in the Village of Johnsburg along Johnsburg Road. Finally, she discussed the impacts of “Rebuild Illinois”, the state capital bill, and mentioned that the public hearing for Pace’s 2020 budget was held on October 28, 2019 at Crystal Lake City Hall, where 14 attended.

- C. Metra Update – Katelyn Renteria

Ms. Renteria announced the approval of Metra’s 2020 budget, which includes no fare increase and a number of major investment areas: new locomotives, rehabilitating locomotives, a focus on stations and parking, the Western Avenue rail yard, bridges, and installing new cameras in rail cars.

- D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Not present, no update. Handout was passed out.

- E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young
Mr. Young gave an updated on the Randall Road project and highlighted the DOT’s five-year program, which was ready for adoption.

- F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Czuprynski
Ms. Czuprynski explained that the 2020 budget was bring reviewed, with an opportunity for public comment through November 18th. The board would vote in December. There was a public hearing in Schaumburg and the budget is available online. The Tollway expects \$1.54 billion in revenue and \$380 million in operations and maintenance.

Ms. Czuprynski said that the Route 23 interchange was on track to be open by the end of the year, no specific date.

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

- H. CMAP Report – Doug Ferguson
Mr. Ferguson noted that CMAQ spent \$262 million in FY19. STP-L spent \$190 million. This was a record year for spending. The STP-Shared Fund, CMAQ, and TAP programs were approved at the October 10th CMAP Board/MPO Policy Committee joint meeting. Mr. Ferguson also discussed data sharing, the capital bill, and CMAP’s Sidewalk Inventory.

- I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – Doug Ferguson
No report.

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

5. STP WORKSHOP

Ms. Daucher gave a presentation, available on the MCCOM [website](#), discussing the upcoming STP Call for Projects. This presentation highlighted Active Program Management policies, the process for applying, how projects would be scored, and what to do post-project selection.

6. 2020 MEETING DATES

The 2020 proposed meeting dates were approved:

January 16, 2020 at Crystal Lake City Hall

March 19, 2020 at Crystal Lake City Hall

May 14, 2020 at Cary Village Hall

July 23, 2020 at McHenry County Division of Transportation

September 17, 2020 Location TBD

November 19, 2020 at Huntley Municipal Complex

7. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

No report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other business or announcements.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Crystal Lake City Hall

Room: City Council Chambers

Address: 100 West Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 2:59 p.m.