

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING  
MINUTES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

2:00 PM

Crystal Lake City Hall

100 West Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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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 Bull Valley – Emily Berendt
3. City of Crystal Lake – Abigail Wilgreen
4. Village of Greenwood – John Ferris
5. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
6. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
7. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Sofiakis
8. Village of Lake in the Hills – Dan Kaup
9. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
10. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, Chairman
11. 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. City of McHenry – Cody Sheriff
3. HLR – Amy McSwane
4. City of McHenry – Greg Gruen
5. Metra – Katelyn Renteria
6. BLA – Jacob Thede
7. McHenry County Planning & Development – Scott Kuykendall
8. Baxter & Woodman – Jason Fluhr
9. City of Crystal Lake – Jeff Mawdsley
10. IDOT BLRS – Gerardo Fierro
11. Scheflow Engineering – Frank Cuda

- 12. Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC – Greg Sanders
- 13. Engineering Enterprises – Joseph Cwynar

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2019

- A. Minutes were approved by Mr. Young and Ms. Berendt.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Mr. Kuykendall from McHenry County Planning & Development informed the Council of the [Water Resource Action Plan \(WRAP\)](#). WRAP is a task force with a mission to update McHenry County's Action Plan. Mr. Kuykendall encouraged members to attend upcoming meetings and to get involved with the plan.

4. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

- A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Ms. Herdus handed out new update sheets to the Council. Items in bold are new. All of the items are in IDOT's Multi-Year Plan (MYP). For construction, US 20 and Harmony and IL 176 and Haligus are shut down for winter and have traffic control. US 20 at Getty box culvert work is ongoing.

Ms. Herdus discussed projects in McHenry County identified in the Rebuild Illinois bill. These are: adding lanes on IL 31 from IL 120 to IL 176, with Design Approval anticipated in mid-February and Phase II Engineering in 2020, Land Acquisition in 2021. The total cost is \$113 million. On IL 47 north of IL 120 to US 14, Phase II is expected to being mid-summer 2020 or sooner. IL 176 realignment has Phase I/II started, with pre-final plans close to being submitted. There's another \$214 million for those two projects, in addition to the \$113 million from the IL 31 project.

- B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner updated the Council about the retirement of eight Pace employees, who had a combined 280 years of service, and two with over 40 years of service. She also shared that new New Flyer buses will be used in the West Division. Additionally, there will be outreach done on the North Shore regarding service changes for five routes. Pace will be studying network service changes in McHenry County, along with the County DOT.

C. Metra Update – Chairman Mack

Chairman Mack mentioned the recent Metra survey regarding features on rail cars. The survey is ongoing. Metra’s CEO and Board Chairman are looking to purchase 200-500 new rail cars. They are seeking creative ideas for the new vehicles. It will be a few years until new rail cars are in service. They will replace rail cars on every line except Metra Electric, which recently had rail cars replaced.

In McHenry County, Metra is working with Woodstock to do station rehabilitation in 2021 and Crystal Lake to do work on the Pingree Road station. Metra will pass through money to the City and the City would take ownership of maintenance.

D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Not present, no update. Handout was passed out.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Jeff Young

Mr. Young noted that Randall Road is still under construction, but not much else construction is happening currently. He also encouraged municipalities looking to partner with the County on STP projects to let the County know as soon as possible.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Vicky Czuprynski

Not present, no update.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro

Mr. Fierro handed out status sheets. The Cary Park District Hoffman Bike Path project is anticipating Design Approval in the next week or so.

H. CMAP Report – Emily Daucher

No CMAP staff were present, but handouts were given to the Council. A number of things were highlighted. Ms. Daucher reminded the Council that STP-L money is limited for existing projects, and to be in contact with her should there be any project changes. For STP-Shared Fund, all project types are eligible for inclusion, so no rolling focus. Additionally, Phase I Engineering must be “substantially completed” by the final application date (March) instead of June as previously required.

There is currently a public comment period for both RTA's Community Planning program and ONTO2050 Conformity. CMAP has developed a Regional Flood Inventory, APA has put out a guidebook on climate resiliency, **which will be posted on the website**. There is a climate event in Montgomery, IL on January 21.

- I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – Emily Daucher  
No CMAP staff were present. Executive Committee is scheduled to meeting Tuesday, January 21.

5. STP Call for Projects

Ms. Daucher updated the Council with changes to the application. These include reporting new PCI data, the inclusion of CE1 with LAFO resurfacing projects, and the option to submit pre-final plans with the application for full project readiness points.

Chairman Mack and Ms. Daucher explained that two previously funded projects will be kept in the next program. One is in Crystal Lake and the other in Woodstock. Mr. Fluhr asked how much funding these projects need from the first year of the program (2021). Mr. Hennings said that Crystal Lake's project has \$1.5 million in STP programmed and Woodstock's project has \$1 million in STP programmed. As a reminder, these projects must also submit an application, despite having been funded in the previous Call for Projects.

6. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN

Ms. Daucher asked the Council to signup regarding Steering Committee membership and asked if any members had suggestions for items to include in the Bike/Ped Plan.

Chairman Mack suggested including signage and to address network gaps. Mr. Strange emphasized bike access to municipal downtowns.

7. MEETING DATE CHANGE – MARCH 11, 2020

Chairman Mack asked the Council if it would be acceptable to move the March meeting to Wednesday, March 11, 2020. There were no objections.

Chairman Mack also asked if meetings could be changed to 9 AM. There were no objections. The next meeting is March 11, 2020 at 9 A.M. This time applies to all future meetings.

8. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daucher told the Council that the website had been updated, and to let her know if there are any questions or issues.

The Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI) is a shared services organization that looks to have municipalities, the County, and other groups bid on transportation services together. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 28. Please contact Erik Morimoto with questions.

There is a webinar about Active Transportation for Policymakers and Planners. Please sign up at the table in the back if you're interested.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Mack asked for requests for speakers. He mentioned having Chalen Daigle from MCCOG come talk about their transportation priority list once a year. Ms. Daucher added that CMAP staff could come talk about various topics such as bike/pedestrian accommodations, parking, etc. as well.

Chairman Mack also added that, as part of the capital bill, a commuter parking tax will be instituted. Municipalities with Metra parking lots must collect the tax.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

Location: Crystal Lake City Hall

Room: City Council Chambers

Address: 100 West Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 2:40 p.m.