

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS MEETING
MINUTES

Friday, June 19, 2020

9:00 AM

Held Virtually Via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mack called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.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 – Abby Wilgreen
4. City of Harvard – Dave Nelson
5. Village of Huntley – Tim Farrell
6. Village of Johnsburg – Claudett Sofiakis
7. Village of Lakewood – Jeannine Smith
8. City of McHenry – Troy Strange
9. Village of Ringwood – Rick Mack, Chairman
10. Village of Spring Grove – Mark Eisenberg
11. McHenry County – Ben Redding

Staff Present:

1. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Scott Hennings, Executive Director
2. McHenry County Council of Mayors – Emily Daucher, Planning Liaison

Others Present:

1. Kama Dobbs – CMAP
2. Mary Weber – CMAP
3. Jacob Thede – BLA
4. Katie Herdus – IDOT
5. Gerardo Fierro – IDOT
6. Lauren Platt – Illinois Tollway
7. Mary Donner – Pace
8. Jason Fluhr – Baxter & Woodman
9. Courtney Sage – Village of Cary
10. Mike Lee – Village of Spring Grove
11. Todd Bright – TranSystems
12. Amy McSwane – HLR

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 11, 2020

A. Moved by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Ms. Smith, motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. No public comment.

4. PROGRAM & AGENCY UPDATES

A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Ms. Herdus provided an IDOT update. Not much has changed since the last meeting. US 20 at Marengo/Union/Beck project was let, with utility work ongoing. State is still waiting to release the MYP. The US20 at Harmony Road roundabout project is almost complete. The US14 at UPRR in Harvard project has started. IL176/Haligus work will be done soon. Bridge work at IL62 over the Fox River is ongoing.

B. Pace Report – Mary Donner

Ms. Donner reported that there was one (1) rider on the fixed routes. Mayor John Schmidt from Algonquin was appointed to the Pace Board of Directors representing McHenry County.

C. Metra Update – Chairman Mack

Chairman Mack explained that funding from CARES ACT was provided to Metra through June of 2021. Metra has seen \$600 million in lost revenue thus far. Ridership is still down 97%. Chairman Mack talked about the [Metra informational website](#), which describes the steps Metra is taking to clean trains and social distance on transit.

D. RTA Update – Andy Plummer

Not present, no report

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation Update – Ben Redding

Mr. Redding stated that Randall Road traffic has been switched to newly constructed lanes and MCDOT has reduced the number of open lanes on Algonquin to accelerate the project. Repairs are scheduled for the West Solon Road Bridge and Harmony Road Bridge. MCDOT completed resurfacing on Bull Valley and Chapel Hill roads, and will be resurfacing Main Street in Huntley, Harmony Road, River Road, Coral Road, Ramer Road and Cary Road. He also let the Council know that there will be virtual meetings for the Ackman Road and Lakewood Road projects in the future. Additionally, MCDOT is in design for the Kishwaukee Valley, Hunter, Millstream, and White Oaks Bridges.

Mr. Farrell asked if there would be a detour on Harmony Road. Mr. Redding replied that there will not be.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Lauren Platt

Ms. Platt told the Council that there are a few operation updates. There is all electronic tolling. Their Board is meeting virtually. Passengers on the Tollway are down 55%, with a \$73 million reduction in revenue.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Gerardo Fierro

Mr. Fierro provided status sheets to the Council.

H. CMAP Report – Kama Dobbs

Ms. Dobbs started by letting the Council know that CMAP staff will not be returning the Willis (Sears) Tower. FLIP will be held virtually this summer. There are 20 seats left for those high school students who would like to participate. STP has obligated over \$100 million in FY 2020. The STP Project Selection Committee has postponed their meeting to next Thursday (June 25, 2020).

I. Executive Council of Mayors Committee Report – Kama Dobbs

On August 18, 2020, the Council of Mayors Executive Committee is going to meet virtually.

5. DISCUSSION – STAFF RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

Chairman Mack started the discussion by thanking Ms. Daucher and Mr. Hennings for their work on the program. President Eisenberg shared his disappointment in the outcome for the Village of Spring Grove. He stated that \$480,707 was not enough, while other communities got \$3 million. Chairman Mack said that

Mr. Farrell made a motion to release the program for public comment, Ms. Smith seconded. The motion carried.

6. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Daucher informed the Council of a public meeting on July 14, 2020 regarding the draft staff-recommended program.

7. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Morimoto informed the Council of an MPI meeting on August 25, 2020 via Zoom. He thanked Beth Skowronski and Ms. Daucher for their help with the meetings.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

July 23, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: ~~Cary Village Hall~~ Virtual Meeting

Room: ~~City Council Chambers~~

Address: ~~655 Village Hall Drive, Cary, IL~~

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn, with Mr. Morimoto seconding. The meeting concluded at 9:44 a.m.